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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

June 28, 2016

Miguel Chavez, Chair - District 2 Henry Roybal, Vice Chair - District 1 Robert A. Anaya, Chair - District 3 Kathy Holian - District 4

Liz Stefanics - District 5 [Excused]

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I. A. This regular meeting of the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners was called to order at approximately 2:43 pm by Chair Miguel Chavez in the Santa Fe County Commission Chambers, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

B. Roll Call

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

Members Present:

Member(s) Excused:

Commissioner Liz Stefanics

Commissioner Miguel Chavez, Chair Commissioner Henry Roybal, Vice Chair Commissioner Robert A. Anaya Commissioner Kathy Holian

- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. State Pledge
- E. Moment of Reflection

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Patricia Boies, the State Pledge by Kyra Ochoa and the Moment of Reflection by Anna Bransford of the Community Services Department.

- F. Approval of Agenda
 - 1. Amendments
 - 2. Tabled or Withdrawn Items

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Are there any changes from staff?
KATHERINE MILLER (County Manager): Mr. Chair, yes. If you could turn to page 4 on the amended agenda in front of you, there are actually no amendments to the first part of the agenda. However, under Matters from the County Attorney, Executive Session, we did add matters to be discussed in closed session under threatened and pending litigation. We added items c, d, and e. Also we added item A. 2, which was

discussion of competitive sealed proposals and out of executive session we added items D and E, two resolutions designating authority to the County Manager for insurance purposes. And those were the only items that were added to the agenda since last Tuesday.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Okay. Can I ask for a motion to approve the agenda as amended.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Mr. Chair, I move for approval of the agenda as amended.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: I'll second. CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: We have a motion and a second.

The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] voice vote.

I. G. Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of May 31, 2016 Board of County Commissioners Meeting Minutes

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: I move for approval of the minutes.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: I second.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: We have a motion and a second.

The motion passed by unanimous [3-0] voice vote with Commissioner Anaya abstaining.

H. Employee Recognitions

Anaya.

1. Recognition of Years of Service for Santa Fe County Employees

MS. MILLER: Mr. Chair, I did want to recognize employees for their years of service at Santa Fe County. A couple of years ago we started a program recognizing employees on a monthly basis who have completed years of service in five-year increments and this is just to note we really do value employee retention and employees who dedicate their service and careers to Santa Fe County. So just a few of them that I want to point out. Christopher Bradley, Armando Trujillo, Gerald Jimenez, and Jonathon Pacheco all reached five years of service.

And then Anita Kilgore and Patrick Ortiz and Samuel Patty reached ten years of service. And then in Public Works, Gabriela Trujillo as administrative manager, at 15 years of service. And then our winner for the meeting this month is Eric Barraza in the Clerk's Office has been with the County for 20 years. So I just would like to recognize them, have the Board recognize them and thank them for their dedication to Santa Fe County.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Comments from the Board. Commissioner

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Congratulations. Welcome to those employees. Thank you for acknowledging them for their service, and I acknowledge them for their service. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I would just like to say that I'm always pleased to hear about those employees who have made a career out of their job here at the County because the more years of experience that you have, the more years of service that you have the more experience that you have, so I think it's really important for the Board, we the Board, and for our management to create a work environment that really encourages our employees to have a career at the County. And so anyway, congratulations to all of our employees who have reached these important milestones in their years of service. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Commissioner Roybal.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: I too would just like to acknowledge all these employees and recognize them for their accomplishments and for the years of service and also, like Commissioner Holian indicated, that it is really rewarding to see these employees making a career here. And thank you for being the best part of Santa Fe County.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: And I would just add a personal thank you to these employees for their commitment, dedication, otherwise we wouldn't see the years of service and if you total the years of service, in this case it's 75 years combined. I know it's not – we don't usually use math and total the number that way but it's the combined experience I think of County staff and the multiple disciplines that these employees bring to the organization that I think adds – there's a value added component to it. So again, thank you to the employees for your dedication and service. Yes, Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair, with your permission, I'd like to acknowledge Commissioner-elect Hamilton and Commissioner-elect Moreno that are here in the audience today.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Okay. Do you want to both stand and be recognized? Thank you for being here.

I. H. 2. Recognition of New County Employees

MS. MILLER: I'm glad that Commissioner Anaya mentioned that because I was like, well, they're not employees. They're going to be my bosses. So welcome to them, as well as I did want to welcome some new employees that we have. In your packet there's a list of new hires from May 1st to May 31st that were brought into the County last month and I'll just quickly go through those. In the County Assessor's Office, Amanda Lucero, as an administrative assistant. In the County Clerk's Office, an accounting tech senior, Clarissa Medina. In our Housing Department, as you know, Housing has gone through quite a few changes and we do have a new maintenance technician, Ernest Tapia. And then in Public Safety/Corrections, Bridget Archuleta is our re-entry specialist, Brandon Dietz, a youth detention assistant, Francisco Dorado as a life skills worker, and Tanya Garcia is a case manager. A volunteer services program coordinator, Joanne Pena, and another life skills worker, Micaela Porras, and Mary Yamada as secretary senior in

Corrections. And then a new custodian, Bernard Atencio in Public Works.

So I'd just like to welcome them to Santa Fe County and hope that I'll be reading in five years that they've been here for five years and hit a milestone on retention. So thank you.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Yes, thank you and congratulations to the new hires and ditto in hopes that they will see a career path here in County government as well. Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Welcome to those new employees. I think we have nearly 1,000 employees now, Ms. Miller, at the County, which is awesome. A massive employer for the region. And so we welcome those new employees to a great team. So thank you.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Commissioner Roybal.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: I just want to say thank you as well.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Welcome to our new employees. And I may be prejudiced, but I think that you work for the best local government in the state. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: I would agree with that, Commissioner.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Final Orders

1. CDRC CASE # V 15-5140 Vernon DeAguero Sign Variance. Vernon DeAguero, Applicant, Alberto Alcocer, Agent, Request a Variance of Article VIII, § 7.15 (Prohibited Signs) of the Land Development Code in Order to Allow an Existing 96 Square Foot Sign Advertising an Off-Site Business on 2.213 Acres. The Property is Located at 267 Rabbit Road, within Section 10, Township 16 North, Range 9 East (Commission District 4) John M. Salazar, Case Manager (Approved 4-1)

B. Miscellaneous

1. Approval of County Health Care Assistance Claims in the Amount of \$81,754.00 (Community Services Department/Kyra Ochoa)

C. Resolutions

- 1. Resolution No. 2016-66, a Resolution Appointing Vice Chair Henry P. Roybal as the Designated County Delegate and Commissioner Liz Stefanics as the County Alternate at NACO's 81st Annual Conference and Exposition (County Manager's Office/Tony Flores) [Exhibit 1: Resolution Text]
- 2. Resolution No. 2016-67, a Resolution Requesting a Budget Increase to the GOB Series 2013 Fund (351)/Thornton Ranch Open Space Project for FY 2016 /\$55,047 (Finance Department/Carole Jaramillo)

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: So we now have the Consent Agenda. We have a

couple of items on the Consent Agenda. Are there any items that need to be pulled from the Consent Agenda?

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: I move for approval of the Consent Agenda.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: I'll second.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: There's a motion and a second to approve the Consent Agenda as noticed. Any further discussion? Seeing none.

The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] voice vote.

[Deputy Clerk Trujillo provided the numbers for the approved resolutions and ordinance throughout the meeting.]

III. ACTION ITEMS

B. Resolutions

1. Resolution No. 2016-68, a Resolution to Write-Off
Uncollectible Accounts of the Santa Fe County Corrections
Division

CAROLE JARAMILLO (Finance Director): Thank you, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. Back in 2014 the Commissioners approved Resolution 2014-45, which is a resolution adopting the accounts receivable allowance for doubtful accounts and write-off policy and procedures. The Finance Division has compiled a listing of accounts proposed to be written off and is attached to the resolution. These accounts to be written off are for services related to housing of inmates based on the terms and conditions of the County. Efforts remain to collect these accounts, however, we were unable to do so. The bills were sent to the entities. Attempts to make contact where made by the telephone. We did attempt to have conversations with the entities regarding the accounts so I believe all appropriate attempts to resolve the outstanding receivables have been made and it is in my opinion that they are uncollectible.

The Finance Division is requesting approval of the resolution to write off these uncollectible accounts for the Santa Fe County Adult Detention Facility, and that amount is \$160,995.74, and I stand for questions.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Questions of staff?

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: I move for approval.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: I'll second.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: We have a motion. Any further discussion?

Hearing none.

The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] voice vote.

III. B. 2. Resolution No. 2016-69, a Resolution Committing Santa Fe County Fund Balance [Exhibit 2: Memo and Resolution Text]

MS. JARAMILLO: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Last year the Commission passed Resolution 2015-84 which adopted the Santa Fe County fund balance reserve and budget contingencies policy. This resolution — in that policy it requires that a resolution be passed that commits fund balance by passage of resolution or ordinance. The resolution before you is to commit fund balance for the purpose of setting aside funds for reserves identified in the Santa Fe County fund balance reserve and budget contingencies policy. The policy does establish minimum reserves that the County shall maintain in the general fund and special revenue funds which supports ongoing operations and enterprise funds.

For the general fund, the minimum reserve requirement specifically includes the creation of the contingency reserve equal to ten percent of the general fund budget, a disaster recovery reserve equal to 10 to 15 percent of the unassigned fund balance from the prior year CAFR, an uninsured loss reserve equal to five to ten percent, a major infrastructure repair and replacement reserve equal to 10 to 15 percent, and those percentages again are a percentage of the unassigned fund balance from the prior year CAFR.

For special revenue funds that support ongoing operations, a minimum reserve requirement of ten percent is proposed as per the policy, and for the utilities enterprise fund, a minimum reserve requirement of 50 percent of the operating budget is proposed. The recommended amount to be committed was determined based upon the budget decisions made by the BCC for the percentage ranges on the general fund reserve requirement.

So the Finance Division is requesting your approval of this resolution to commit the fund balance. And I stand for questions.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Thank you, Ms. Jaramillo. And I'll direct our attention to an attachment that's on the dais on this item. It's Exhibit A and it gives a breakdown of the dollar amount and where the funds are being directed.

MS. JARAMILLO: Yes, sir. That's correct. And I don't know if you'd like me to read any of that into the record.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: No, I don't think so. I just think it needs to be part of the motion.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Under discussion, just a few questions, Carole or Ms. Miller. So – and thanks for referring us to the attachment, Mr. Chair. But when you were going through the reserves I came up with five reserves and on the handout that I have in front of me there's a lot more listed on there. Can you clarify for me – you read off five reserves but there's – you've got Corrections fee, property valuation – which were existing reserve accounts and which are new reserve accounts based on decisions that we made as a Commission, which I know we did. Can you segregate the two for me? Because I have some other questions for clarity that I want to ask before we go to a vote.

MS. JARAMILLO: Okay. I do apologize. I'm referring to the general fund reserve commitments that were determined based on the decisions made by the BCC during the budget process. I was not clear. The fund balances for the special revenue funds, which are from the Corrections fees down to the Corrections operating fund on your attachment. Those are the special revenue funds and those are strictly ten percent of the operating budget of FY 17. The general fund has some ranges of percentages that we determine based on what is happening in the budget.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Thanks, Carole, and if I could maybe ask a clarifying questions because it can get a little bit convoluted for us, but the public in particular. So if you could – and if I could go to Ms. Miller, Mr. Chair. Ms. Miller, if you could help segregate between – so what I'm trying to draw some attention to is that we have state fiscal responsibilities associated with reserve accounts and then we ourselves as a Commission have taken on an additional responsibility and said we want to go above and beyond those state requirements for reserve accounts for various reasons in order to provide better protections in those key fund areas. So if you could speak to the state reserve one more time and then speak to what we have done in the past, and then what we're even expanding even further and try and help us segregate the three steps. And I apologize. I'm not picking on you, Carole. I just wanted Ms. Miller to provide that perspective, having been a Secretary of Finance and Administration from the State side, because I think the public should be really clear we have a State responsibility but we as a County have gone above and beyond that responsibility.

MS. MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Anaya, you're correct. Actually, the State only requires a 3/12 reserve in the general fund of your next year's operating budget and 1/12 reserve in the road fund. All of the rest of these were set up by policy by the Board of County Commission as a result of the economic downturn. So when we had the economic downturn we had started to set aside funds as a contingency reserve for an economic downturn and adding some different safeguards in our budget process. But what the Board did last year was to actually create this policy to formalize an additional reserve requirement above those two statutory ones, and that is what this list actually lays out for the Board of County Commissioners and for the public.

So in addition to the reserve requirements within the general fund we kept our operating budget reserve and have an additional contingency reserve of 10 percent for any economic downturn. Disaster recovery – that's if we have some type of natural disaster that would wipe out some of our infrastructure or require us to address that, and this kind of came out of watching up in Colorado, some of those major fires. They really struggled to rebuild their reserves because they needed to address the natural disasters. Then uninsured losses –

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair, if we could, just for additional clarification, so we have our own disasters that we've had. The intense rain storms that we had that did quite a bit of damage in the north, in District 1 as well as in District 3, Goldmine Road and other areas, but these are also revenue streams in events that we've already seen and had experience with and we know we have some resources that we've set aside that might help us mitigate those problems. Correct?

MS. MILLER: Mr. Chair, yes, that's correct. COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Excellent.

MS. MILLER: And partly too, because we would not qualify for state funds. We wanted to make sure that actually had set aside funding in case of an emergency like that, a disaster, where the state, while they might declare an emergency would not actually fund us because of our – because we had already had just general fund reserves. This was we wouldn't actually hit our major operating reserves in case of a disaster. And then the major infrastructure and repair as well as replacement.

So those are additional reserves that the Board of County Commission designated and we set the resolution last year giving ranges and then this, each year we come back with actual dollar commitments. And then everything below that, the special revenue funds, as Carole said, it's a general requirement in the resolution that we set aside ten percent reserve in all those and at the state level we are only required to do that with the road fund. The Commission by policy set a ten percent on all of our special revenue funds, and it's a really good thing that we did because we do count on these funds, these GRTs, for in many cases recurring operations. And what this allows the County to do is we do have dip in our revenues that's unanticipated, which we're seeing this at the state level right now, this gives us flexibility without immediately having to cut staff or do pay cuts and things like that. So this protects us from a short-term economic downturn and actually gives us time to react in our budget, even if it's a longer term.

So that's what the Board put in place. This policy just to note was a significant one in doing our rating presentations to [inaudible] on our general obligation bonds that we just sold last meeting, and also our GRT. They really see this as a fiscally prudent and sound policy and it actually helps us get a very good bond rating as well as good interest rates.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: So Mr. Chair, a follow-up question, Ms. Miller. Relative to the annual reserve accounts, in a subsequent fiscal year, if they're not utilized then they essentially roll. We're not talking about compounding values which I do not think would be a good idea. We're talking about rolling the value forward, and in the event that there are needs associated with any or all of these reserve accounts then it's at the discretion of the Commission to make adjustments necessary to pull from, correct?

MS. MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Anaya, that is correct. What we did as well, so that's why, one, we have a range so that as you set the budget and we set the interim budget then we can see what's available to set within the range the actual dollar amount. So that's one area where a decision on our next year budget drives how the fund balances play out. Additionally, when there's excess to these amounts, that's what we have used to recommend to the Board, so not carrying and compounding the reserve but rather anything in excess of that we have recommended you use for one-time capital needs.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'm going to move approval. I'm going to make one last comment, but I'll go ahead and move approval. COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Second.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: And Mr. Chair, if I could make this last comment that we've seen historically in recent years that there have been attempts and successful attempts, I guess we don't call them attempts if they're successful but the state has come in and taken some of our local resources and that as we set these reserves in place in the interests of financial responsibility, we also need to pay close attention to

legislation that we don't get in a situation where because of our financial responsibility we then now get looked at to pull money or additional resources from. So we're being financially responsible and financially prudent with taxpayer dollars but sometimes people don't look at it that way. So I want to say that on the record and give you a chance to comment so that we can keep an eye on legislation and we don't get penalized or sought after by the legislature to take additional resources from us, which we wouldn't be able to withstand. Correct?

MS. MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner, that is correct. This is one of the things we also look at as we're bringing forward the budget recommendations to you, we're mindful of what's been happening at the legislature the last three years, and they have been – as you know, they have actually taken one of our revenue streams in recent years to help fund Medicaid and the safety net care pool. So we're quite cognizant of that, and the next resolution is one that also goes to speak to the fact that we want to make sure that we expend local revenues locally, as opposed to them having taken and moved to the state.

So this resolution, as well as the next one, build a foundation for a budget and do keep in mind actions that happen at the state level.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Carole. Thank you, Ms. Miller.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: So there's a motion and a second and this resolution is committing Santa Fe County fund balance in three specific areas – general fund, special revenue funds, and enterprise funds, and I'll just note as we conclude this vote that in the enterprise funds, the water enterprise fund is at 50 percent of the operating budget and that's the highest in all of the categories. So to Manager Miller's point about keeping – spending our money locally, these are very much needed projects in our community that we are responsible for. We depend on the help of our local – our state government, but ultimately the task then is the County's task to implement, and I think that's where we see the biggest challenges. So those are the three areas that this resolution is speaking to.

We have a motion and a second.

The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] voice vote.

III. B. 3. Resolution No. 2016-70, a Resolution Authorizing Budgeting and Expenditure from the Santa Fe County Health Care Assistance Fund for Indigent Patients Residing at Santa Fe County Detention Facilities [Exhibit 3: Staff Memo and Revised Resolution Draft]

MS. JARAMILLO: Thank you, Mr. Chair. The proposed resolution is seeking to clarify some use of the health care assistance fund to affirmatively allow for use of the funds by indigent patients and persons residing in the adult detention facility and the youth development programs. This body approved Resolution 2014-47 which established the Santa Fe County health care assistance program funded by the second one-eight increment of the gross receipts tax. In the resolution it states in part that the

program shall provide health care services for indigent patients domiciled in the county and shall support the health priorities set forth in the Santa Fe County Health Action Plan, FY 2015 to FT 2017. The resolution goes on to state that the funds may be used to pay for claims and support initiatives and projects to provide services to indigent patients.

The health services provided to indigent patients and persons who are residing at one of the County's detention facilities was not specifically addressed in this resolution and it is our hope to have you approve this new resolution to expand the use of the health care assistance funds for our patients at the adult detention facility and the youth development program. And I stand for questions.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair, once again to restate what the Manager said earlier, this affords us the opportunity to assure that we utilize County resources locally and expenditures within allowable categories. So I'd move for approval.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Second.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: There's a motion and a second. I'd like to read the Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Board notwithstanding anything in Resolution No. 2014-47 or 2015-82, to the contrary. The County Finance Director is authorized to budget and expend the fund to pay expenses associated with 1) the burial or cremation of indigent patients residing at any County detention facility; 2) ambulance transportation, hospital care and health care services for indigent patients residing at any County detention facility; and 3) administrative expenses associated with the foregoing expenditures.

So these are the people that need the help most. They're in our care in either our adult or youth detention facility and they need our care and respect while they're there. But this is also one of the biggest challenges that County government faces and we're fortunate that we're able to take care of this segment of the population, even in the situation that they're in. So I'm glad that the County is able to do this and we're fortunate that we can do it.

There's a motion and a second.

GREG SHAFFER (County Attorney): Mr. Chair, I did want to just emphasize that County staff had worked on a revised resolution that adds some additional statutory authority as well as some clarification to what is being presented to the Board, and that was passed out to the Board today and is in front of the Board. [Exhibit 3] So it asks for clarity that the motion to approve the resolution is to the revised draft that was passed out at the start of the meeting, and would stand for any questions about that revised draft.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Commissioner Anava.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Yes. I would include in my motion that the revised resolution is moved.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: So that clarifies the motion.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: I'll second.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: The second is okay with that. So there's a motion and a second.

The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] voice vote.

III. B. 4. Resolution No. 2016-71, a Resolution Adopting the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 (FY 2017)

MS. JARAMILLO: Thank you, Mr. Chair. One last important resolution and I'll be done dominating your agenda for the time being. I do apologize for that. This resolution is to adopt the final fiscal year 2017 budget. Last month, May 31st, this body approved the FY 2017 interim budget based upon recommendations that were presented and discussed during a planning session on May 10th. The recommendations that the budget was based upon, if you recall, were for staff compensation, new FTEs, fixed asset renewal and replacement, expanding programming and development of funding pools for various needs.

The Finance Division did complete the preparation of the final budget for FY 17 and the changes that were allowed to be made between interim and final are listed below. We made some adjustments for salaries and benefits to reflect any new hires or separations, promotions or salary adjustments that took place in between the interim and the final. We made adjustments to project carryover amounts, adjustments to grant carryover amounts, and adjustments to interfund transfer amounts as necessitated by any of the above changes.

The proposed Santa Fe County fiscal year 2017 budget is \$338.6 million across 49 funds. I did outline all of the bases for the budget as you've seen in the past for the interim budget. I can review those if you would like me to or I can stand for questions at this point. It's all information you've seen before but if you would like me to review it I'm happy to.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair, Carole, there's no other from the interim? It's essentially the same?

modifications from the interim? It's essentially the same?

MS. JARAMILLO: That's correct. The only changes made were those ones that I outlined.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: I'd move for approval.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Second.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: There's a motion and a second. Any further discussion? Hearing none.

III. B. 5. Resolution No. 2016-72, a Resolution Authorizing Certain Growth Management Department Staff and the Enforcement Officer for the Solid Waste Division to Issue Citations for Violations of County Ordinances; Repealing and Replacing Previous Resolutions Authorizing County Staff to Issue Citations, Including Resolution Nos. 2006-53, 2013-62, and 2013-128

WAYNE DALTON (Building & Development Services Supervisor):

Thank you, Mr. Chair. On January 11, 2016, the Building and Development Services Department hired a new code enforcement officer to issue citations of County ordinances. This proposed resolution includes the newly hired code enforcement officer and an additional staff member. To simplify the process of reviewing and applying this resolution we request the BCC repeal resolutions 2006-53, 2013-62, and 2013-128 so the substance of the resolution is on one single document rather than three separate resolutions.

Staff recommendation: Staff recommends adoption of this resolution memorializing individuals who may enforce the ordinances and code of Santa Fe County in one single document. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Thank you, Mr. Dalton. Questions to staff? Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair, hello, Mr. Dalton. When I read this it says solid waste, but this is also speaking to all code enforcement or just solid waste?

MR.DALTON: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Anaya, this is all code enforcement officers and the solid waste enforcement officer, as well as certain members of staff.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Okay, so the caption reads code enforcement officer for solid waste, but this is all code enforcement modifications.

MR.DALTON: That's correct.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: And this is consistent with the newly adopted Growth Management Plan? Is that why we're doing this today?

MR.DALTON: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Anaya, basically every time we get a new code enforcement officer this resolution has to be changed. So any time we want to add anybody to issue citations of County code this has to come forward to the Board of County Commissioners.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: So this is only pertaining to the new staff person that got added. It doesn't pertain to changes to ordinances associated with enforcement.

MR.DALTON: That's correct.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Move for approval, Mr. Chair.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Second.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: There's a motion and a second Any further discussion? Hearing none.

The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] voice vote.

III. C. Miscellaneous

- 1. Indefinite Quantity Professional Services Agreements to Provide Temporary Nursing Services for the Corrections Department
 - a. Request Approval of Professional Services Agreement No. 2016-0211-A-CORR/IC with Accountable Healthcare Staffing and Authority for the County Manager to Sign

the Purchase Order(s)

b. Request Approval of Professional Services Agreement No. 2016-0211-B-CORR/IC with Cross Country Staffing and Authority for the County Manager to Sign the Purchase Order(s)

IRIS CORDOVA (Purchasing Division): Mr. Chair, I am a senior buyer here with the Purchasing Department and I would like to present on behalf of Bill Taylor today. The Purchasing Department and the Corrections Department would like to request approval of indefinite quantity professional services agreements a and b on your agenda, numbers 2016-0211-A, with Accountable Healthcare, staffing and 2016-0211-B-CORR/IC with Cross Country Staffing to provide temporary nursing services for the Corrections Department and authorizing the County Manager to sign the purchase order.

Earlier this year the Purchasing Department procured or solicited for professional services for temporary nursing services for all of the Corrections Department including the adult and youth facilities to be on an on-call basis, indefinite quantity, on-call basis as needed. We received two responses. We did have a pre-proposal meeting in which we had several interested parties but when the proposals came in we only had two respond and the two that responded are the two that we currently or previously had contracts with.

Our Corrections Department has had no issues with the two previous contractors/vendors as far as the staffing that they provided us. We would like to ask that you approve both contracts and if you have any questions I stand for questions.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Questions of staff? Commissioner Holian. COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you, Iris. So why do we need to renew the professional services agreements?

MS. CORDOVA: So this is actually – the professional service agreements that we had with the two vendors that we're about to do now has already expired, and so we had to resolicit as per the procurement code. We resolicited and we accepted proposals and we had two vendors submit proposals.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: And do these have time limits? MS. CORDOVA: Yes, they do. They are in one-year increments up to

four years. They're renewable at one-year increments up to four years which is the maximum amount allowed by the procurement code and allowed by Santa Fe County policies.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you. Mr. Chair, I move for approval. CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: So does this apply to both adult and youth detention facilities?

MS. CORDOVA: Yes, sir. They are both on call for both facilities. CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Okay. And this temporary nursing, is the County utilizing them when we're not able to hire full-time nursing staff for our facilities?

MS. CORDOVA: It is my understanding, Mr. Chair, that yes, we do call them when we don't have enough staffing or when needed for other services.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Okay. I just ask because again, this is a segment of the population that sometimes is out of sight, out of mind, so to speak, and with this assistance and the fact that the County does have the budget to provide these kind of

services we can really be thankful that we're in the position to do that, because there are counties across the country that don't have, that are not in the position that we're in. So thank you for the work that you're doing and to Corrections too because I know that that's not an easy job. So the more help that we can provide to them the better off they will be, the better we can treat individuals when they're there. Hopefully we can reintegrate them back into society and break that cycle of recidivism.

So we have a motion. And a second?

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Mr. Chair, I'll second. CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: There's a motion and a second.

The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] voice vote.

III. C. 2. Request Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between Santa Fe County and the New Mexico Coalition of Public Safety Officers Representing the Santa Fe County Deputy Sheriffs

TONY FLORES (Deputy County Attorney): Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'm filling in for Bernadette. We're requesting today approval of an MOU between Santa Fe County and the New Mexico Coalition of Public Safety Officers. This MOU basically streamlines the process whereby the Sheriff's Department or Sheriff's Office can purchase their uniforms. This was a collaborative effort between the Sheriff's Office, Human Resources, and the union in order to provide this MOU today. And with that, Mr. Chair, we're requesting consideration and recommendation of approval of this MOU.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Questions of staff? COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Mr. Chair. CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Commissioner Holian. COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: I move for approval.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Second.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Okay. There's a motion to approve the MOU between Santa Fe County and New Mexico Coalition of Public Safety Officers representing the Santa Fe County Deputy Sheriffs. There's a motion and a second.

The motion passed by unanimous [3-0] voice vote. [Commissioner Anaya was not present for this action.]

IV. MATTERS FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER A. Miscellaneous Updates

MR. FLORES: A couple of items that we'd like to provide to the Commission. The unveiling of the mural being completed at the Rio en Medio Community Center has been tentatively scheduled for June 30th from 4:00 to 6:00 pm at

the center, so if you could please calendar that and I'll work with the liaisons to also put

that on the calendars of each of the Commissioners.

We wanted to provide an update on the day reporting program at YDP. Due to

lack of interest in the program from the schools, the program has experienced a decrease in referrals and the program will not be funded in fiscal year 17.

Some good news, Carol Branch from our Community Services Department was recently named board member of the year by Keep Santa Fe Beautiful, so if we can recognize Carol for her great efforts.

Also, on the NACo front, Manager Miller informed the Board of two awards at the last BCC meeting but I wanted to go through all three awards that we have been notified of. Santa Fe County received an achievement award for Santa Fe County Cares Wellness program, the Manager's one million step initiative in the category of employment and training. We also received an award of Biblioteca Amigos Library in the category of libraries. And we received an award for the Teen Court program in the category of human services. All three of those awards will be presented at the National NACo Association of Counties meeting in Long Beach and the County Commissioners that will be attending that conference are requested to attend and pick up the awards on behalf of Santa Fe County.

Also, Mr. Chair, at the request of Commissioner Holian we have some updates on the wildland situation that was provided by Chief Sperling and the Fire Department. Fire conditions remain high despite the scattered thunderstorm showers that we received recently. Our fuels remain in the five to eight percent moisture level, which has basically not changed from a couple of weeks ago. We're reminding the public that aerial fireworks are prohibited in Santa Fe County, and all fireworks are prohibited in wildland areas in Santa Fe County. And of course fireworks are always prohibited on National Forest lands.

Some updates on recent wildland fires. The Martin fire in Edgewood burned approximately .2 of an acre and suppression was provided by the southern regional volunteers and career staff and the incident was caused by a mylar balloon on a power line. There was a fire in Chimayo on County Road 87 which burned approximately 3.19 acres of land and it was suppressed by the Black Canyon hand crew, the northern regional volunteers and career staff with assistance of BLM. BLM is investigating the cause of that fire and arson is a possible source.

We had a Goldmine fire on the Lack Minerals property, which is adjacent to our Ortiz Mountain Preserve, which burned approximately 43.78 acres. The fire is fully contained, however, they are monitoring the status to make sure that all the hot spots are put out. We have no resources currently deployed to that fire. Total suppression was required of 72 firefighters from Turquoise Trail and the Madrid volunteer fire districts and our Black Canyon hand crew. All tankers were deployed from Albuquerque and the fire was caused by dry lightning.

That's all for the County Manager's updates, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Mr. Flores, could you expand a little bit on the day reporting program and what options we're considering moving forward?

MR. FLORES: Mr. Chair, as we discussed in different reiterations of this program, basically there is no funding provided in FY 17 for Santa Fe County. In FY 16 we had funds provide and remember, we received these funds through a grant from the City of Santa Fe. Because of the lack of referrals from the Santa Fe Public Schools we were not able to fully implement that program. That program is dependent upon referrals

from the schools in order for these individuals to stay within a program through the school year and that did not happen with the Santa Fe Public Schools or from the Santa Fe Public Schools. So because of that we are not intending to receive any funds for the FY 17 so that program has been contracted for all intents and purposes.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: So do you see a need, a gap that's not being met? Or is it just a matter of coordination between our facility and public schools?

MR. FLORES: Mr. Chair, our facility in Santa Fe County has stood ready to accept referrals from the schools to fully implement this program. However, that has not occurred. Since August 2015 we have only received, I think it's seven referrals from the schools. So that's a small number of referrals that are coming to the program. So to identify it as a gap in resources, I think the gap may be the number of referrals that were potentially available for the program. We stood ready to implement the program.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Okay. And then on the teen court unveiling, I have committed to attend the unveiling on June 30th. I know that the group has been working hard on that project and hopefully we'll be able to do one before the end of this season.

V. MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Is there anyone here this afternoon that would like to speak before the County Commission? Please come forward. Now is your time. CAROL JOHNSON: Mr. Chair and Commissioners, my name is Carol Johnson. I live in Glorieta in the La Cueva area and I would like to speak to you about Santa Fe National Forest which is planning to create a fuel break on the 133 acres labeled as Block E on our road, La Cueva Road between our community and Highway 50. The Forest Service prescription would cut down 93 percent of the trees in that area leaving just 30 to 40 trees per acre. Block E is 133 acres. It is a wildlife pathway, site of a mountain lion den and a beautiful forested area. It could certainly use some thinning but not a fuel break.

It will be a fire hazard if the project is done based on the Forest Service prescription. The amount of slash from 74,000 trees will cause catastrophic fire hazard to our homes. The Forest Service has already burned three blocks above our community and the area immediately above our community sat knee-deep in brush for several years causing extreme fire danger. Motorized access was extensive causing degraded soil and scars that will remain for decades. Since the slash was burned it is safer but the rains cause substantial erosion because of the drastic thinning and the tracks that were reopened are extremely washed out.

A walk-through shows many big trees cut with much smaller trees left and no natural patches to create diversity or cover. One section was overburned. Forest and wildlife health did not appear to be a consideration at all. In our opinion the 2004 NEPA for this project in Block E was inadequate, is outdated – 12 years old – and did not present the project details to the community accurately. The prescription for Block E is not supported by more recent fire science. The best and most current fire science shows that mechanized forest thinning causes severe, persistent disturbances but has only transient effects on fuel conditions, i.e., the thinning needs to be redone anywhere from

five to 20 years.

It open stands and increases wind speeds while reducing moisture levels which can contribute to higher severity fire. There can be no question that some of the people who are pushing hard for a thinning project that's all but a clear cut are using fearmongering to frighten residents. The reality is that the thinning proposal for Block E is in direct opposition to research by fire scientists and many people are ignoring this. A fuel break in Block E is a waste of public funds and will do nothing to protect the forest or our homes.

Speaking for many residents of La Cueva we ask that the Santa Fe County Commission support our request that a moderate, science-based prescription be developed for treating Block E with primary concern for a healthy forest and the wildlife who living in it. Until then the Block E project should be put on hold. Thank you for considering my comments and I have a couple of photos and a letter from a resident, which I don't know if I'm allowed to approach you guys.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Ms. Johnson, perhaps you could give it to one of us and then we can pass it down.

LYRA BARRON: Yes, Mr. Chair and Commissioners. My name is Lyra Barron and I'm also here to address the same issue, being a resident of La Cueva. We have tried to stop this extreme thinning in our neighborhood for four years straight now and have blocked it and turned out in numbers year after year, and this year they have gone around us. So we are here to ask you to please support us in asking for a modification to this proscription. I have been doing a lot of research myself. I read an entire book on forest policy and have a couple of things to share.

According to a final report of the Sierra Nevada ecosystem project, a report funded by Congress and the US Forest Service, timber harvest and thinning, through its effects on forest structure, local microclimate and fuel accumulation has increased fire severity more than any other recent human activity. I don't believe that this is going to make us safer. Everything that I read pretty much leads to that same conclusion. I also – another quote: Removing higher value trees of course increases the revenue generated by fuel reduction treatments making it tempted to solve the cost problem by harvesting more of the higher value trees.

When I look at a prescription that is as extreme as what we're talking about, we're talking about 700 to 900 trees going down to 40 trees, I cannot help but wonder if that is influencing the extreme proscription which even forest science does not support. The Hayman Fire case study which examined devastating fire in Colorado in terrain not much different than our own concluded that environmental conditions overwhelmed fuel modifications performed and thus offered no conclusive evidence to support the effectiveness of these treatments. Forest thinning was rated a four percent chance of making any difference at all in fire danger, according to one fire study.

Fire science indicates that conditions for major fires usually have much more to do with drought, wind and ignition sources than with fuels. Since fuels are not the driving force behind large blazes mechanical thinning to reduce fuel loading generally does not have much effect on large fires.

I could go on, but all of that said, I'm not convinced that sacrificing the beauty that I enjoy in my drive home serves a purpose. In fact I believe it actually may cause

more danger to our community with all the slash left on the ground. So on behalf of many of my neighbors I ask you to please consider our concerns for Block E and our request for something different. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Yes. Thank you, ma'am.

DOUGLAS BOOTH: Thank you, Mr. Chair and Commission. My name is Douglas Booth and I'm an attorney and I reside in the La Cueva/Glorieta area. As I was saying, everybody is concerned about fire danger. I don't think any of us doesn't shake in their boots when they see smoke over the horizon. The question is can we arrive at a balanced approach. The prescription that is being presented that you'll hear later today in Section 6. B of the Fireshed Coalition is anything but a balanced approach.

The first major issue is the futility of attempting to cut down roughly 68,000 trees in the area just approaching La Cueva as a fuel break. That area as many of you may know, as you come up La Cueva Road in Glorieta it's at the very base of the land and it's 133 acres. And that's all we're asking for, that this section be omitted from your proposals or your suggestions or your recommendations. This area, the winds come through that area from the southwest and they travel to the northeast. Therefore, even if you had a raging fire there the prevailing winds would push it towards the northeast which do not involve any residences whatsoever, nor the greater fireshed which is the very proposal or the heart of this proposal.

So cutting down 68,000 trees, that's what it comes down to. The Forest Service themselves said that in that area there are between 500 and 600 tree per acre and the prescription would take them down to 30 to 40 trees per acre. That's wiping out 93 percent of our forest. That's overkill. I've been on golf courses that have more trees than this. I've seen mule deer feeding there. Hundreds of animals would lose their habitat, lose their homes, and all for what?

There are risks in living in a forest or living near a forest, and we have to have a balanced approach and sure, we can reduce the chances of having a great forest fire by cutting down all the trees but that's not the solution, obviously. A measured approach is what we're asking for.

As my partner said there, the Hayman study said specifically that suppression efforts had little benefit from fuel modifications with the Hayman fire. Environmental conditions such as winds, weather, fuel moisture and the large size of the fire overwhelmed those most all fuel treatment effects in that area. And they recommended thinning around residents' homes, which is what we're doing. Planting fire retardant trees – there are many options short of the overkill of wiping out 93 percent of our forest as we enter La Cueva.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Yes, Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: If there is no other public comments I have some comments.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: I'm not sure. We were trying to do some housecleaning and most of the comments that were made by the public really have to do with the presentation on the Greater Santa Fe Fireshed Coalition and their suggestions on implementation and such. And so I want to give you the final opportunity to make your closing statements and then I think what we'll do is go back. We'll close the public

apologize.

comment portion and then go back to the presentations, which I think is one that you're interested in, otherwise you wouldn't be here.

MR. BOOTH: We understood that we had to speak during this period and could not do any kind of addressing the –

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Well, we're pretty flexible with public comment and we usually accommodate it at any juncture during our meeting. Generally public comment is reserved for resolutions and ordinances, but we don't follow that. We're again, pretty flexible. So I would say that it's safe to say that if you're comfortable with your comments now they're noted for the record. You can go ahead and make closing comments if necessary. Then we'll close the public comment portion and then go into the rest of the meeting. And the next presentation after you will be the Fireshed Coalition presentation. So you're welcome to stay for that.

MR. BOOTH: Very good. I think that would be fair if we had a chance to rebut any particular issues that came up.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: I don't know that we're going to get into a rebuttal because I don't think that that's what this is set up for. I think that we can take your comments. We'll hear from the Fireshed Coalition and I don't know what Commissioner Holian has in mind on that because that's her item on the agenda, but I would say go ahead and finish your comments and then we'll go to the presentation and see where we go from there.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Mr. Chair, I know that Commissioner Anaya has some comments and I would also like to make – just to sort of let the community know what I have in mind in response to their request before we go, if that's okay.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: So Commissioner Anaya, do you want to yield to Commissioner Holian and then we'll go to you? Okay. Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

MR. BOOTH: Would it be all right if I just summarized my comments? COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Oh. I'm sorry. I thought you had finished. I

MR. BOOTH: I want to make sure -

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Please. Finish your comments and then I just have a few things to say. Thank you.

MR. BOOTH: Thank you. Mr. Chair, Commissioner Holian, so essentially what we're arguing, and by the way, when the other speakers mentioned the other people in La Cueva, the majority of the La Cueva residents have been opposing this project since 2013. For four years we've been dealing with this over and over again and the last time Walter Dunn of the Collaborative Forest Restoration program disapproved it. He heard our voices. So essentially what I'm arguing is number one, the futility of the project given the fact that the prevailing winds will push fire in this lower area to a further area that has nothing to do with our residences nor the fireshed that you're seeking to protect. So it's the futility of this project. It's overkill. It's not a balanced approach to maintaining or preserving our forests. The 68,000 trees in a 133-acre area is devastating. It will never be the same. It will take a couple of centuries to grow back and that will take care of the wildlife. They won't inhabit that area anymore.

And the studies don't support this kind of drastic virtually clear-cutting to achieve the results of stopping fires. And I ask that you do whatever you can to withdraw Block E from the fireshed proposal in any of your recommendations. Thank you, Mr. Chair, members of the Commission.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Thank you. Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Well, Mr. Booth and Ms. Johnson and – I'm sorry. I didn't get your name. I want to stress that it's not the County doing this. The County did not do the NEPA study. It's the Forest Service that did the NEPA study. It's a Forest Service project. We are not doing the work. We did not make the decision to do this. But I would like to organize a community meeting for the end of July for the La Cueva community and I would like to – and I will work on inviting people who have a stake in this and of course all of the La Cueva people do, to have a discussion about this and to talk about why it's being done and to see if there is any changes that can be made in how it is done.

But I want to emphasize again that it's not the County that is actually doing the project. It's not the County that made the decision. But I feel that we should have a conversation about this. So I will organize a community meeting and I hope that as many people as possible attend it so that we can have a good conversation and a respectful conversation about this topic. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: So Mr. Chair, my neighboring communities to the south in Bernalillo County and Torrance County had people that lost their homes in the most recent fire. And I will say this. I'm not going to throw the Forest Service under the bus. I think the Forest Service is trying to take approaches and steps to mitigate fire danger that's been around the entire West for far too long. And I don't want to see the types of fires that have occurred like the one that just occurred that took many houses in the Manzano Mountains in particular. And we have urban wildland interface areas that are very dangerous, including this particular area that's being referred to now.

So I'm not going to sit here and say that we're not going to address these issues or even support working with the Forest Service to help get these things done. Now, we can have discussions. I don't disagree in the least with Commissioner Holian about how it takes place, but the need for it to take place has far over lived its time. And I'm going to say that on the record and emphatically, coming from people in my neighboring county, Bernalillo and Torrance, that faced this devastating fire and lost homes. And I'm not going to sit here and pretend like it's okay and we should just leave things alone and not do anything. And that's the feeling I gathered as you were making some of your presentation. That we should just leave it alone. We can't leave it alone. It's very dangerous. We need to work with the Forest Service as we have in the past and communicate with them but we do need to mitigate some of these areas and these issues, not only in this block but in many other blocks throughout the county and the western United States. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioner Roybal.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: I'd just like to say that I do hear your concerns and requests and I'd really like to acknowledge both the comments and

commend Commissioner Holian for setting up this outreach to be able to sit down with the community and come together and her emphasis on reiterating that the County isn't the one that made this decision. And I'd also like to of course acknowledge Commissioner Anaya's comments and concerns because both Commissioners are talking and saying facts that we need to acknowledge and I also would just once again Commissioner Holian for reaching out and setting up these meetings. I hope that with these meetings we can come to a positive conclusion and outcome. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Thank you all. I think that obviously, because of the place where we live and the challenges that we face, the cycle of droughts that we experience, that we have experienced over the past centuries will be with us, so this discussion will continue. We're not going to be able to find solutions maybe immediately this afternoon, but we know that we have to continue to manage the situation, not only to protect personal life and property, but the scenic area that we live in. And obviously there has to be that balance, a balance in how we do that and hopefully we can get there. So I think for right now we're going to close Matters of Public Concern and we'll go on to the rest of our agenda.

VI. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS

- A. Matters from County Commissioners and Other Elected Officials
 - 1. Elected Officials Issues and
 - 2. Commissioner Issues and Comments

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Are there any other matters? Commissioner

Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair, I'm going to make a follow-up comment on this and say that none of the Forest Service staff is intending to destroy our forests. I value very much the United States Forest Service, the United States National Parks and our federal lands, of which this Commission has continually adopted and supported not only their continued existence but their continued operation. And so I want to be real clear that we will continue to work with the Forest Service and their initiatives and we have, and they've been open and very forthcoming in their communications and their invitations, not only to the County, but public residents throughout the western United States, as they move forward through a very lengthy process that they take before they get to these places where they're going to do clearing work or work associated with a healthy forest.

So I don't want to leave the discussion in any way, in any derogatory way towards the United States Forest Service and their continued efforts to help create healthy forests. So I'll leave that alone.

Mr. Chair, I had a conversation with Manager Miller a few days ago because after the most recent Planning Commission meeting I received several different complaints as to how the meeting went and how people were treated at that meeting. And Ms. Miller apparently has received some of those similar concerns and complaints that she's looking into, and I just want to emphasize that as a governing body of Santa Fe County we're ultimately responsible as the policy board of the Commission and that those people that we appoint to any governing board or board whether it be a community center or the

Planning Commission or COLTPAC, that they need to uphold the same standards that we have on this bench. And I just want to say it on the record that Ms. Miller said they're looking into the concerns and that I'm hopeful that we get some feedback relative to making sure that people that go before that commission are treated fairly and equitably and with due process. Thank you, Mr. Chair. That's all I have.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Thank you, Commissioner Anaya. So let's finish Commissioner issues and comments and then we'll go to other elected officials. Commissioner Roybal, did you have anything at this time?

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: I don't have anything at this time? CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Actually, I have some comments but they're more relevant to our upcoming presentation on the fire adapted communities and I will make those comments then.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Okay. So I'm going to go back to elected officials. Anyone here that would want to $-\,$

IX. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Growth Management Monthly Report
- B. Public Safety Monthly Report
- C. Public Works Monthly Report
- D. Human Resources Monthly Report
- E. Administrative Services Monthly Report
- F. Community Services Monthly Report
- G. Financial Report for the Month Ending May 31, 2016

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Okay, the other thing that we didn't do earlier, we have the directors' reports and I know some of the directors are still here. Are there any questions on the directors' reports? If not, maybe we can send a message to them that they can do other work or maybe we can ask questions of them later. Okay, so there's no questions on the directors' reports, so thank you all for the information. I did go through them and it's very informative. It's really a snapshot of the work that the County's doing, so I find that very informative.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: I would also like to request that we hear item VI. B. 3 first, which is the recognition of the Glorieta Pass Volunteer Fire District, because our fire chief needs to leave soon. The Glorieta fire chief needs to leave soon so I was wondering if it would be okay if we heard that first.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Do I hear – you want to amend the agenda, Commissioner Holian, and now – so we're done with elected officials' issues and comments. We're done with Commissioner issues and comments. We're moving on to Presentations. You're proposing that we hear B. 3 first, a presentation and recognition of the Glorieta Pass Volunteer District. Is that correct?

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Yes.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Do we need a motion to that effect?

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: I'll second it if you move it.
COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: I would like to make a motion to that effect.
COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Second.
CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: There's a motion and a second.

The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] voice vote.

VI. B. Presentations

3. Presentation and Recognition of the Glorieta Pass Volunteer Fire District

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you very much, Mr. Chair. First I would like to ask Chief Sperling to come forward and say a few words.

DAVE SPERLING (Fire Chief): Thank you, Mr. Chair, Commissioner Holian. I very much appreciate the Commission recognizing Glorieta Pass Fire District today. It's one of Santa Fe County's 14 volunteer fire districts and Glorieta is close to my heart. That's how I got my start in the fire service, by volunteering with Glorieta Pass. So with us here today to talk a little bit about the district is district chief Jane McSweeney and briefly, just history on Jane, she's been with Glorieta Pass for 33 years. She's one of the founding members along with her husband Bill who was the first district chief for Glorieta.

District chief McSweeney is a third generation firefighter. Her father was a volunteer in Morris Township, New Jersey for 54 years and Jane was not only the first female firefighter in Morris Township, she was the second female firefighter in the state of New Jersey. It gives you some idea of how quickly things have changed. She's one of our four female district chiefs which we're very proud of. So with that I'd ask Jane to come up and talk about Glorieta.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you. Chief McSweeney.

JANE MCSWEENEY: Thank you, Commissioner Holian. So Glorieta
Pass Fire Department started in September of 1983 after there was a structure fire in the
Village of Glorieta, which at that time there was only one fire truck at the Glorieta
Conference Center. And so we responded and we didn't have a whole lot of water to get
that out and the neighbors saw that and then they approached Bill and I, how would we

So that was – actually that was in 82 and then we ran the department one year and it was recognized by the State Fire Marshal's Office in September of 83. The first fire truck we bought from Hondo Fire Station for one dollar. It was a 1952 Diamond T that we drug to the fire station and then got it working again. 1985, the volunteers built the first station in the Village of Glorieta. The property was donated by the Glorieta Conference Center and that building is still in use to this day. Back then we had to have our own dispatchers because we didn't have a 911 system like we do today. We used to have meetings in Alice's living room and she was a dispatcher.

start a fire district or a fire department in the Village of Glorieta.

Also Phil Trujillo, he was a County employee for a long time, he was one of our first members so we had meetings in their living room also. So we respond to fires, medical calls, MVAs and if they need extrication we can cut the cars apart because we're

especially trained. We do rope rescue, water rescue and wildland fires that we respond to anywhere in the county to do mutual aid. We have even had aircrafts land on I-25 in the middle of our district, so we responded to that, and we've had quite a few Amtrak incidents with medical patients, trying to get them off the train.

We do a little bit of everything in Glorieta. Our average calls are about 250 per year. Our average number of members is 12. Sometimes we've dropped down to six and sometimes we've been up as high as 20, which we really get excited when we see that many members volunteering. And there's average ages – I kind of went on the young side it's 23 and then on the older side it's 55 and up. We'll just leave it at that.

Our current vehicles, we have two engines. We have two tenders or tankers. We have one rescue and one brush truck. We are currently in our fire station #1 but because of your assistance and the Fire Chief Sperling's assistance we are probably about halfway through our construction of Glorieta Fire Station #2, and that is located on Old Denver Highway. It's kind of the last piece of property in Santa Fe County. Glorieta is the easternmost district. We border right with San Miguel County so we do a lot of mutual aid with Pecos, Rowe, Ilfield, Pecos Canyon and also when we have our grand ceremony at our station #2 we've been advised that we will have a new rescue shortly coming to Glorieta Station, Glorieta Pass Fire Department. So we're very excited about having a new rescue.

As chief I've been working, this is my seventh year as chief and I've been working for seven years to get the station. So it's a dream come true for us and I've been working five years to get a rescue and so that's another dream so I'm pretty excited this year. Our new fire station will be part passive solar and also active solar, so we'll be helping the environment out with that so we're pretty excited.

We'll be celebrating 33 years like the Chief said in September and I kind of looked back a little bit, if I might take a little bit, just a couple more minutes. I kind of looked through our volunteers since I'm the only still one that started the department I could do that. What some of our members do in other parts of the county. So Bill McSweeney was the first chief, but then he also went to Santa Fe County and serve 23 years as career with Santa Fe County. Buster Patty was with Glorieta Conference Center Fire Department as I was. He was the chief; I was the assistant chief, and of course he came over to Santa Fe County and he just recently retired.

Frank Baca, one of the neighbors that asked us to start Glorieta Pass Fire Department, he was also on the Conference Center Fire Department and came with Glorieta and brought several sons and wives to help us. Bruce and Wendy Wagner were with City Fire Department and then they also volunteered with Glorieta. And we had myself again, I was at the conference center. I came to Glorieta. Chief Sperling, like he mentioned, was a member. We built Fire Station #1 and he came over and wondered what all that noise was across the street from where you used to live and then he started joining and he was a cabinet maker so he made cabinets in our old rescue 5. So he did a lot and then went to the City and of course now with us back on the County side.

Jeff Saunders, he was the chief of Glorieta Pass Fire Department for quite a few years. I think nine years maybe, and he went to Santa Fe County and was the operations assistant chief. Marcos Archuleta, his parents started with us and Marcos was second generation with Glorieta and then went to County and he's a paramedic for the career.

Sam Patty, he started with Glorieta as a cadet and went up to intermediate and he is also with Santa Fe County career and he is also my son-in-law. So the Patty family and the McSweeney family are a combined group of volunteer and paid firefighters.

Isaac Garcia, he started with Glorieta Pass and Pecos Ambulance and went to the County as an EMT intermediate. Ray Valdez, one of our chiefs, he stared with the City of Santa Fe Fire Department as a volunteer and then came to Glorieta as our chief. Cary Youts, one of our youngest guys, he was our EMS captain and just in March went over to County as a firefighter/EMT I. And then, very soon to happen is Anna Hamilton is one of our Glorieta fire lieutenants and very soon will become our County Commissioner to replace our favorite. Oops. Probably shouldn't say our favorite. We love all you guys but she's got a soft spot because she lives with us in our district.

Some members also of course they've gone into the military – the Marines, the Air Force, the Army, National Guard. Several members have done that over the years. And our current officers, like I said I am the chief, Jane McSweeney. I joined in 1983. My assistant chief, David Hamilton, please stand, he joined in 2008. My husband is Captain Bill McSweeney. He couldn't make it today. He's doing a horseback ride up in the mountains for us. He joined in 83 and then came back in 2009 after he retired because I needed the help. And then our first fire lieutenant, Anna Hamilton, please stand. And again, you will be seeing her on that side later. And then our second fire lieutenant Kyle Ontivaros. He joined in 2014 but he couldn't get off work today. And then my first EMS lieutenant, Eleanore Nestlerode, please stand. And she joined us in 2009. So I thank you for this recognition and we're proud to serve the County.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you very much, Chief McSweeney. So I would like to say a few words and then maybe the other Commissioners would as well and then we will all come down for a picture, I hope. Group picture.

I think it's very fitting that we are recognizing our volunteer fire departments now because there has been a lot of discussion about fire in our area recently, for good reason. And I think it's really, really important when we have these discussions for us to listen to our firefighters because they are on the front lines. I'm honored to personally know many of the firefighters in the Glorieta Pass Volunteer Fire Department, including the ones who are here – Chief McSweeney and Assistant Chief David Hamilton, Anna Hamilton, Eleanore Nestlerode and many, many others in the fire department who I've gotten to know over the years. And I'm really happy also that you know where I live. That's a good thing.

But I have witnessed, because I know the firefighters so well, I've witnessed firsthand how many hours and how much effort that they put into responding, not only responding to fighting fires, but also responding to EMS calls at all hours of the night and day. And how much training they go through to be able to do what they do. And I would say that from what I know every single one of our firefighters is hardworking, conscientious and well trained. We are very fortunate indeed. And even more important I think is that they all have a true sense of caring about their community which they illustrate by their actions practically every single day of their lives.

So I just want to thank you from the bottom of my heart, from my own behalf, but also on behalf of all of the residents in Santa Fe County. So thank you, thank you so much for all you do. Thank you, Mr. Chair, and perhaps the other Commissioners would

like to say a few words.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair, I couldn't say it any better than Chief McSweeney said it and Commissioner Holian. I just sincerely thank you for your efforts. I understand what you do and why you do it and I thank you also from the bottom of my heart for those efforts and please tell former Fire Marshal McSweeney, former assistant chief, former chief of Glorieta that although I'm happy and honored to be here to honor you, if he's in the wilderness on the horse, I'm jealous. But tell him I said hello and thank him and all the other volunteers, your auxiliary members - I know you have auxiliary members. I know you have community members that help, that don't look for accolades. They do it because they want to help. Please give them all a tremendous thanks from myself and the Commission as well. But thank you very much, Chief, for your efforts and what you do to lead the organization with an excellent crew and people like Chief Sperling here that I guess he cut his teeth with the Glorieta Fire Department and look where he ended up. So congratulations to all of you and we look forward to seeing that new rescue. I've seen some of the progress on the new fire station and assistant chief Hamilton, I don't want to see the inside of the rescue laid down I just want to take a look at it when it comes in. But nonetheless, congratulations. Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Commissioner Holian.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Thank you, Commissioner Anaya. Commissioner Roybal.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: I'd like to also say congratulations and thank you for all your hard work and dedication and ask that you please let all your volunteers know – I know you guys said earlier you got excited when you got 20 volunteers so I hope that you can get more than that in the future. Thank you guys.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Well, if the pattern continues it looks like we might be in for a pretty intense fire season so please be safe out there. I think Commissioner Holian touched on it a minute ago. The volunteerism, what we can do as a local government is somewhat limited but when you have citizens who are willing to volunteer at pretty much all levels of County government, whether it's land use planning or in this case fighting fires we're fortunate again that we have the budget to provide for a majority of the services but without the volunteer effort we would not be able to do the work that we do. So I want to commend the County again for the work that they're doing, the work that they've been doing and thank the volunteer efforts because that only gives us that value added component to make our work and stretch the taxpayer dollar a little bit further and make our work more meaningful. Because when you have somebody that's volunteering, that's doing it not because it's getting paid but because it's work that needs to be done and they're doing it to benefit the community, that says something. So we're very fortunate for that. So thank you for all of your efforts, and Chief, thank you for all of the work that you've done. We've worked together when you were wearing a different hat, a different local government on the other side of the street but it's all the same community. It's all the same basic needs and we try to work with each other and help each other out as much as possible. So anyway, congratulations, and as we know, the work continues. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair, I didn't know if I could. I didn't

know the Chief was a cabinetmaker. I've known him for a long time and here I found out he's a cabinetmaker. We might have to get him for his services and help us make some cabinets in the volunteer stations. What do you think, Chief.

CHIEF SPERLING: Commissioner, I've sold all my tools.

[Photographs were taken.]

VI. B. 1. Presentation on the Greater Santa Fe Fireshed Coalition and the Implementation, Resilience Strategy, and Communication Teams by Eytan Krasilovsky, Southwest Director, Forest Stewards Guild, Including a Review of Current Community Perspectives, Opportunities to Support Fire Adapted Communities, and Potential Actions for the Board of County Commissioners

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: I would like to make a few comments first before we begin the presentation, and I also want to find out whether we have the power point loaded. Thank you. Well, again, this is a very relevant topic for our County Commission now, and I wanted to just sort of make a few remarks to try to put things into perspective. Fire has been a natural part of our landscape since the end of the last ice age, which was about 15,000 years ago here. And people have been part of that landscape also for thousands of years, at least 5,000 years. I know that from the petrogylphs that we have around here that people have been living here for at least 5,000 years and possibly as much as 12,000 years ago people were here. That is the age of the Clovis points that have been found, although I don't know if any have been found in our area.

But the people who lived here lived with fire and in fact the people probably even used it as a tool. They used it as a tool to encourage certain plants to grow that they used for various purposes including eating and so on, and also to create a savannah habitat for the animals that they hunted. But in the last several hundred years mankind has drastically altered our landscape and the way that we live in our landscape. For one, back in the 1800s there was severe overgrazing and that decimated our grasslands back before the overgrazing the majority of New Mexico included hip-high grasslands. We don't see that at all anywhere in New Mexico anymore.

Also, people chopped down the old growth trees in order to create railroad ties and also in the mining industry as well; they needed lumber, large beams for that. And then most serious of all in my opinion is starting back in the early 1900s there was a policy in our country to suppress all fires. And these things have really, as I said, drastically changed our landscape. And so what has this caused? Again, there are almost no grasslands, or at least grasslands the way they were naturally in the state anymore. There are thousands of arroyos that have been created by these activities and these arroyos have the effect of directing water away from the land, so our aquifers are not replenished like they were back prior to the 1700s.

Also we have incredibly overcrowded, unhealthy forests at this point. We have fewer old growth trees. We have shrubby ladder fuels, which help the fire go up into the trees and cause more devastating fires. We have a lot of dead and downed branches. And

what else has happened in our area of concern? And that is many, many people have moved into what we call the wildland urban interface. There are homes now in those areas. There are roads, cars going into those areas, electric lines, and we know electric lines can actually be the source of fires. Two of our most devastating fires were because of electric lines coming down in high winds.

So in the old days what was actually natural for fire behavior in our landscape? We had a lot of frequent, low intensity fires. In fact it was really common to have fires every five or fifteen years and this was particularly true in our ponderosa pine forests and our piñon juniper forests. These fires moved quickly. They reduced the fuel loads and they did not kill the large, old trees. They also encouraged grasses and perennials to revegetate the forest floor. And generally speaking, one year after a fire you would see that the forests looked – the plants were back; they looked normal.

But what is the fire behavior that we're dealing with now? Right at this point in time, because of the way that we've changed the landscape? We now have superdestructive, high intensity fires that burn every shred of vegetation. They often sterilize the soil and we know from watching the news that sometimes communities are burned, a lot of houses are burned down and even people are killed in some of these fires that we are dealing with now.

And the forests do not recover right away anymore. Often it takes decades to recover from these devastating fires. And I just know from – I drove up to Los Alamos not too long ago. I moved here maybe 30, 35 years ago to work at the lab, and I remember what the forests looked like behind Los Alamos in the days when I moved there. It was this green, dense forest behind the Town of Los Alamos. Now the mountains actually behind Los Alamos are completely bare. It looks completely different. And the vegetation is growing back very, very slowly and that's because the fires were so devastating that they actually sterilized the soil. So it was difficult for plants to take hold again.

The bottom line also is that in our state, in our county, people have chosen – they have actually made the choice to live in very dangerous areas, at least as far as fire is concerned. Yet even though they live there, they still do want to make sure that they have the safety and security of knowing that their lives are not in danger, that their homes are not in danger. So what I've laid out here is somewhat of a downer, I guess you might say, but there is some encouraging news in my opinion. And I know about this because I've experienced this personally myself in my own life on my own land. There's more knowledge out there now about how to manage landscapes so that we don't have as devastating fires as we have had in recent years, and there's more awareness on the part of people who live in those landscapes. And, I think this is another really positive thing, there's more collaboration – collaboration between local governments, between fire departments, among non-profits that do projects that help make our landscapes healthier.

So with that I would like to introduce Eytan Krasilovsky, who is a member of the Forest Stewards Guild, and he is going to talk about what is happening in our community right now to improve safety, to improve knowledge and also to improve the health of our landscape. Eytan. And thank you for your patience. I'm glad you didn't leave.

EYTAN KRASILOVSKY: Thank you, Chair and Commissioner Holian and the other Commissioners for the opportunity to talk. I'm going to try to be brief

because you gave such a great introduction you covered a lot of important ground. I'm going to have some slides. Hopefully they help and don't put everyone to sleep. So again, my name's Eytan with the Forest Stewards Guild. We're a non-profit. We've been based in Santa Fe, formerly the Forest Trust and the Forest Guild since 1984, and I personally have been a wildland firefighter. I have current qualifications. I also have been an archaeologist and a fire effects technician in the past so I've been doing this for a few years.

So I'm going to quickly talk about some of our landscape issues, talk about the coalition and some updates and on some community perspectives. If I were to make a map of lightning strikes in New Mexico that started fires it would be hard to see what's underneath the map because there's so many thousands of lightning strikes every year, so we have an ignition-rich environment. We also have a lot of human ignitions too. And as Commissioner Holian described, we have over a century of growth without any natural ignitions allowed to burn that have let our forests become very dense. Generally speaking, everything below 10,000 feet was very frequent fire; five to 30 years and above 10,000 feet in elevation we had less frequent fires. So I'm going to be talking about below 10,000 feet and that generally is good because most people live below 10,000 feet.

So this is an assortment of large, scary events from the last 15 years. When you combined the overgrazing, the removal of our big fire-resistant trees from the big logging days and fire suppression, you get a very scary crown fire. Firefighters do not want to be near these things and we've experienced one just this year in the Manzano Mountains and this is what we're trying to avoid.

So when you combine kind of where people live and the vegetation and the ignitions you get some pretty dramatic things. The pictures on the left are local pictures from New Mexico. The pictures on the right are from Colorado Springs. I see the Colorado Springs area as analogous to Santa Fe. We want to avoid what happened in Colorado Springs. Many houses burned. The human deaths happened after the fire due to flooding so there's the incident but the incident lives on for several more years.

So when we look across Arizona, New Mexico, empirically we are burning more acres every year under wild conditions than ever before and this coincides both with climate change and also with the accumulation of those fuels. As the forests get more dense the fires become hotter and more intense. This also coincides with the amount of structures lost. It only goes back to 1960 but we're burning more houses and buildings than ever before.

And so a national report came out and focused on the West, looking at how many residential structures are at risk and how high is that risk? Our region, New Mexico, Colorado, Oklahoma and Texas has more residential structures at risk and at a higher risk than any other area in the West. It's not all doom and gloom. We can map these things out. Here's a map from 2010 of New Mexico and where our risk is. We call it the wildland urban interface, or the WUI for short.

So moving towards the positive side of things, we know we need to be adapted to fire. We need to recognize the risk and take actions. We need to focus around homes and be strategic with our investments. And how you get there is through dialogue, talking and collaboration. So about a year and a half ago the Greater Santa Fe Fireshed started to become mapped and about eight months ago the coalition formed. The coalition is a

diverse group of folks. There's a webpage that has a lot of information about the fireshed. You may recognize I-25 on this map. On the south end the black hashed line is the fireshed. We call it a fireshed because it encompasses many watersheds and fire now happen on a scale bigger than a watershed so we need to think on the scale of fire. And we also drew these boundaries to relate to the social values on the landscape – the ski area, Hyde Park Road, the communities that commute to Santa Fe, so there's a lot of

factors in that boundary. It starts at Rio en Medio and includes a lot of Tesuque Pueblo lands and comes south to La Barbaria and Cañada de los Alamos and includes La Cueva, the community you heard about before.

So we have two companion resolutions, one from the City, one from the County. Thank you for passing that last winter. So that's a strong foundation for our collaborative group. So convened by the State Forester last December and then we've continued with regular meetings. The coalition formed over the last eight months. We currently have a coalition group that oversees and we have three sub-groups. We have our communications group, which has put on one public meeting so far and is working on a communications plan so that we can be effective in how we talk and engage folks. We have a resilient strategy group that is trying to do some planning so that things aren't haphazard and they're strategic. And then we have an implementation group that's trying to seize opportunities to make improvements, reduce fire risk, increase preparedness, and so that implementation group is one of the groups that is figuring out ways to get work on the ground accomplished and one of the things of the implementation group is connecting funding on Forest Service land, NEPA-approved acres, acres that are already analyzed, and that's kind of what you heard about in La Cueva, Block E is the Fireshed Coalition is connecting available funding to NEPA-ready acres.

So we've developed a mission and values statement. It's much longer than this; it's about four pages. This is the short version but it has goals for – kind of ecological goals, landscape goals, also has community goals to foster fire adapted communities to increase and maintain preparedness, mitigation and planning on multiple levels, so at the home level, subdivision community level and also at the regional level so that communities are prepared for, can respond to, and recover from wildfire events. So a lot of thought went into this mission document.

And when you take the mission document and put it in one of those free word cloud generators on the internet you get something that looks like this. The bigger the word the more times it occurred. So you can see that we're about water, water source protection, diversity, both of people and ecosystems. We want to maintain our effectiveness over time and also traditional. We had a strong engagement on Tesuque Pueblo in the development of the mission and values.

So in the last eight months we've put on two public meetings. One was held in downtown Santa Fe May 21st. We had about 60 folks attend. The Mayor spoke. The Governor of Tesuque spoke. On June 5th the Village of Tesuque had a public meeting and that was also a Fireshed meeting. One of the things that's happened from some of these public meetings is letters of support to the Santa Fe National Forest and as Commissioners, that's something that you could do, or future Commissioners, is to engage your forest supervisor and Commissioner Anaya, that's something you can do down with Cibola is call and meet with Cibola National Forest Supervisor Elaine

Kohrman and talk about how what you can do as an elected official to be more fire adaptive in your region.

So we've had quite a few letters in support of the fireshed and asking the Forest to accelerate their efforts, and we also have a presence on social media. On the right-hand side you can see the list of everyone who's signed on to the mission and values statement and you can see Santa Fe County is up there along with the City and many other groups.

So just in the last eight months here are some things that have happened for the fireshed. Tesuque Pueblo is working on – they received a grant from the Department of Interior to work on their mountain units, Aspen Ranch and Vigil Meadows, and they're going to work both on their land and this is a unique funding source that allows them to work on Forest Service land. So they're going to work on the Tesuque watershed to reduce their risks. The New Mexico Association of Counties has funded three projects in the fireshed, two to my organization and one to the Wildfire Network which is a non-profit started by a former Santa Fe County firefighter, Chris Nystrom, and all of those are focused on – well, one is outreach and education, so continuing dialogues and reaching out to different communities. One is to reduce risk of home ignition, so the first 50 feet around structures, and we're going to do some thinning and mitigation for that, and another one is to help the Village of Tesuque get Firewise designation. Firewise is a national program. We have a few Firewise – about 20 in the state Firewise communities and we can do a lot more in that respect.

State Forestry has identified quite a few funds to come to the fireshed and the Santa Fe National Forest is now hiring a planner to help with planning in the fireshed and that is because kind of the political attention of the coalition. So the coalition, that diverse group of people has raised the profile of the mountains behind Santa Fe and the risk they pose from wildfire and so because of that national attention there's now a couple hundred thousand dollars at the Española ranger district that wasn't there beforehand, just to do planning. So we were able to really get a new job there for someone to live in the area and just focus on planning.

Prescribed fire continues in the watershed, in the municipal watershed and then also the La Cueva project we heard about that is a connection made through the fireshed effort. And also the Rio Grande Water Fund which we're a part of is also investing in the fireshed, both with staff time for the Nature Conservancy and also for monitoring in the municipal watershed.

So first the pictures you see are from the last three years I've been working in La Cueva. I treated through a grant 52 acres across 14 homeowners reducing fire risk. Those treatments in some cases left piles of excess fuel on the ground and working with the County and with the local fire department at Glorieta Pass we were able to get a permit and safely burn those using a cadre of firefighters but not County firefighters and not federal firefighters. So it's other types of firefighters that have helped and we've had an engine on site and it was responsible burning. You can see a home right behind one of the piles, so my small organization of under 12 individuals, three staff in New Mexico is taking on risk to do this work because we think it's important. It's good for the community and good for the forests.

So in terms of -I guess you probably have been getting emails of petitions or overtures about what to do and what not to do and so when I see this I say everyone loves

forests. Everyone loves trees. That's why you go to Sequoia National Park and everyone stands in awe at General Sherman tree. So we're passionate about those things and that passion manifests itself differently to different people. Some people decide to study and work in the forest. Some people are passionate about the forest because of wildlife. Some people like the views. Some people like the way it smells. Some people like to recreate there. So it's all different reasons and all different ways.

The Fireshed Coalition is working on a factsheet of frequently asked questions to deal with some of the more egregious misinformation out there. There's a group in Santa Fe called Once a Forest. They in my opinion, probably the most exorbitant example of cherry-picking of information on this topic and so they have sent out lots of emails. Maybe you've received them. And so this factsheet is hopefully going to be an alternative that you can say, well, Gifford Pinchot, or sorry, Aldo Leopold was against fire. Well, he was against fire until he reflected upon his experiences out west and then he started using fire as a tool on his land in Wisconsin. So there's – anyway, but there's cherry-picking of information. There's also conflating one lone scientist among hundreds, one lone paper among thousands of other scientific peer review journal papers. So this factsheet hopefully is one thing that can be at our disposal when you get these emails.

I've personally reviewed the prescription in question and I-it's not the prescription I would have made but it doesn't have terrible things in it and I think it's good for the community of La Cueva to have this treatment in place. I actually tried to apply my grant onto that block and it didn't work and I have other treatments arrayed in a similar fashion to what the Forest Service is doing to protect that community from southwest winds. From what you heard before there's a lot of homes downwind from those southwest winds and this treatment would be strategically placed to do it. So I know you guys are not charged with Forest Service treatments but since it came up I felt it needed to be said.

And next slide, I hope I didn't take up too much time.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: No, I don't think we could ever spend too much time on this topic. So you had a slide that you wanted to go to next? Or, you're done. You're done with your presentation. Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: I very much appreciate your presentation and I appreciate the use of the term balance was utilized many times in the previous discussion but I appreciate your discussion and your comments based on a broader basis of fact as opposed to cherry-picking, so I appreciated that language and our continued efforts, from what I'm hearing from you, collectively to deal with comprehensive analysis of a given area inclusive of not only private stakeholders but combined with those public stakeholders, like local governments, state government and our federal government and the federal Forest Service. So I appreciate your efforts and your comments and the work that you've done thus far. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Thank you, Commissioner Anaya. Commissioner Roybal, do you have any comments? And then I'm going to go to Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Actually, I just want to say thank you, Eytan, for your presentation. It was very informative and I know that Commissioner Holian has an outreach initiative to the community in that area. Maybe you can help her

with that. But I appreciate it, Eytan. Good job. I appreciate it. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you so much, Eytan. This was really informative and I think I just want to stress, one thing that really came through clearly in your talk and that's collaboration. If we are really going to make a dent in this problem we really all have to work together. And communication, that's another really key piece, and I appreciate that you're working on both of those fronts. I just have one question. Do you also do broadcast burns, or just pile burning? Because I think we need to figure out ways to do more broadcast burns in our area.

MR. KRASILOVSKY: Yes, thank you, Commissioner Holian. My organization does convene broadcast burns. We've done three in the last four years. Two have been by Angel Fire and one was in western New Mexico. And the one in western New Mexico was on private land on actually a summer camp property. The kids were not there, but it was summer camp. They've all been very successful. Also broadcast burning is one of the best ways to reduce fuels, recycle nutrients and release the seed bank. You get greater biological diversity after a broadcast burn, so if you like wildlife and insects and the food chain you want to be doing some of that too.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you very, very much.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Eytan, I want to thank you for your presentation. I was moving around a little bit but I know that you've put a lot of effort into it. There's a lot of interest in this and when we're having the discussion to burn or not to burn and I think we know that it's only a matter of time and so the better prepared we are the better off we'll be in the future. So again, thank you for your efforts. Don't go too far because we have a proclamation that I want to read and it's not going to take very long but I think the significance ties into the discussion that we've had on these last two items.

VI. B. 2. Approval and Presentation of a Proclamation Proclaiming the Month of June 2016, as National Safety Month in Conjunction with the National Safety Council

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: I asked staff to be here this afternoon and I really appreciate your patience this afternoon in staying this long. I think this is a good bookend to the discussion that we've had earlier. And so without staff, again, we can't do the work that we're elected to do and that's why I wanted you to be here this afternoon. The proclamation is signed by all of the County Commissioners, the County Attorney and we're just waiting for the County Clerk to sign this document and then we'll present it to you so you can place it in your office. I want to ask my colleagues to read this into the record and to recognize our Risk Management Division.

We have Mark Lujan, John Sanchez and Pat Ortiz. Thank you again for being here this afternoon. So the proclamation reads: Santa Fe County proclamation, Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County proclaiming the month of June 2016 as National Safety Month in conjunction with the National Safety Council.

Whereas, all Santa Fe County citizens deserve to live in communities that promote safe and healthy living environments and safe communities require the cooperation of all levels of government, business and industry employees as well as the

general public.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Whereas, through the support and observation of National Safety Month each year employers are helping to reverse an increase accidental injuries and deaths in the workplace; and

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Whereas, Santa Fe County works to prevent accidental injuries and deaths by educating employees about safe and healthy practices in the workplaces, on our roads and highways and in our homes and communities.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Whereas, citizens are encouraged to share stories with their community about the importance of safety at work and at home including distracted driving awareness, hazard avoidance, emergency preparedness and preventing the abuse of prescription painkillers or other substances.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Whereas, the beginning of the summer season, traditionally a time of increased accidental injuries and fatalities, is an appropriate time to focus attention on injury risks and preventions.

Now therefore be it proclaimed by the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County that the month of June 2016 is National Safety Month. Be it further proclaimed that the Santa Fe County urges all citizens to establish and maintain safe practices in their homes, workplaces, and communities. Approved, adopted and passed on this 28th day of June 2016.

So again, I want to ask Risk Management to just share a few thoughts with us regarding your day-to-day efforts in making sure that our County is a safer place for our employees and for the public. Because I know that that's probably one of the biggest challenges that you face. So just share with us some of your thoughts on that and then before you leave we'll go down and take a photograph and then we'll wait for the Clerk to sign this and then we'll get that to you.

MARK LUJAN (Risk Manager): Mr. Chair, Commissioner, some of the thoughts that we do share here, safety is a pro-active approach to anything in our job duties. We don't like to wait around and wait till something happens within our day to day schedules. We like to be pro-active and stop it before anything does occur. So as far as safety, we do have good staff here. We do have a good functioning safety committee and we are getting the culture set here within Santa Fe County so it has come a long way.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair, Mr. Lujan, I know that in years past we were working to make sure we had active participation from all the departments. Are all the departments locked in and participating at the level that you feel that they need to be?

MR. LUJAN: Mr. Chair, Commission, Commissioner Anaya, at this point we do have – we're getting more representation from all departments. It's hard to get a consistent safety committee on a month to month basis but it has improved and it reflects out throughout the departments. Our safety inspections and stuff, they're starting to really shine as far as we had the Association come out and give us a facility inspection. They were really impressed on the approach we've taken. We're doing a biannual facility inspection to minimize hazards in the workplace and it's starting to really come out and show.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: So, Mr. Chair, I would just say that I would encourage Ms. Miller and Mr. Flores to work with the departments to make sure that there's consistent participation. Having spent several years in working with risk in the Workman's Comp statewide I understand fully the value of good prevention efforts and aggressive programs that help monitor and make improvements to safety. And so we've seen in other localities what happens if you don't do an aggressive safety program and people have lost their lives. You know that. We've written that in this proclamation. Commissioner Chavez has, and I appreciate him for that. But I can't stress enough to our staff, our Manager, Mr. Flores and all the department heads to do everything you can to have a consistent presence in Risk, on the committee, so we can mitigate as best possible.

We can't foresee everything that might occur but I know you do your best to do that. So I appreciate each and every one of you on our internal team. I also appreciate the presence and the participation that you have had with the New Mexico Association of Counties risk team to not only contribute your knowledge and expertise to counties statewide but to help those other counties that have needed direction and support and assistance. I know we've done that and the Manager has been supportive of your participation at that level. So I'm hopeful that that continues and that we continue to be progressive and aggressive with safety issues and trying to catch them before they become injuries or any other losses, specifically loss of life, but thank you for your efforts and thank you, Mr. Chair, for the proclamation.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: You're welcome. Thank you, Commissioner Anaya. Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you for bringing this forward. I would like to make a motion for approval.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: We have a motion. Do I hear a second?

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: I'll second, and I do have a comment as far as I just want to let Mark know that I really appreciate the effort that your staff puts forward. Safety is very important, not only to mitigate potential liabilities that the County has but also we want to send all our employees home the same way they came to work, healthy and free of injuries, so I appreciate all your guys' efforts. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: So thanks again, guys. We're going to go down and take a group photo before you leave. There's a motion and a second.

The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] voice vote.

[Photographs were taken.]

[The Commission recessed from 4:05 to 4:20.]

VII. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Ordinance

Ordinance No. 2016-5, an Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of the Santa Fe County, New Mexico Gross Receipts Tax Improvement and Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 2016, in an Aggregate Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$33,000,000 for Purposes of Defraying the Costs of Planning, Designing, Constructing, Rehabilitating, Renovating, Equipping, and Furnishing Necessary County Buildings and Facilities, Including, Without Limitation, County Buildings and Facilities Located at the Sites of the County Administrative Building and the Old Judicial Complex, and Defeasing, Refunding, Refinancing, Discharging and Paying the Principal of and Accrued Interest on the County's Gross Receipts Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2008, and Paying the Costs of Issuance of the Series 2016 Bonds; Providing that the Exact Principal Amounts, Maturities, Prices, Redemption Features, and Other Details of the Bonds Shall Be Established in a Supplemental Resolution Awarding the Bonds to the Best Bidder. Therefore Following a Competitive Sale; Ratifying the Distribution of a Preliminary Official Statement in Connection with the Sale of the Bonds; Providing that the Bonds Shall Be Special, Limited Obligations, and for the Payment of the Principal of and Interest on the Bonds from the Distributions to the County of the Revenues of the First One-Eighth Increment, the Third One-Eighth Increment, and the One-Sixteenth Increment of the County Gross Receipts Tax Enacted Pursuant to Section 7-20E-9 NMSA 1978, and Possibly the One-Eighth Increment of County Hold Harmless Gross Receipts Tax Enacted Pursuant to Section 7-20E-28 NMSA 1978, which are Distributed to the County by the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department Pursuant to Section 7-1-6.13 NMSA 1978; Providing for the Pledge of Such Revenues by the County; Ratifying Action Previously Taken in Connection with the Bonds; and Repealing All Ordinances in Conflict with this Ordinance (FIRST AND ONLY PUBLIC HEARING)

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Okay, now if we could have a presentation from staff, and again, this is a public hearing so once staff's presentation is done I'll open the meeting up for public comment and then we'll have questions and discussion from the County Commission. Ms. Jaramillo.

MS. JARAMILLO: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I have a brief – some brief information for you and then I have Eric Harrigan and Peter Franklin here who can answer any of your questions and I believe Eric wants to give you a brief presentation on

the details of the refunding. The Finance Division is seeking approval of the ordinance as captioned. It's a very long caption so I won't reread it, but it is to issue and sell the Santa Fe County, New Mexico gross receipts tax improvement and refunding revenue bond Series 2016.

The proposed bond series would be issued for the purpose of defraying the cost of planning, constructing and equipping County facility and it also would advance refunding and refinancing the 2008 gross receipts tax revenue bonds. The proposed aggregate principal amount will not exceed \$33 million. Back in February of 2015 when the BCC made project allocations \$32 million was allocated to the County administrative complex project. At that time \$6.9 million of gross receipts tax funding was set aside and the balance of \$25.1 million was to financed through other sources. This bond would provide approximately \$6.25 million of the needed financing towards the design of the County administrative complex.

The other part of the bond issuance would be advance refunding he 2008 gross receipts tax revenue bonds which were originally issued for the purpose of designing and constructing the Steve Herrera Judicial Complex. The refunding would result in a net present value savings which at the time I wrote the memo was anticipated to be approximately \$2.1 million. That has since – those numbers have since then been recalculated and they have increased significantly which is a really good thing. I'll let Eric describe that to you, so we'll have a much larger net present value savings than I had originally thought when I did this memo.

In addition to the advance refunding and refinancing this proposal will also level out the debt service for the payment of the gross receipts tax revenue bonds that were sold so that we can have a steady and easily projected amount of debt service from now until the maturity of the bonds. The refinancing will be approximately \$26.75 million of the bond issuance for a total again of an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$33 million. At this point I'd like to turn over the microphone to Eric Harrigan from RBC Capital Markets to describe a little bit more about the bond issuance.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Thank you.

ERIC HARRIGAN: Good afternoon. My name is Eric Harrigan with RBC Capital Markets. We are the County's financial advisor. As Ms. Jaramillo had talked about when we originally were looking at the refunding of the 2008 bonds we were anticipating that to generate about \$2.1 million, or about eleven percent in present value savings. For reference purposes, three percent is considered the minimum threshold to be economically beneficial. Since that time we've seen some pretty unprecedented things happening in the markets because of the British vote to leave the European Union. We've seen significant declines in the stock markets worldwide but what we've also seen is significant declines in interest rates. The ten-year Treasury declined about 40 basis points over a two-day period, and because of that that has benefited the refunding transaction and also the new money by lowering the interest rates on those.

The interest rate on the callable portion of the 2008 bonds is about 4.9 percent. The estimated borrowing rate for the 2016 is about 2.66 percent and that difference is what's creating the refunding savings. That \$3.4 million translates to about 14.2 percent present value savings. The time schedule calls for posting the preliminary official statement which will be distributed to investors this Friday. Bids will be taken on July

12th. At that point in time we'll have locked in the interest rate and know the final rates and final refunding numbers, and then the transaction will close in August. And with that I will be happy to answer any questions that you have or turn it over to Peter Franklin with the Modrall law firm.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Why don't we finish the presentation and then we can ask questions at that time and then we'll go into the public hearing.

MS. JARAMILLO: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Actually that – I don't have any additional information to present at this time, so if you do have any questions we're all available to answer them.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Questions of staff? Okay, let me do this then, since this is a public hearing as I said earlier. This is the first and only public hearing so I want to be sure that we allow the public time to speak to this issue. Again, I want to open the proceedings to public comment. Seeing no public comment, no one here to make a public comment at this time then I'll close the public comment portion of the hearing and ask my colleagues what they would like to do at this time.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Mr. Chair, I move for approval. CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: There's a motion. Do I hear a second?

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: I'll second.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: There's a motion and a second. Any discussion? Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Sometimes it's better to be lucky than good. CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: So now we need a roll call. There's a motion and a second.

The motion to approve Ordinance No. 2016-5 passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows:

Commissioner AnayaAyeCommissioner ChavezAyeCommissioner HolianAyeCommissioner RoybalAye

Commissioner Stefanics Not Present

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: The motion carries. Thank you, Ms. Jaramillo for all your hard work.

VIII. MATTERS FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

A. Executive Session

- 1. 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 the Following:
 - a. Board of County Commissioners v. James R. Brecher and Phebe Brecher, First Judicial District Court, Santa Fe County, Cause

No. D-101-DV-2015-02629

- b. Rights-of-Way for County Roads
- c. Disputes Concerning Cost-Sharing for Buckman Direct Diversion Project.
- d. Disputes Arising under the Water Resources Agreement with the City of Santa F
- e. Potential Arbitration with Union Concerning Collective Bargaining Agreement
- 2. Discussion of Competitive Sealed Proposals Solicited Pursuant to the Procurement Code, as Allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(6) NMSA 1978
 - a. Proposals for Professional Liability Insurance for Fiscal Year 2017
 - b. Proposals for Workers Compensation Insurance for Fiscal Year 2017

MR. SHAFFER: Mr. Chair, the items proposed for executive session are *Board of County Commissioners v. James R. Brecher and Phebe Brecher*, a matter pending in the First Judicial District Court, right-of-ways for County roads, disputes concerning cost sharing for Buckman Direct Diversion project, disputes arising under the water resources agreement with the City of Santa Fe, potential arbitration with union concerning collective bargaining agreement, as well as proposals for professional liability insurance for fiscal year 2017 and proposals for Workers Compensation insurance for fiscal year 2017, and the statutory basis for discussing those items in executive session are Section 10-15-1(H)(7) NMSA 1978, related to threatened or pending litigation in which Santa Fe County is or may become a participant, and the 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 then finally, competitive sealed proposals solicited pursuant to procurement code as allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(6) NMSA 1978.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Thank you, Mr. Shaffer. So I need a motion then to go into executive session for the items noted, and then there will be possible action items when we come back out of executive session. So for the public's information the executive session will conclude today's business for the County Commission.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Yes.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: I move that we go into executive session where we will discuss those items that were listed by our County Attorney.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Second.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: There's a motion and a second. Roll call please.

The motion to go into executive session pursuant to NMSA Section 10-15-1-H (6, 7, and 8) to discuss the matters delineated above passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows:

Commissioner Anaya

Not Present

Commissioner ChavezAyeCommissioner HolianAyeCommissioner RoybalAye

Commissioner Stefanics Not Present

[The Commission met in closed session from 5:30 to 6:50.]

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Mr. Chair, I move that we come out of executive session.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: I'll second.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: We have a motion and a second to come out of executive session.

The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] voice vote.

VIII. B. Settlement Agreement Concerning Board of County Commissioners v. James R. Brecher and Phebe Brecher, First Judicial District

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Now we have a couple of items after executive session to take action on. We need a motion on a settlement agreement.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: I move that we approve the settlement agreement concerning the Board of County Commissioners versus James R. Brecher and Phebe Brecher, First Judicial Court, Santa Fe County, Case No. D-101-DV-2015-02629.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Second.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: There's a motion and a second. Any further discussion? Seeing non.

The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] voice vote.

VIII. D. Resolution No. 2016-73, a Resolution Delegating to the County Manager the Authority to Negotiate for Professional Liability Insurance for Fiscal Year 2017 and to Execute Purchase Orders, Agreements, and Other Documents Necessary or Advisable to Effectuate Such Insurance

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

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion? Hearing none.

The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] voice vote.

VIII. E. Resolution No. 2016-74, a Resolution Delegating to the County
Manager the Authority to Negotiate for Workers Compensation
Insurance for Fiscal Year 2017 and to Execute Purchase Orders,
Agreements, and Other Documents Necessary or Advisable to
Effectuate Such Insurance

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: I move that we approve a resolution delegating to the County Manager the authority to negotiate for Workers Compensation insurance for fiscal year 2017 and to execute purchase orders, agreements and other documents necessary or advisable to effectuate such insurance.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Second.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: So we have a motion and a second. Any further discussion? Hearing none.

The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] voice vote.

VIII. CONCLUDING BUSINESS

A. Announcements

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Are there any other announcements that we overlooked earlier?

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chair, I have one thought for the Manager and the Chairman and the Commission, given the change in the land use structure that we have and the limitation on agenda items, and because when we do have agenda items we sometimes have the public hearings that start after 5:00, I'd like some consideration from staff and us as a Commission as to whether or not we start that meeting closer to five as opposed to having it early in the day when we know we have a public hearing, we have to stick around for 5:00. So I think it might make more logical sense to have a meeting starting closer to the time in which we're going to have a public hearing as opposed to having such a gap.

I don't know. Commissioner Roybal, both you and I have full time – and I know Commissioner Chavez has full time day job as well and he works on projects but that might be a more workable option than having the part of the meeting and then waiting around till 5:00 for the hearings. Do you have any immediate thoughts, Ms. Miller?

MS. MILLER: Mr. Chair, what I could do, I think it might be a little bit problematic for – well, obviously for July it would be, but for – we're not having a meeting in August, so we don't have any for August, and my only concern for September would be is that we're going to have kind of an accumulation of stuff because we're not having meetings in August, but we could certainly look at that, at the July meeting, look at whether we could accommodate that without it making too much difficulty to actually

get done at a reasonable hour.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: And Mr. Chair and Ms. Miller, maybe it's not something that has to be etched in a stone. Maybe it's something with the land use meeting that gives some latitude by resolution to – if it's a heavy agenda, warranting earlier start time, fine. But if you as the Manager, leading into that meeting say, well, there's really limited items but there may be a public hearing, then we have some latitude there. Food for thought.

MS. MILLER: And Mr. Chair, Commissioner Anaya, maybe one way to kind of do that as well is that we keep more administrative things to the last meeting, so you don't have that problem.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN CHAVEZ: You're welcome, and I'm open to suggestions, anything that will help us manage our time and be more accommodating to the public, I think that's something good to strive to. So I'm open to any suggestions.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: I would agree to that too. Thank you for bringing that up, Commissioner Anaya.

B. Adjournment

Having completed the agenda and with no further business to come before this body, Chair Chavez declared this meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Approved by:

Board of County Comphissioners

Miguel Chavez, Chair

TEST TO:

GERALDINE SALAZAR SANTA FE COUNTY CLERK

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EXHIBIT

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION OF SANTA FE COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2016 -

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING VICE CHAIR HENRY P. ROYBAL AS THE DESIGNATED COUNTY DELEGATE AND COMMISSIONER LIZ STEFANICS AS THE COUNTY ALTERNATE AT NACO'S 81ST ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND EXPOSITION

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties (NACo) will hold its 81st Annual Conference and Exposition (NACo Conference) from July 22, 2016 through July 25, 2016, in Long Beach, California; and

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County Commission Vice Chair Henry P. Roybal and Santa Fe County Commissioner Liz Stefanics will attend the NACo Conference; and

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County, through its Board of County Commissioners (the BCC), must designate a Designated County Delegate and County Alternate on the 2016 Credentials Voting Form in order for Santa Fe County to participate in NACo's annual election of officers and policy adoption; and

WHEREAS, the BCC has determined that Vice Chair Roybal shall be appointed as the Designated County Delegate and that Commissioner Stefanics shall be appointed as the County Alternate on behalf of Santa Fe County; and

WHEREAS, NACo requires the form attached hereto as Exhibit A be completed in advance of the NACo conference specifying who has been appointed as the Designated County Delegate and County Alternate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the BCC that Vice Chair Roybal is designated as the Designated County Delegate and Commissioner Stefanics as the County Alternate for the NACo Conference, and that the form attached hereto as Exhibit A shall be signed by Chair Miguel M. Chavez and shall immediately thereafter be submitted to NACo by staff.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 28th DAY OF JUNE, 2016.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY

By:	Date:
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Geraldine Salazar, Santa Fe County Clerk APPROVED AS TO FORM:	
ATTROVED AS TO FORM:	
	Date:
Gregory S. Shaffer, Santa Fe County Attorney	



Henry P. Roybal Commissioner, District 1

Miguel M. Chavez Commissioner, District 2

Robert A. Anaya Commissioner, District 3



Kathy Holian Commissioner, District 4

Liz Stefanics Commissioner, District 5

> Katherine Miller County Manager

MEMORANDUM

To:

Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners

From: Carole Jaramillo, Finance Division Director

Via:

Katherine Miller, County Manager

Date: June 9, 2016

Re:

Resolution 2016 -A Resolution to Commit Santa Fe County Fund Balance (Carole

Jaramillo/Finance Division)

ISSUE

The County Manager's Office and Finance Division are seeking approval of a resolution to commit fund balance for the purpose of setting aside funds for the reserves identified in the Santa Fe County Fund Balance, Reserve and Budget Contingencies Policy.

BACKGROUND

At its June 9, 2015 meeting the Board of County Commissioners passed Resolution 2015-84 adopting the Santa Fe County Fund Balance, Reserve and Budget Contingencies Policy. This policy provides a process for committing unrestricted fund balance to set aside funds for specific purposes. The Policy states: "Funds shall be set aside as a Committed Fund Balance by passage of a resolution or ordinance."

Further, the policy establishes minimum reserves that the County shall maintain in the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds which support on-going operations, and Enterprise Funds. Within the General Fund, minimum reserve requirements specifically include creation of a contingency reserve equal to 10% of the general fund budget, a disaster recovery reserve equal to 10%-15% of the unassigned fund balance from the prior year Comprehensive Annual Finance Report (CAFR), an uninsured loss reserve equal to 5% - 10% of the unassigned fund balance from the prior year CAFR, and a major infrastructure repair and replacement reserve equal to 10% - 15% of the unassigned fund balance from the prior year CAFR.

Further, in any special revenue fund or enterprise fund (excluding utilities) that supports staff and/or ongoing operations a minimum reserve requirement of 10% of the budget for that fund (excluding

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grants or funds supported by non-recurring sources) is required. Finally, the Utilities enterprise fund has a minimum reserve requirement of 50% of the operating budget.

For those reserve requirements that identify a percentage range of the unassigned fund balance from the prior year CAFR, the recommended amount to be committed was determined based upon budget decisions made by the BCC in the final FY 2017 budget as presented.

SUMMARY

The County Manager's Office and Finance Division are requesting that the Board of County Commissioners pass this resolution to commit fund balance for the purpose of setting aside funds for the reserves identified in the Santa Fe County Fund Balance, Reserve and Budget Contingencies Policy.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY

Resolution No. 2016 -

A RESOLUTION COMMITTING SANTA FE COUNTY FUND BALANCE

WHEREAS, on June 9, 2015, the Board of County Commissioners (Board) of Santa Fe County (County) passed Resolution 2015-84, which adopted the Santa Fe County Fund Balance, Reserve, and Budget Contingencies Policy (Policy); and

WHEREAS, all capitalized terms used herein have the meaning given them in the Policy; and

WHEREAS, the Policy established minimum Reserve requirements for various funds and purposes; and

WHEREAS, Section IV(F) of the Policy gives the Board the authority to set aside funds as Committed Fund Balance by passage of a resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Policy states that the Board must pass all Committed Fund Balance resolutions by June 30th of the applicable fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, County Finance Division staff has calculated the amount of funds that must be committed as Reserves for each fund and purpose to comply with the Policy, which amounts are set forth in Exhibit A by fund and/or purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to implement the Policy and set aside funds as Committed Fund Balance through adoption of this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby commits the amounts set forth in Exhibit A for the specific purposes identified in Exhibit A.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 28th day of June, 2016.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA FE

Miguel M. Chavez, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Geraldine Salazar, County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Gregory S. Shaffer, County Attorney

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FINANCE DIVISION APPROVAL:

Carole H. Jaramillo, Finance Division Director

Exhibit A

COMMITTED FUND BALANCE RESOLUTION

28-Jun-16

SCHEDULE OF FUND BALANCE COMMITMENTS

Henry P. Roybal Commissioner, District 1

Miguel M. Chavez Commissioner, District 2

Robert A. Anava Commissioner, District 3





Kathy Holian nmissioner, District Liz Stefanics Commissioner, District 5

Katherine Miller County Manager

To:

Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County

From: Gregory S. Shaffer, County Attorney

Date: June 28, 2016

Re:

Agenda Item No. III(B)(3): A Resolution Authorizing Budgeting and Expenditure of the Santa Fe County Health Care Assistance Fund for Indigent Patients and Persons Residing at Santa Fe County Detention Facilities

Issue: Since the printing of the packet for today's meeting, Santa Fe County staff has worked to revise the subject resolution. A clean version of the revised resolution and a redline version showing differences between the revised version and the version in the packet are attached as Exhibits A and B, respectively.

Explanation of Revisions: By way of general explanation, the proposed revisions:

- Highlight the statutory authority for counties to both "hire personnel to carry out the provisions of the [Act]" (Section 27-5-6(C) NMSA 1978) and to "contract with ambulance providers, hospitals or health care providers for the provision of services for indigent patients domiciled within the county" (Section 27-5-6(G) NMSA 1978);
- Clarify the inapplicability of Resolution Nos. 2014-47 and 2015-82 and the Procedures for Processing Eligible Provider Claims under Indigent Hospital and County Healthcare Act (Procedures) to expenditures authorized by the Resolution;
- Clarify that the Resolution was not self-executing but, instead, would require the Board of County Commissioners to appropriate via the operating budget money from the Santa Fe County Health Care Assistance Fund (Fund) for the cost of providing eligible services to indigent persons and patients residing at a County detention facility;
- Establish the indigence test applicable to persons and patients residing at a County detention facility, which is the same test established in the Procedures for non-residents of County detention facilities;
- Clarify that allowable costs include costs incurred to provide on-site health care services through employees and contract personnel; and
- Give the Public Safety Department the authority to establish necessary or proper forms, policies, and procedures.

Amount of Fund Proposed to Be Budgeted for Detention Facility Residents: The proposed final budget for Fiscal Year 2017 (Agenda Item No. III(B)(4)) would transfer \$3.3 million from the Fund to the Public Safety Department for eligible costs for persons and patients residing at County detention facilities.

Attachments:

Exhibit A – clean draft of revised resolution.

Exhibit B – redline draft of revised resolution showing changes to draft resolution contained in the packet.

RECORDED 07/27/2016

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2016 -

A RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING BUDGETING AND EXPENDITURE OF THE SANTA FE COUNTY HEALTH CARE ASSISTANCE FUND FOR INDIGENT PATIENTS AND PERSONS RESIDING AT SANTA FE COUNTY DETENTION FACILITIES

WHEREAS, the Indigent Hospital and County Health Care Act ("Act"), NMSA 1978, Chapter 27, Article 5 (1965, as amended through 2014), recognizes among other things "that each individual county of this state is the responsible agency for ambulance transportation, hospital care or the provision of health care to indigent patients domiciled in that county, as determined by resolution of the board of county commissioners"; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe County Health Care Assistance Fund ("Fund") has been established pursuant to Section 27-5-7 of the Act; and

WHEREAS, under Section 27-5-7.1 of the Act, the Fund may be used to pay expenses associated with the "burial or cremation of an indigent person," "ambulance transportation, hospital care and health care services for indigent patients," and "county administrative expenses associated with [the forgoing] fund expenditures ..."; and

WHEREAS, the Act authorizes a county to "hire personnel to carry out the provisions of the [Act]" (Section 27-5-6(C)) as well as to "contract with ambulance providers, hospitals or health care providers for the provision of services for indigent patients domiciled within the county" (Section 27-5-6(G)); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, the Board of County Commissioners ("Board") for Santa Fe County ("County") passed Resolution No. 2014-47 expressly authorizing and limiting how the County will generally budget and expend the Fund; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 2014-47, the Board passed Resolution No. 2015-82 adopting Procedures for Processing Eligible Provider Claims Under the Indigent Hospital and County Healthcare Act ("Procedures"); and

WHEREAS, under Resolution Nos. 2014-47 and 2015-82, the Board did not authorize expenditures from the Fund to the full extent permitted under the Act; and

WHEREAS, the County incurs substantial and increasing costs in providing health care and other services for which counties are responsible under the Act to indigent persons and patients residing in the County's Adult Detention Facility and Youth Development Program (collectively, "detention facilities"); and

WHEREAS, these costs include both on-site health care providers (both employees and contract personnel), medical supplies, prescription and other drugs, and off-site hospitals and health care providers; and



WHEREAS, to partially offset the forgoing costs, the Board now desires to expressly authorize the budgeting and expenditure of the Fund, as allowed under the Act, to pay for services rendered to indigent persons and patients residing at the County's detention facilities.

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

1. Notwithstanding anything in Resolution Nos. 2014-47 or 2015-82 or the Procedures to the contrary, the Fund may be budgeted and expended to pay costs of: (1) the burial or cremation of indigent persons residing at either of the County's detention facilities; (2) ambulance transportation, hospital care, and health care services for indigent patients residing at either of the County's detention facilities; and (3) any administrative expenses associated with the forgoing expenditures.

Allowable costs under this Resolution shall include all costs incurred by the County in providing allowable services to persons and patients residing at the County's detention facilities, including both on-site health care providers (both employees and contract personnel), medical supplies, prescription and other drugs, off-site hospitals and health care providers, ambulance transportation providers, and burial or cremation providers.

- 2. Expenditures of the Fund authorized by this Resolution are not subject to the rules and restrictions in Resolution Nos. 2014-47 and 2015-82 or the Procedures. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing sentence and for the avoidance of doubt, for purposes of the expenditures authorized by this Resolution:
- a. Persons residing at either of the County's detention facilities shall be deemed to be residents of and domiciled in the County, regardless of whether they regarded the County as their permanent residence at the time of their death or when they received services;
- b. There are no lifetime caps on the amount that may be spent on a person while they reside at a County detention facility; and
- c. Amounts spent on a person while they reside at a County detention facility shall not count against the lifetime caps established under the Procedures.
- 3. For purposes of the expenditures authorized under this Resolution, persons and patients residing at the County detention facilities shall be deemed indigent if:
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- 4. The Board shall establish the amount (if any) of the Fund that shall be available for the costs authorized in this Resolution in the operating budget duly approved by the Board for a fiscal year.
- 5. Once released from the County's detention facilities, a person's eligibility for further assistance from the Fund shall be governed exclusively by Resolution Nos. 2014-47 and 2015-82 or other applicable resolution concerning a specific program or event.
- 6. The County Public Safety Department, in consultation with the County Finance Division and Community Services Department, shall, and is hereby authorized to, establish any necessary or proper forms, policies, or procedures concerning the expenditures authorized in this Resolution to ensure compliance with the Act and this Resolution, including, but not limited to, those necessary for determining indigence, tracking expenditures, and reporting expenditures.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 28th DAY OF JUNE, 2016. BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY

By:	Date:
Miguel M. Chavez, Chair	
ATTEST:	
	Date:
Geraldine Salazar, Santa Fe County Clerk	
APPROVED AS TO FORM:	
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Gregory S. Shaffer, Santa Fe County Attorney	,
APPROVED:	
	Date:
Carole H. Jaramillo, County Finance Director	

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2016 -

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGETING AND EXPENDITURE OF THE SANTA FE COUNTY HEALTH CARE ASSISTANCE FUND FOR INDIGENT PATIENTS AND PERSONS RESIDING AT SANTA FE COUNTY DETENTION FACILITIES

WHEREAS, the Indigent Hospital and County Health Care Act ("Act"), NMSA 1978, SectionsChapter 27-, Article 5-2 et seq. (1965, as amended through 2014), recognizes among other things "that each individual county of this state is the responsible agency for ambulance transportation, hospital care or the provision of health care to indigent patients domiciled in that county, as determined by resolution of the board of county commissioners"; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe County Health Care Assistance Fund ("Fund") has been established pursuant to Section 27-5-7 of the Act; and

WHEREAS, under Section 27-5-7.1 of the Act, the Fund may be used to pay expenses associated with the "burial or cremation of an indigent person," "ambulance transportation, hospital care and health care services for indigent patients," and "county administrative expenses associated with [the forgoing] fund expenditures ..."; and

WHEREAS, the Act authorizes a county to "hire personnel to carry out the provisions of the [Act]" (Section 27-5-6(C)) as well as to "contract with ambulance providers, hospitals or health care providers for the provision of services for indigent patients domiciled within the county" (Section 27-5-6(G)); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, the Board of County Commissioners ("Board") for Santa Fe County ("County") passed Resolution No. 2014-47 expressly authorizing and limiting how the the County will generally budget and expend the Fund; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 2014-47, the Board passed Resolution No. 2015-82 adopting Procedures for Processing Eligible Provider Claims Under the Indigent Hospital and County Healthcare Act; ("Procedures"); and

WHEREAS, under Resolution NoNos. 2014-47 and 2015-82, the Board did not authorize expenditures from the Fund to the full extent permitted under the Act; and



WHEREAS, the County incurs substantial and increasing costs in providing health care and relatedother services for which counties are responsible under the Act to indigent persons and patients residing in the County's Adult Detention Facility and Youth Development Program (collectively, "detention facilities;"); and

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WHEREAS, these costs include both on-site health care providers (both employees and contract personnel), medical supplies, prescription and other drugs, and off-site hospitals and health care providers; and

WHEREAS, to partially offset the forgoing costs, the Board now desires to expressly authorize the budgeting and expenditure of the Fund—to the full extent permitted, as allowed under the Act, to pay for services rendered to indigent persons and patients residing at the County's detention facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board that, notwithstanding as follows:

1. <u>Notwithstanding</u> anything in Resolution Nos. 2014-47 or 2015-82 <u>or the Procedures</u> to the contrary, the <u>County Finance Director is authorized to budget and expend the Fund may be budgeted and expended to pay expenses associated with costs of: (1) the burial or cremation of indigent persons residing at <u>any Countyeither of the County's</u> detention facility facilities; (2)—ambulance transportation, hospital care, and health care services for indigent patients residing at <u>any Countyeither of the County's</u> detention facility facilities; and (3) any administrative expenses associated with the forgoing expenditures.</u>

Allowable costs under this Resolution shall include all costs incurred by the County in providing allowable services to persons and patients residing at the County's detention facilities, including both on-site health care providers (both employees and contract personnel), medical supplies, prescription and other drugs, off-site hospitals and health care providers, ambulance transportation providers, and burial or cremation providers.

- 2. Expenditures of the Fund authorized by this Resolution are not subject to the rules and restrictions in Resolution Nos. 2014-47 and 2015-82 or the Procedures. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing sentence and for the avoidance of doubt, for purposes of the expenditures authorized by this Resolution:
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