

SANTA FE COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
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1. A. This special capital planning meeting of the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners was called to order at approximately 9:44 a.m. by Chair Henry Roybal.

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

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

B. Roll Call

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

Members Present:

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

Members Excused:

None

C. Approval of Agenda

CHAIR ROYBAL: Has everybody had the opportunity to review the agenda and is there any changes or amendments to the agenda? Manager Miller, did you have any changes or amendments to this agenda?

KATHERINE MILLER (County Manager): Mr. Chair, no, I don't. I think we're good to go.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. If there's not any other changes or concerns from the Board –

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Yes.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I move to approve the agenda.

CHAIR ROYBAL: So we have a motion to approve from Commissioner

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Hamilton. Do I hear a second?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Second.

CHAIR ROYBAL: And a second from Commissioner Hansen. Thank you, Commissioner Hansen. I'm going to go to a roll call vote.

The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] roll call vote. [Commissioner Moreno was experiencing audio problems and did not register a vote.]

2. Capital Planning and Budget Approval

A. Presentation on Recently Completed Capital Projects

GARY GIRON (Public Works Director): Good morning, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. We have worked with Daniel Fresquez. Thank you, Daniel, for all your time and efforts in this, to put together a video presentation of some of the projects that we have one in the past year. I did want to let you know we have worked feverishly to get this done and we have three small mistakes in it, so just to make sure people understand, this was done in 2019. La Barbaria was done in 2019, and CR72-A was done in 2019. These are all completed projects, even though on the screen you'll see 2020.

I just wanted to say one other thing and that is –

CHAIR ROYBAL: Mr. Giron, sorry to interrupt, sir, but I was wondering, can you – when you talk about these projects can you give us an idea of which district or which locations of the county?

MR. GIRON: Yes. We can get all that information for you as we go through the video. It's on the video. And so you'll see that. Mr. Chair, I wanted to go through and just say that as we thought of this we didn't get all of the projects in. The road crew has been busy for the past eight weeks. All of the chip seal and overlay projects. So in the past eight weeks we have completed CR42, Camino los Abuelos, 9.3 miles, CR98, Juan Medina Road, 2.41 miles. Glorieta Road, Juego Court, Juego Place, Juego Road, Chusco Road, Canito Road, Demora Road, Estambre.

They've also done two inches of asphalt overlay on Shenandoah Trail, El Gancho Way, and they finished Old Santa Fe Trail yesterday. And I will tell you that with all of the crews and all of the staff and the team at Public Works I think they've done an amazing job, and with that I'll let Daniel show the video.

[The video was viewed on a separate platform.]

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. That was a great video. Do we have any comments from Commissioners on the video? Glad to hear Commissioner Moreno is on.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, I have some comments when you're ready for them.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. I wanted to first just commend the Public Works for the projects that they've done. It's really great to see a lot of these projects that were only a thought and now they're completed. So it's really great to see that. Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Just really quick.

Excellent video. Excellent music. I could probably utilize a lot of that music here. If you could go to the next Commissioner, that would be great.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Daniel. That was a great video, of course. Thank you for joining our team and making us look so much better than we have in the past. I really appreciate it. I only saw a few projects in District 2 but I know that I have a lot of sewer projects, which I always appreciate, and those might be a little harder to video. But it was nice to see the Public Works Building in District 2 even though that is a countywide project and most of the things that were done in District 2 were countywide projects, which I completely support but I just want to make sure that my Agua Fria sewer is moving forward. So thank you. That's all I have to say for the time being.

Oh, one more thing. I do have a number of roads in my district that need attention and I look forward to speaking to that later on.

COMMISSIONER MORENO: Mr. Chair.

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

COMMISSIONER MORENO: Yes. I understand that some Eldorado projects might not move forward and some will take longer, but I trust the process and we'll see. That's why we do this. That's what's important. Thank you.

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

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thank you. I know we're going to get a chance to talk about details of projects, but I appreciated the video for showing completed projects. That was a very effective use of a drone and a good way to provide some perspective and detail for us that's otherwise hard to get. Was that by any wild chance done in-house? Was that a County drone or was that a contractor?

DANIEL FRESQUEZ (County Manager's Office): That was with the County drone.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Fabulous.

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, Daniel Fresquez put that video together. He's our in-house expert on making any infrastructure project, even a sewer line look good.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: That's quite a compliment, even if back-handed, that's really perfect. And actually, that is a great thing to hear because we can get this as needed for other project and I am appreciative of hearing that.

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

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Yes, really quick. Thank you for the excellent video, all staff that worked on it, and one of the things, I just want to make – any project manager that was involved, have they seen that video? If they haven't can you please have a special meeting with the entire staff, Gary, and show them the video? Things like that go a long way. Public Works Department, Road Department, all projects, guys that are out there with their boots, asphaltting pavement, Katherine, [inaudible] is an ex-representative [inaudible] Great gentleman from down in the south part of the state.

He actually – he always commends the Santa Fe County Public Works Department. He said, you know, why can't the entire state do what Santa Fe County is doing? We give them capital outlay money, we give them capital outlay money and they go and get the job done themselves. Just kudos to the entire Public Works Department and the entire Santa Fe County staff, obviously, but right now we're actually focusing on the Public Works Department. Great video, great job, great music. I could take that music home and listen to it every single night. Just great job. Great video. Thank you. You should tell your entire staff that, Gary because we're all a team here and we all work together. Thank you.

MR. GIRON: Mr. Chair, if I could, Commissioner Garcia, thank you for the comments and for everyone. I just wanted to say thank you to Daniel. He was very easy to work with and very helpful for us and very efficient. But I also wanted to say that the Public Works staff is an amazing staff. They get things done and they really have a can-do attitude and I think it shows up in the number of projects we have done and a number of projects you will hear about in the future. And with that we'll stand for any questions.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Mr. Chair, I would also just like to really commend the Public Works staff. It is incredibly impressive how hard they work and thank you, Gary and P.J. and everyone. Barbara, I see you're on the line. Everyone. So I agree with Commissioner Garcia. It's really important to thank our staff for the hard work that they do to make Santa Fe County look so great. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen. Director Giron, if you'd like to continue.

MR. GIRON: With regard to the video and that presentation, that is that presentation. Manager Miller, how do you want to proceed from here?

2. **B. Review of Capital Projects Previously Approved for Inclusion in the FY2021 Budget**
- D. Request Approval of Capital Projects for Inclusion in the FY2021 Budget (Including Reallocation of Funds from Certain Projects to Underfunded Projects)**

CHAIR ROYBAL: I'm not sure who is going to present on that. Is that you, Mr. Giron?

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, I think what we may do, and Daniel do you have the spreadsheet? Commissioners, what we have is – we started with the video just to show you things that have been completed that we really haven't been able to do ribbon cuttings for because of COVID-19, or we haven't been able to at least all meet out at the site. As you can see, most of those projects – trail projects, solar projects, park projects – we would have a ribbon-cutting with everybody there to commemorate finishing a project. Since we weren't able to do that Public Works and Daniel went out and filmed as many of the things that we have finished over the last – I'll say probably eight months and presented that.

We also have a lot of ongoing projects and those – and I think the last BCC meeting we did have kind of a list of what was already going to be built into the budget. Those are projects, and while, for instance, Commissioner Hansen, you talked about the

sewer projects. They're not done; they're ongoing projects. We have the Antonio Lane and another one of the sewer projects, plus the bigger sewer project, those are all ongoing. Vista Aurora lift station site, the other one, they weren't in the video because they're not completed, and when I say completed, meaning, we're done. We're not dealing with the contractor or close out anymore, but we have quite a few projects that are further along and still need to roll into next year's budget.

Gary and Barbara, did we get that spreadsheet that had that list, because in your books you have – I think it's under the tab 2. A through D, you actually have a list of ongoing projects that total \$81 million and that's the list. So this is – the point of this one is just to let you see what is built into the FY2021 budget that's rolling over from FY2020 budget. So it means we're actively working on these projects, and there's about \$81 million, \$82 million worth of active projects that Public Works staff in roads, utilities, open space, vertical construction – all of these are currently underway. Sustainability – those are the projects that we have underway.

We were able to keep that appropriation that we received, the \$505,000. We had only spent a couple hundred thousand of it. We thought the state might take it. We appealed that anything we were actively working on, please don't take those appropriations and you'll hear later today the outcome of that, but it's good news that most of the things we had already started working on so they weren't going to take those appropriations and the photovoltaic ones were part of that.

So I just wanted to make sure you could see detail of what projects are currently in the FY20 budget and we'll roll these amounts that you see – the \$81, almost \$82 million will roll into the FY21 budget. So when you see Joey's presentation later this morning and you see that we have a \$300+ million budget, these projects make up, just this list right here almost \$82 million of that budget.

So I think we would stand for questions if you want. This should have been emailed to you as well, but if you have any questions about any of these projects, Gary and P.J, Barbara, me, anybody else who's on the meeting can answer those questions.

MR. GIRON: And Mr. Chair, Commissioners, if I could also add, this is the summary sheet. Behind this summary sheet in your workbooks is a narrative that has all of the details of every one of these projects in order that ties into this spreadsheet, if you need more information on what these projects are.

MANAGER MILLER: Yes, and Mr. Chair, as to what Gary said, it tells you the projects. The budget ties to what we're rolling over, and it tells you what the status is. So just an example, County Road 67F, La Barbaria, you might think, well, that's done. Well, we still have the final invoice to be paid and the project to be closed out. So there will be a small amount that rolls into the next year until we close out that project completely. So that's why we just wanted to make sure you could see the summary list.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Mr. Chair, Manager Miller.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. In my book I don't have an overlay sheet but I have a list of all the projects, but you probably emailed that out last night. That was not in my book, this fully active list. But the list of all the projects were there.

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Hansen, that's correct.

There was not a list in your book. I asked staff to put a summary list together last night. I think that was emailed to you. If it wasn't, we'll make sure you get it.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Okay. I'm sure it was emailed to me.

Thank you. I just wanted to check on that.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you, Manager Miller and Commissioner Hansen.

MANAGER MILLER: So Mr. Chair, there's also another list and I think it's the next tab. These are also projects that are fully funded, built into the budget, but we have not started the specific project. We may have done some groundwork on it but I just wanted you to see, these are projects that are also going to be in the budget. Because I know that some of you looked at these future project lists and said, well, where's my road paving project or whatever? Well, some of them are already funded, so they're not ones we're asking for future funding, so you can see, on this one, these are also being built into the 2021 budget. They're all already in the system, so that when we flip the switch on July 1st they're in the system as budgeted. But we have not started them yet.

As you can see, between this list and the previous list, this list totals \$14, almost \$15 million. The other one was \$82 million – it's a lot of projects. And they can't all start at once. So these are in the queue to get started on. Some of the paving projects this year, some of the construction projects may be not in the next few months but definitely in the next fiscal year. But you can see also some of them issues that we have to deal with first before we could actually start the construction. For instance, San Ildefonso right-of-way, the Blue Dove and Yellow Bird. As you know, we still have to finish surveys before we can – Larry Medrano Precision Surveys has finished the survey and we have to complete that work with San Ildefonso and BIA before we can start construction, but we have the money to do so and as soon as the surveys are done we'll start that project.

So we just wanted to make sure you also saw that we had all of these projects in the queue and had them fully funded. And Commissioner Hansen, you have inquired about Agua Fria paving, it's right there. You had requested that it be repaved and that is in our Local Government Road Preservation project list and it is scheduled to be done in fiscal year 2021.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Manager Miller. I saw on here Lopez Lane is not on the new list. Did it get moved somewhere?

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Hansen, we'll talk about Lopez Lane, the sidewalk project, that's another one that you had inquired about. All we completed on that was a preliminary engineering report. It has not been designed. We do not have easements. It is recommended that we put funding in a 2020 bond question to finish the design and purchase the easements. That's going to take us several years before we would be able to do any construction, so our recommendation for construction is after we get a true design and estimates for condemnation of people's front yards, if that's what it ends up being, so that we can get that project designed and get right-of-way easements, and then put the funding for construction in place in either a 2022 bond question or 2024, depending on how long it takes us to finish the design and acquire easements. We would just be sitting on the money for years if we actually went out for bonds for it now.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I understand also that there were some –

MANAGER MILLER: So it's not on this list because it's not funded yet.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Right. Okay. That's fine.

MANAGER MILLER: Our next two lists are projects that need either additional funding or need to be put in a bond question for funding because we don't even have any funding on them. So Daniel, if you can go back to fully funded. I just want to make sure that all the Board members get to see projects that are in their districts that are being built into the budget so they know that they're in there.

MR. GIRON: And Manager Miller, Mr. Chair, if I could add, if you'll notice, this has been a work in progress with Public Works, Finance, Planning, the Manager's Office, to get this done. Anything you see highlighted in yellow has been updated from the first version that went into your book. That's why we sent you updated sheets last night because there were things that we missed as we've gone through. I think we have everything on this list and this is the completed list of everything that's fully funded and not yet started.

MANAGER MILLER: And to add to what Gary said, Mr. Chair, Commissioners, those items that are in yellow were in the budget; they just weren't on the spreadsheet. So when we were reconciling these books with the budget it was noted that they were in the budget but they weren't on the list. So we've just made sure that you could see them on this spreadsheet.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, Manager Miller, can you tell me what tab this is so I can find it in the book. I can't see these things.

MANAGER MILLER: This particular sheet should be under – we had to email you an updated one, and I don't think the liaisons had an opportunity to print them out, but it's under 2. A through D and it's under – there's three brown sheets in that part of your book. If you go to the list of – there's the projects that are one by one, and then there's – it's an active, ongoing projects under the first brown sheet, and then if you go towards the back of that section there's an item that says Fully Funded Projects Not Yet Started and it's right there. But you can see the one in your book, it's right before the second brown sheet under that tab, it goes A through D, and it's on the back of the last sheet. It has the list but it doesn't have those items that are highlighted in yellow and we'll have the liaisons print this out for you and update your books as well.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: So you will have them update our books? Is that what you said?

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Garcia, yes.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you. And sorry, Mr. Chair, Manager Miller, once again, this is actually kind of like Gary said, a moving target, a work in progress, right?

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioners, yes. This is the first time we've put a book together like this, trying to make sure it includes everything that we have capital projects fund for. Mind you, this is not equipment. This is just our facilities and our infrastructure capital projects. This is not a fixed asset part of the budget. That's a separate part of the budget which is under Joey's presentation later today. But this is all capital projects and we wanted to show you everything that is currently actively going and is going to move into fiscal year 2021 and then this list is already fully funded and it's built into fiscal year 2021 and will be started – it's in the

queue. These projects will be started as we finish up other projects and the task for the project managers to take on another project is freed up, they'll start being assigned these projects.

The next list, if there aren't any questions on this one are ones that we also have some money for but we need additional money.

MR. GIRON: Manager Miller, Mr. Chair, if I could also add, it's noteworthy to talk about bandwidth and how many projects are going on right now in the works. As we find new money and build new projects we have to free up space in our workload to be able to add new projects into the queue. So it's also worth discussing or noting that there's a lot of things going on at Public Works right now.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, I have a question when you have a moment, if I may.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Gary, and we know that Public Works is always busy and always trying to keep their head above water and keep moving forward. Is there any other – I know I haven't heard from Commissioner Hamilton or Commissioner Moreno. So I'm going to go to Commissioner Hamilton and see if you had any additional comments or questions.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I did, and it's funny, Mr. Giron, I was just going to ask about bandwidth especially with this sense of constraints in hiring and what not. How do you feel we're doing in terms of staffing to carry this project load, now and in the very near future, since we're considering other projects.

MR. GIRON: Mr. Chair, Commissioner, I will say that Manager Miller has been very active in working with us to make sure that our key positions are getting filled and that we are still able to continue with an active construction schedule. I feel optimistic that we're going to be able to run all these projects.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Do you feel like we're about at capacity? So as you finish some projects and you take on some of these others on the list you're able to do that but not take on that much more? Can you say a few words on that?

MR. GIRON: Mr. Chair, Commissioner, I will say that as we complete projects we're slipping projects into there, but we're also working to find efficiencies to see how to better manage projects, how we might have a different system so that we're managing all of this stuff electronically. So as I said, we may be coming forward with some ideas about how we might become more efficient. But I still think that we have some capacity. We just need to figure out how we are going to move better as a team how we're doing these things.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Excellent. Thank you.

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Hamilton, I wanted to add to that. Capacity is also driven by the type of project, because our project managers are project-type specific, and I think that's one of the things Gary is alluding to, is that we're trying to see, okay, if I have a project manager that only works on – let's just say Aamodt. And there's nothing for them to do right now because we're at the mercy of the federal government doing something. Can we reallocate that resource to work on other water and wastewater projects?

I would say our water and wastewater projects, we definitely have bumped up against a capacity issue which is why you also see in future projects why we're trying to

say, hey, don't load up another \$10 million on water and wastewater because I can't move those projects fast enough, but we can on roads, typically move those faster. But we also are limited when we do road improvements, overlays, we're limited by how much we can do in-house. We can do in-house much more cost effectively, but we only have so many staff that can do that.

So there's always a balance on these projects on what do you bid out? What do you do in-house in roads? Because you can get a lot more bang for the buck if you do it in-house but then we're limited by the number of construction projects we can do in-house, just by the number of staff we have and the equipment we have.

And then – but if you turn around and say, oh, we'll just contract them out, it can cost two to three times as much so we only get one to three projects. So all of that is a balance and it's hard to say, but what we're trying to do is make recommendations relative to future projects based upon not just a priority of need but also on capacity of the staff to manage them.

P.J. MONTANO: (Public Works): Mr. Chair, we're also working on projects manuals to help us assist and expedite some of these projects, making them a little bit more efficient. We have Purchasing and Projects, because keep in mind there's a limit on Diego's side with roads, whether he can actually get these done, along with vertical projects. We can't start projects in the middle of the winter. Also, when he gets freed up now, in July, we take into consideration the bandwidth of procurement. We can't load 15 procurements on them all in July so we're trying to stage these out. We have a process to make everybody more efficient, not just Public Works.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay, thank you for that comment, P.J. Any other comments? I'm going to go back to Commissioner Garcia, and then I'll go to Commissioner Moreno.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Just an excellent follow-up to Commissioner Hamilton's comments. I think there's a lot of work out there. There's tons of work, as me working in Projects for many years, there's a lot of work out there, and I would like to see if you could somehow actually go and – how do we figure out – I know P.J. said he's working on a manual, but how do we figure out how do you determine how much a project can handle so much of a workload and what type? Because every project is different. Some project manager are actually good in this area, good in this area, but I guess I would like to see how we can figure that out because we may be doing this for several years and there's a lot of work out there. A lot of work.

I'm glad to see that we're actually utilizing CES right now. We're utilizing CES and maybe the state contract price agreement and so on and so forth. But if we could just keep that in mind as into how do we get these projects out, because some of them have been sitting there for a little while. Just kind of food for thought. But thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia. I'm going to go to Commissioner Moreno.

COMMISSIONER MORENO: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I have very high expectations with this operation. The Director and his staff have been, whenever I've been in meetings, it's professional and good information and no exaggerations and I've been very happy with the results of the projects in District 5 in this case. They have been done professionally and completely. I'm a big picture guy and I think the operation is

really top notch and keep up the good work. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you for those words, Commissioner Moreno, and very well said. We appreciate that. Can we go on with the next item, Manager Miller?

MANAGER MILLER: Yes, Mr. Chair, if there aren't any more questions about those projects that are fully funded and built into the budget. We'll move on to some other projects.

So as you know, we also had, and I placed this in our last BCC meeting, just for discussion. Today, this is one item we will be looking for approval for and it's the only item this morning as far as capital projects that we're looking for approval for, because the rest of it is built into the budget, and then the future bond projects I anticipate we'll have more discussion about that before we would ask for you to vote on that.

So this one – but they kind of go together because I needed you to see where we're trying to capture all the priority projects in funding recommendations. So what this is are projects that most of them have some funding. The first batch for Corrections, actually there was money built into or reserved, I should say, in the FY2020 budget for these projects. Corrections has been requesting funding for them for over a year, and we just never got to putting together an entire capital budget study session for you last August/September timeframe because we had such turnover. And I also didn't want to piecemeal it.

I wanted to make sure that you could see this comprehensive picture that showed what we had funded, what we were working on. As you know, kind of the entire projects area had a little upheaval, or Public Works did last year, and so we didn't get to bring this to you. I had thought about bringing just Corrections to you at one point because they've really done quite a bit of work on these projects already and are ready to go. The main one and the most extensive one is the recreation yard for special management units.

You've toured the adult detention facility and you know we have the rec yards and they're just kind of one big open area. Well, we have a requirement to get all of our inmates out of their cells for a certain amount of time, particularly those in special management where they're not really housed in a group setting. To do that and to safely to that we need to modify our recreation yard so that when our population is full – right now we have the good fortune of it not being that high and we can rotate inmates through the yards the way they are, but what we really need it to separate those yards into smaller areas where individuals who can't be in a group setting are still able to get out into the recreation yard and have time outside of their cell and in a rec area where there are other people as well, just divided by fencing and a safe barrier between them so that they don't harm each other or harm themselves or harm any of our staff.

So that's the main one. The other one, also you know we're doing a P-25 radio communications upgrade. It's a multi-phased project with RECC, Sheriff's, Fire and the detention facility, so this is funding for upgrading the radios at the adult detention facility.

Then also, as you know, our front desk area definitely needs some remodeling. We built that facility in 1998 and have not remodeled that area or the master control, and both of those areas just need some upgrades and remodeling.

So we're recommending that we use capital outlay GRT for those four projects.

Then on the Fire projects, Madrid fire suppression, that's a project that we do have state funding for. We believe that we're short by about \$90,000. This is a high public safety issue. Also it will be leveraged with a much bigger project in the Madrid area with federal dollars. So that's one that we have already started work on and have a purchase order in place. We do not lose our state grant funding so all we need is \$90,000 that we want to get out of the fire excise tax fund to complete that one.

Tesuque fire station, as you know that big wall behind the fire station, earthen wall, needs stabilization. We also need \$77,000 to complete that project and recommend that coming from the fire excise tax fund.

And then the northern county transfer station/fire station/land acquisition – we're still – actually we did receive a response from the land grant that they do not want to sell us the property. We talked with Commissioner Roybal. He thinks there's still some possibility. They have not taken this to their entire voting membership, so we want to have another conversation with them and what we're trying to do is purchase 15 acres from the land grant, right off of the highway. We've already designed the transfer station. We went out to bid for it. We were short funding on it. So we're recommending another \$500,000 to that project from capital outlay GRT so that we could purchase the land and get the transfer station completed, and then we would look at, in 2022 – and we'll have this discussion in a minute – of getting the additional funding for the fire station so that we could complete the fire station by, say, 2024, 2025.

Also, if we're not able to come to some agreement with the land grant we still need to find a location for a transfer station and another substation for Pojoaque, so we would just head back out looking at properties that were potential second choice for the fire station. It may not end up being on the same site if we can't work out something with the land grant but we definitely need another fire station in that area and we need to upgrade the transfer station that we currently have with Pojoaque or relocate it. So we're just recommending at the moment a request for \$500,000 capital outlay GRT for that project.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: May I ask a question?

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Hamilton, go ahead.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Just on that point, Manager Miller, the money is recommended, and if in the eventuality they don't – if we lose the option to buy the land for whatever reason, would this funding be applicable to Plan B, to the alternative of looking at another location?

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Hamilton, that's a really good question. I think so. And actually we may be able to do it for less somewhere else. Part of the reason that that project didn't come in in our original budget – well, first of all it was just a transfer station. Once we located that land the Fire Department said, you know what? That's an ideal location for our substation. So it became two projects. But one of the things that drove the cost up so much was DOT said we had to create a new entrance to the land grant off of the highway for that kind of traffic that we would have for a transfer station.

And then that would require a lot of earth work. So it's been one of these projects that's really been difficult because we're constantly chasing something, but yes. The project – the funding we have is predominantly for the transfer station – predominantly.

There's a little bit from an old general obligation bond and is very specific to transfer stations, but most of it is capital outlay GRT, so the other thought process of why we're recommending this capital outlay GRT for the transfer station is that if it doesn't happen it can always be reallocated to a different site, or it could be reallocated to a different project altogether if we just can't find a site and we stick with our site at Pojoaque.

So this project itself is probably the most fluid one on the list because we haven't nailed down the site. We haven't been able to acquire that land. But additionally, the fire station side of it was with GO bond money and we didn't have enough to complete the fire station anyway. We took some of that to complete three other fire station projects, so we do know we need to add to that as well, and that was why we were looking at 2022, because we still have an issue with obtaining a site.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Right. Recognizing that both components of the project are important, but if that location falls through we still need the fire station, so if there's sufficient fluidity in getting the money now, but it will be applicable going forward, because both of those things are needed. That was all I was wanting to get a little more information on. So thank you.

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Hamilton, yes. Both of them are needed and we think that the possibility is we would have to split them up, not have them as one project. I do know that the Fire Department did an assessment of properties in the area and they did have a second and third choice and additionally we do have our agreement with Pojoaque and if we go back to ten years ago we were actually going to upgrade that site.

So that money could be used if we have to split those projects up and go find other locations. It can be transferred to a different site.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thanks. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, really quick, if I can.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Just as Manager Miller mentioned, we've been working this for a little while now and I guess we're going to give some accolades to Pojoaque, because thanks to the governor because the governor said we're not going to use the transfer station. We're replacing it right now. Santa Fe County, in the northern part, would be in a bit of hurt if the Pojoaque Pueblo did not let us utilize their property as a transfer station. But I think the alternatives as into the Jacona Land Grant does not want to negotiate with Santa Fe County, with all due respect, Commissioner, maybe we should go out and look for BLM land or something. But we definitely need to have a Plan A and a Plan B and maybe a Plan C. But just kind of food for thought. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia, and I think as Manager Miller indicated we do have a Plan B and Plan C that staff has looked into already. Thank you.

MANAGER MILLER: Any other questions from Commissioners so far?

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: I guess I just have a couple of comments, in regards, Mr. Chair, if I may. Thank you. In regards to the recreational yard for special management. I understand it. I get it. Been there. Done that. And I see definitely a need for that. And one of the things I would like to see if staff can actually maybe go outside the box and figure out, instead of sending these individuals out to the rec yard, is there

some other way we can – just trying to think outside the box. Educate them? Do something else, other than you know go to the rec yard or whatever you go to the rec yard. I just would like to see staff think outside the box once again as into what other type of engagement that our inmates can have other than going to the rec yard. Just kind of food for thought on that. I was going to mention that earlier. Thank you.

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair and Commissioner Garcia, that's a really good point. We do have a lot of programs within the facility. We have tons of volunteers. Obviously now with the COVID-19 things are limited, how many people can come in and out of the facility and potential expose staff or inmates to COVID-19. But we have an extensive volunteer program and they come in and provide all types of classes and opportunities for interaction. But those are predominantly in classroom settings. They can be one-on-one with individuals. It really does depend on each individual inmate as to what their particular condition is as well, as to what type of opportunities we can provide for them, but one thing we want to make sure that we can provide especially is an opportunity to get outside.

We're somewhat limited with the design of the facility as you know. The only outside areas are those areas inside the unit where the rec yards are. Other than that it's very difficult to take individuals out of the facility. And so this is an opportunity to at least be outside, in fresh air, but in a secured area. So I think I completely understand what you are requesting, Commissioner Garcia, and I think staff is always looking for opportunities to have meaningful and healthy interaction with the inmates and between inmates.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Also what I'm just talking about is those individuals that are incarcerated. They're individuals and their lives matter as well. And in regards to across the street, I think Governor Martinez wanted to get the prisoners – and we have a horse riding area across the street. Obviously they need to stay in Corrections. They could be gardening as is mentioned. Just thinking outside the box and just kind of going off on a tangent. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia. Those are good points. Are there any other questions? If there's not any other questions from Commissioners, we could continue, Manager Miller.

MANAGER MILLER: Okay. So then we move on to the open space projects. And as I said, some of these as you can see have some funding, but they have some funding gaps as well. These are actually projects that we have a lot of other funds for, so that's why they've jumped to the top of the list, because we've leveraged quite a bit of other funds. The Santa Fe Rail Trail trailheads. As we've moved forward with our development of the Rail Trail all the way out to Eldorado and to Lamy, we need trailheads, parking lots, along the way where people can access the trail.

We're looking at doing two more trailheads. We have some state appropriations but our estimates from our design firm is that we need a little bit more, so we're recommending an increase, \$90,000 to the budget, \$45,000 of that coming from interest income off of our bond proceeds, and \$45,000 from an Eldorado appropriations that went to Eldorado station four, which was a land acquisition. We acquired the land and there was \$45,000 left over. We did get the appropriation language changed so it could be used for this purpose. So we're in our request here to add that additional \$45,000 from bond

investment income and the \$45,000 from the state appropriation.

On Arroyo Hondo Trail Segment 2 and Arroyo Hondo Trail Segment 3 – these go through Rancho Viejo from the fire station to Richards Avenue and then from – actually I think those are two – it's one segment they're funded as two different federal grants. So we did them as two separate segments. They're all phase 3 but it's that total section from the fire station all the way to Richards.

We received two grants from the federal funds - \$1.2 million and \$1.4 million, but we have a requirement for a County match. In addition, we also need somebody to do our federal certification because they are federal grants. That's a lot of paperwork. So we need \$30,000 in there for that. So as you can see we're recommending \$239,000 and \$244,000 from capital outlay GRT.

Then under project 4, this is capital improvements identified in open space management plans. We've been doing management plans on each open space. You've noticed we've brought those management plan to you over the last couple of years, each time we finish one. This one is to do Los Potreros. That would be \$50,000, and then also doing irrigation improvements and repairing restoration on Los Potreros for \$105,000, for a total of \$155,000 of capital outlay GRT for Los Potreros.

On roads, our road projects, as you know, we have been working on General Goodwin since 2011, I believe, but we are close to finishing that up. Diego estimates we might need a little bit more than the \$3.7 million that we have. We, I think are at about 90 percent design and we are negotiations to acquire the drainage easement from Mr. Goodwin. As soon as we get that we hope to go out to bid on that, but to be safe we felt like we should request \$500,000 from current GO bond proceeds and investment income. So we did \$20 million of road bond projects four years ago when we did the bond question. And that money sat in the bank for a while as we did each project, so we did have some investment proceeds off of that, and we also had some projects that we had a little bit here in there, particularly in Commissioner Garcia's district, had some additional funding, so we're requesting to move those remaining funds to General Goodwin so we can complete that project.

Also, northeast-southeast connector, this one we really hope – we have a 30 percent design estimate that had it about \$2 million over our budget of \$9.7 million. The engineers and Diego have worked to take some of the things out of those designs. We're waiting for the 60 percent design. Unfortunately, the contractor is behind on the 60 percent design on this project, but we would like to put another \$1.2 million to the project, \$500,000 from capital outlay GRT and then also transfer from the phase to a road annexation for a drainage project with the City on West Alameda, to put this to that project so we can, when they finish the design that we can go out to bid and get it done.

We believe that the \$1.24 million will be enough. If it's not, we might be back in front of the Board for some additional funds but hopefully not. The contractor was told they need to get that cost down by a million to two million dollars. Because they're behind, as you can see, the 60 percent plans were already due. They don't have them, and with that we would have had a new estimate. So this one may come back but for purposes of today this is what we're requesting right now.

On utilities, Cañoncito Eldorado waterline project –

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, if I may.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay, Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: On General Goodwin Road, and I know we need to get some acquisition for some ponding areas for the drainage and so on and so forth. We're still working with the Goodwin family, but what's the status – Manager Miller, I don't know if you want to get into – what's the status on the Highway Department easement that we've been working on for years. I don't know. I guess maybe I bring that stuff up to understanding. I'm just a little concerned with that because in speaking with the Highway Department they're ready to go.

DIEGO GOMEZ (Public Works Project Engineer): Commissioner Garcia, the NMDOT has reviewed their maintenance agreement. They have agreed to it. It's currently in our Legal staff's review. Once our Legal Department reviews it we'll get the signatures from the County and from the DOT and that easement should be taken care of as far as the maintenance easement on New Mexico 14. There's also another easement because the drainage channel goes under the railroad that we're working with the Rail Bureau of the NMDOT. So there's three outstanding issues on General Goodwin – the drainage easement, the maintenance easement and the railroad easement but we are chipping away on that and we hope to be under construction here in the spring of 2021. The project is basically designed, 90 percent like the County Manager said. We're just waiting for the three easements to be taken care of, the one easement and the two maintenance agreements.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you for that information. And in regards to Camino San Jose, is that drainage agreement easement in the Attorney's Office as well?

MR. GOMEZ: You are correct. That easement agreement is also – and it's not an easement agreement yet. The owners wanted to have a memorandum of understanding signed between the private property owners and the County prior to going into easement negotiations. So that MOU is in the Legal Department's hands. We're waiting for their comments and hopefully signatures by County management and the private residents.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you. Appreciate that.

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

MANAGER MILLER: Thank you, Mr. Chair. The next section is utilities. The Cañoncito Eldorado waterline project. We've awarded the project for the distribution in the Cañoncito area, but as you know we need to complete phase 1 and phase 3, which is taking the waterline from Rancho Viejo to Eldorado and then from Eldorado to the community of Cañoncito. This I believe is about 90 percent designed. The estimate at the moment is around \$12 million. We have \$9.6 million. So we're requesting that we get the \$2.3 million – predominantly it's around \$2 million from GRT, but we also have some investment earnings. This has been funded from general obligation bonds in 2008, 2012, and 2016. We would have recommended getting that additional funding out of 2020 GO bond but we actually hope to be under construction before that goes out to the voters for a question, and we also didn't want to leave it hanging in limbo, so we wanted to use funding that we currently have in capital outlay GRT to complete that project.

I believe the total amount of \$2.3 million is from capital outlay GRT.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, I have a question. So once again, the Cañoncito waterline, the total cost is \$12 million, and we have \$9.6 million secured. So obviously the funding gap is \$2.3 million. And then once again, we're not going to start construction on that project – so we need \$2.3 million, correct?

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Garcia, correct.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: And so in the green here, it says \$2.3 million from GRT. Am I reading that correct?

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, this one got – that changed a little bit. There's some investment earnings. Primarily that \$2.3 million is from capital outlay GRT. I think there's a little bit of change from the other GO bond from 2008, 2012, and 2016, there's some interest, but predominantly it's all capital outlay GRT.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: So back down there, on the bottom, the \$17.3 million, that's the total of all the recommended funding. Do we have \$17,326,624 in capital?

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, if you look, and I can make a breakdown of each funding source, but that \$17.3 million is everything, and in the column next to the dollar amount it tells you where it's coming from.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Okay. And then also in regards to the 90 percent design, do we need an agreement with Eldorado? So we're not going to construct this waterline unless we have a water agreement with Eldorado, correct?

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, that is correct, and we are actively negotiating with Eldorado Mutual Domestic on that agreement.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: And I don't know if this is the time to ask the question or not but somebody can tell me yes or no and I'm okay with it. And I'll ask a little bit later. But where is Eldorado with saying yes or no? It seems like they're just – we're not moving with them, and so how do we get to move with them. Maybe John can answer that. It seems like we're just flipping a coin every single day or month with Eldorado and I just – where are we at with them?

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, I actually think we're making progress. Greg actually can give you the latest update because I know that they had a conversation just last week and we're getting closer on the deal points.

GREG SHAFFER (County Attorney): Mr. Chair, Commissioners, we have had at the staff level two I think productive negotiating sessions between Santa Fe County and the Eldorado Area Water and Sanitation District. Ultimately, it will be for our respective governing bodies, including the Board of County Commissioners to decide whether to approve any agreement that we negotiate, but I do believe at the staff level that an agreement is in sight that we could recommend that is mutually beneficial to both parties, both in the short and long run. So I do think we are making progress, through it has long-term implications for both parties, so I think that both parties are proceeding in a manner that recognizes cost on both sides as well as long-term implications of the relationship.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia. I'm not sure if the other Commissioners are okay with it, I think if we could finish the presentation and then we can ask questions afterward. How do you prefer to do that, Manager Miller, just so

we're efficiently moving along.

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, I could go through the rest of them and then stand for questions. We're pretty far along.

CHAIR ROYBAL: So let's do that. Thank you.

MANAGER MILLER: Okay. Thank you. I want to stress that part of the reason we recommend capital outlay GRT for existing cash balances for these projects is these are ones that are really kind of ready to move along, and you never want to leave it up to waiting until we have an election and then finding out it didn't pass and we can't move the project forward, particularly one where we have had funding in the last three GO bonds to support this project and we're now at kind of that eleventh hour and we just need to have these last pieces fall together in order to move this project. That's the agreement and the final amount of funding needed to put that out to bid.

Pojoaque Basin Regional Water System, as you know, we have a contributing funding agreement. One of the things we've been doing and we didn't budget it, and this will go to Commissioner Garcia, like do you have this much capital outlay GRT? We've been setting aside for Pojoaque out of the capital outlay GRT. We have been setting aside money. We just didn't budget it because we had the resolution that said we weren't going to budget anything for the construction until we finish the road agreement. We have approximately currently five to six million dollars from the sale of the Top of the World water rights and land acquisition balance, and then we had been setting aside money in capital outlay but not budgeting it.

So this would actually bring back \$5 million that we had set aside over the last three or four years in fund balance, this would just bring it into the budget. It would mean that we would have about \$10 million or \$10.1, with this \$5 million, \$10.1 million out of the \$14.4 million in 2018 dollars. Now, I say \$14.4 million. Remember everything we do has that escalator. I think it's estimated that by the time that we would totally fund this it will be \$16-something million. So we'll be recommending over the next few years adding money from capital outlay GRT to fully fund this project but this would get us to that \$10.1 million mark out of the \$14.4 in 2018 dollars.

Then vertical projects, when we did the downtown 100 Catron and 102 Grant we issued revenue bonds. They're not general obligation bonds; they're revenue bonds that are paid off with gross receipts tax, that the Commission put in place in 2015, I believe. In 2015, it worked to fund County facilities and predominantly the downtown projects and the administrative facilities. We issued those bonds and the primary purpose of those was to finish 100 Catron and 102 Grant.

Now that we are pretty close to finishing 102 Grant we still have approximately \$4 million remaining in that bond. It specifically was issued for administrative facilities, and it was also issued with the intent to do the three campus model, which was our downtown administrative facilities for all of the offices downtown, our Public Safety facility out at 14, and our Public Works facility on 599. The priority was to do the downtown facilities, and then second was Public Works and third was to finish off the Public Safety expansion.

It looks like we will be able to though take the wash bay that we have out at Public Works and completely do that as offices for our project team and all the Public Works staff that are located at West Alameda and not use it as a wash bay. It doesn't

really work as a wash bay and we've had difficulty with that, so we would recommend – sorry. I did those in opposite order, is that \$1.4 million of that, \$1.4 million that we have, go to finishing the wash bay at Public Works into offices for the rest of the project staff so that they can all be located in one facility, and then with the Public Safety consolidation and renovation, this is an expansion to the Sheriff's Office, the RECC, and we've gone around and around on this. We were going to do a design-build and just expand the existing building; that came back over budget. The last iteration was to just build a separate Fire admin on the property but next to the building, and then renovate the current building where RECC and the Sheriffs are into just RECC and Sheriffs and locate the Fire Department in a separate building.

To do that we still need about \$2 million to finish that project, and we also would recommend that that come from the remaining proceeds from the bond that we did for downtown. And then the last amount of it, probably about \$600,000 – maybe not even quite that much, but we're holding that back because we also need to finish the DA building. We're waiting to hear from the architect whether the amount that we have for the DA's is enough to complete that project. He hadn't looked at in a while. It had been put on hold because it wasn't considered enough. But he's updating the estimates and hopefully we'll know what we'll need for the DA's. The one that we currently have is fully funded and we're rolling into 2021, but if it doesn't, if we don't have enough funds, that is where we would tap to finish that because those are also County administrative offices.

Then also we're recommending \$2 million additional funding for the Abedon Lopez Senior Center. We have a state grant for \$1.3 million. We found out that we will get to keep our \$800,000 grant for the Cerrillos Senior Center. So that would mean we could move \$800,000 of capital outlay GRT that we had on that project to finish the Abedon Lopez Senior Center project if we moved that \$800,000 and took \$1.2 million from the capital outlay GRT.

And that completes the list of requests for additional funding from the multiple sources that we listed. It's predominantly capital outlay GRT cash balance and FY2021 estimated revenue, but it's also from the revenue bonds that we already issued and have the proceeds for for administrative facilities. There is some funding from general obligation bonds that we've already issued and we have earned interest and have some remaining proceeds and there was some from fire excise tax cash balances, all for a total of \$17.3 million, and that has been built into the budget as a request if you approve this today.

The only other item, and we're not asking for a decision on this today, but I just put it on the table because we need to do something, is Mt. Chalchihuitl. We currently have \$1.5 million to acquire two parcels. It's actually three parcels, but the Glocloff property and the Aitkin property, as well as do environmental cleanup. And as you know, the environmental cleanup estimate just keeps going up and there are concerns with contamination in groundwater as well as down the arroyos from the slag piles that have been left on Mt. Chal. It was the County's intent to purchase the Aitken property, use it for remediation of those tailings. We're moving those tailings off of the Glocloff property, into the old gravel pit that was on the Aitken property, and then to cap it.

But we have not been successful. We have made offers. We have done appraisals,

mineral appraisals. We've made offers. We have not been able to come to any kind of agreement with Mr. Aitken for any reasonable price on his property. Additionally, we had a purchase agreement with Glocloff and had conditions in that purchase agreement that needed to be met and the sellers were unable to meet those conditions so that purchase agreement expired.

We're not saying we should totally give up on this but we have been sitting on money for this project for probably close to 20 years and we have been working – I can't tell you how many iterations we have tried in order to acquire these two properties and continue to meet with what feels like insurmountable issues.

One thing that we would like to Board to consider, and like I said, not for today and that's why it's on here for questions, and it's also in the presentation not included as a request that we're asking you to approve. It's not included in that \$17.3 million, but we did want to make you aware that Thornton Ranch is getting closer to design completion. It's in the same area, and we estimate that we're short by about \$1.5 million on that project and one of the things we could do, if the Board so chose, was to move the \$1.5 million. Maybe leave a little bit in Mt. Chal for still continuing some testing work, some more remediation work on our Cerrillos Hills property that we own, because that's a problem. It's going downstream, down the arroyos and contaminating the property we already own. But to leave some money in there to address some cleanup and mitigation on properties that we own as well as some continued studies, but then to move the bulk of that funding to Thornton Ranch so we could move on with construction of making Thornton Ranch accessible to the public, a portion of it.

So I just put that out there for thought. I wanted to let the Board know that was something we were considering bringing to you so I know there's a lot of resistance to that relative to Mt. Chal, but the problem is this money is old money and we haven't been able to move it.

So with that I will stop talking and stand for questions.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you Manager Miller. I'll start going to the Commissioners. Commissioner Garcia, you'd like to go first?

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Actually, I'll go last.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Last it is. Commissioner Hamilton, did you have any comments?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: First of all, just in general, this list looks really good. It's well thought out and there are a lot of things here – not to go line by line – there are a lot of things that we need to complete that are very important that we have had trouble getting to and I think it's amazing that with as difficult, as challenging as budgeting is right now, that we can pull this number of projects out I think is very commendable.

One thing, one point, I think we had also some consideration of the long-term water planning, the 40-year planning that's being considered in conjunction with the City. I don't think that's a big amount of funding. I'm not even sure – but it was on the capital list at one point. Is that not true?

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Hamilton, you're not seeing things. It was on a version of potential bond projects but I don't think that that's something that we can fund with general obligation bonds, because it has to be

capitalized, but what – I spoke to John Dupuis. He has some savings on a different project of about \$100,000 and we think that we could – if the City comes up with some funding for their portion of it, that would be an area we could start. So we didn't completely wipe it out. I'm not even sure I can use capital outlay. I think we'll have to use some – because if it being a plan. If you can't capitalize it you can't use capital outlay GRT and you can't use general obligation bonds, so we were looking at – he thinks he'll have some of his utility funding left over on another project that we could – about \$100,000 that would get us started.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Excellent. I appreciate it. It's nice to know I wasn't missing the boat and yet what you're saying about it not belonging in capital actually makes sense. So if we're not dropping that from consideration we could have some ongoing discussion in the Commission that would be great. And I don't know if you're looking, Manager Miller and Mr. Chair, for comments on the last two questions.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Yes. Absolutely. If you have those questions go ahead.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Well, there are a couple of comments. One is I have tremendous concerns about the – as obviously you do, Manager Miller. You've been tracking this really closely – about the environmental remediation, because it's a really important thing to do and it's also a black hole. And so when I couple that with knowing that we have not been able to move on this for so long, the idea of moving the money to another project that has also been languishing because of a little bit of funding over multiple years so the project's not finished, to consider moving it to Thornton Ranch without necessarily giving up on the Mt. Chal issue I think holds some potential merit. And I would like to see us have more discussion on that. So I think I'll leave it at that; I think it's worth discussing. So thank you, Mr. Chair.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Hansen, go ahead.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you very much. I think this is a really good list of many, many projects that need attention. I, as you well know, at least the Commission knows, I do support the northeast connector. I just worry about taking money from District 2 to put into District 5. But I know that in the future, if the City ever can get it together to do West Alameda, which I do consider an important road also that needs serious attention. So I don't want that to get lost. A lot of my constituents continually complain about West Alameda and I send them to the City.

So I think it's a good overall project. I have not seen the continuation of the Agua Fria sewer project. I've only seen on the other pages the completion of the \$1.2 million that we have so I don't know if that's going to take us through 2022, but I haven't seen it on any of the other lists, even the unfunded list. So I'm wondering if it belongs here to be something to be considered under utilities, and –

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Hansen, I could address that for you if you'd like.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Okay.

MANAGER MILLER: So that project – by the time we have our next BCC meeting I wanted to have a list of – and this is so difficult because I'm trying to show you the big picture but I have to do it in different buckets and different timeframes. One of the things we were going to do if COVID-19 had not happened is I would have

been bringing forward to you a list of \$40 million worth of projects for 2020 bond questions, not \$20 million. And in my next presentation you'll see that. And what I've worked with our financial advisor is what if we did \$20 million now and a \$20 million question in 2022? What would that do to our bond rating, and would it be more palatable for getting public support.

Our typical way of doing our bonds, if we go out every four years, but our goal is to always have a steady debt service on our property tax so that it doesn't spike up or down. And we are – what we go out for questions with is to keep a certain debt service, and I'll show it to you in the next presentation. But the point is that if we have a drop in property values due to COVID-19, if we went out with \$40 million right now we would have an increase in our property tax rate. If we do \$20 million and we have a drop we then have the opportunity in two years to say, well, do we want to ask for maybe only \$10 million, or something else, or is it okay, is the environment better? We see the property values popped back up.

But what we typically would do is go to the voters for \$40 million and we wouldn't do all \$40 million right after the election. We don't sell those bonds right away. It's authorization that stays in place for four or five years. So we do about half the year after the election and about two years later we do the other half. Or we might even spread it out over five years and three different issues. But what we're recommending is just doing \$20 million, one, because I'm not really sure how the voters feel about voting for bonds with the economy the way that it is. So we don't want to push that tolerance. We've always had strong support for our bond questions, particularly water, wastewater, and open space. They've passed 65 percent, 72 percent and higher.

So I'm hoping that by scaling it back to \$20 million right now and waiting and doing a question in 2022 for another \$20 million, our constituents will support that because they'll see that we're being responsive to the current economic environment and we're being responsible with getting our projects done and keeping people employed in the construction world, as well as stimulating the economy and keeping things moving.

If we go out with \$40 million I couldn't issue all that right away anyway, nor would your project in particular be ready for several years for additional funding. So the thought was that that would be a good question for 2022. That would be a good project to keep in the 2022 question. And the reasoning is that right now we currently have about \$1.9 million, almost \$2 million, built into the FY2021 budget for that, and we only have design for seven streets with an estimated cost of \$1.26 million.

Out of those seven streets we only have three that we could actually move forward on. We have turnaround issues. The City – as you know, we're going to build the sewer but then it's going to be turned over to the City. The City's requirements are that they can get down those streets and turn around. We can't. There's no room in some of them, so we need to negotiate a different turnaround process for their staff and know that they would accept that in the design, and we still have four streets just out of the project that we currently have, that we need to complete the design and agreement with the City that's it okay to move forward. And we're still to acquire easements I think on four of those out of the seven.

So we're not ready to move forward in construction with what we currently have funding for and probably won't be spending all of that for another two to three years

anyway. So that was why, rather than put more money in the bank and sit on it, we really have to get those state appropriations spent and we want to focus on getting that phase done, and then designing the next phase, and then add the money for the construction of that phase when we have the design bit done, which we would hope would be 2022, but as you know, acquiring easements, negotiating these things with other governmental entities is difficult and so it might not even be ready till the 2024 bond question. But that's the reality of that project. It's the same as the Cañoncito. I think the first bond that was in was 2008 and we're still pumping money into it to get it done.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: So that's how I see it also. I just want to also mention though on roads in my district, there are a number of roads that do need attention. The Caja del Oro Grant Road, and I don't know if that's still in later. Fin del Sendero could use some attention. I just feel like District 2 is not very well represented at the moment.

As far as Mt. Chal goes, this is a very difficult situation because we all recognize how important this landmark and historic mine is but at the same time I am well aware of how expensive cleanup and remediation is from all of the work that I have done with LANL on the cleanup of Los Alamos and the legacy waste. Not that this is legacy waste but it's still toxic waste and cleanup is incredibly, incredibly expensive. I am wondering, has Mt. Chal ever been designated a superfund site? Because it seems to me that we need way more money than the County has to clean up this area. I don't know how that would work. I don't know what kind of money we could get from NMED and how much they would participate in oversight and cleanup of this area which I think is definitely necessary. But to burden this all on the County is not proper since the County didn't make the mess and of course it's too late to have the people who did make the mess clean it up. We're still up in Los Alamos, still trying to get the labs to pay for cleanup.

So I recognize how expensive cleanup is. And it's necessary. It's necessary for the park down below. It's also – Thornton Ranch is incredibly beautiful. I would like to see that be made available to the public. I think that would be a great gift to the citizens of Santa Fe County. It is a beautiful place for people to experience. They could actually see Mt. Chal from Thornton Ranch. They can't visit it, but until there's a huge amount of money required for cleanup I don't see how we can do that. I recognize all the constituents who care deeply about this project and care deeply about the Cerrillos Park, and access to that. But we need, I think, federal money, state money, to really undertake this and the fact that we have not been able to over years and years and years and years of negotiating a fair and reasonable price with the landowners, it puts us even in a more difficult position.

We do own the Mt. Chal property and I think that is a great thing and I hope that we can at some point find a way to get money for cleanup and actually negotiate with these people. But in the meantime, if we can't, I think it would be a great gift to the citizens of Santa Fe County to be able to access Thornton Ranch. So with that I'll leave. Those are my comments for the moment. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen, and I did see Commissioner Hamilton with her hand up. I did have a quick follow-up question for staff. And I know Commissioner Hansen had mentioned that there wasn't as many road projects in her district. And I know that I've asked the question before in the past to staff.

I believe that they go by how many County roads are in each district, and of course some districts have a lot more County roads than other districts, so I think that's kind of how they base the projects on the different areas, just based off of how many County roads we actually own in the district. But I don't know if there's anybody from staff, either Diego or Gary that could maybe clarify that because I know that sometimes it may appear that way but I think it's because of the amount of County roads that we have in each district.

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, first of all, District 1 and District 3 have the most County road miles. We don't make recommendations on projects based upon evenly splitting money. It's impossible. It's impossible. To evenly split up the capital projects each year at the same amount in each district. You have a road the northeast-southeast connector, you're going to have that in our growth area. That's going to be in District 5 because that's our growth area. You're also going to have District 3 – I think District 3 alone has more road miles than all the other four combined. I'm probably wrong, but it's a lot more.

So this is always a challenge. The recommendations out of Public Works relative to projects that are on this list go to – first of all, on this list, roads that are ready or projects that already had money to them. I can't add new ones if I can't finish the ones that we already have funding for. That's first and foremost. Can we please finish what we've already allocated funding for? And secondly, it goes to – so one year what you might find – like the River Trail. There's nothing like that in District 4. So open space, when we do the River Trail, and if we added all that up you'd have way more open space and trails in District 2 than you would in District 4 because the Rail Trail just slightly skirts through District 4; it's predominantly in District 5. And we really don't have much in the way of open space projects in District 4.

We also don't have community centers in District 4. We don't have – we have one senior center that's shared with District 4 and District 5 in Eldorado, but we don't have a roping arena in District 1. So you have to understand that allocating funding by district is almost impossible, because it would be ridiculous for us to have the exact same amount in each district. The focus is on what projects are needed. In this particular list, it's what have we already funded that needs additional funding in order to complete it?

The next list is about roads, water, wastewater, open space – logically, what's the next project. And can we spend the money quickly? To make a project just to have it all spread out evenly doesn't make sense because the next bond issue in 2022 or 2024 will be lopsided to another district. That's just the way it goes. You have to kind of look over ten years, twenty years – does it spread out what we'd invested in infrastructure and projects throughout the county? And I think we do. I think we do a really good job of that, trying to focus on something for every district at the time that that district is ready for it. And from a [inaudible] perspective, they don't necessarily sit there and look at it from a district perspective. They're looking at it from what's the greatest need next. So what road is in the worst condition, and really needs addressing because it's a public safety hazard from a flooding perspective. Or it's just completely falling apart.

Yes, we take into consideration your requests. The Lopez Lane sidewalk – that wasn't even on the radar screen two years ago. So that's a project that has completely come in from a Commission request. It is not one that came from staff, let's bring it up because it's seen as an asset that we have that's falling apart and needs replacing. Or it's

a flooding issue.

So all of it is – it’s an art, not a science to put this list together for you. We do the best we can at trying to make it equitable across districts, but it also is driven by growth area. Those roads are going to be way more expensive because they’re a bigger piece of infrastructure in our growth area, in the Community College District, than a little country road south of Eldorado or possibly up in District 1. We will do what we can to try to adjust, based upon your priorities, but it’s impossible for us to get every project that each one of you want every year. It’s not possible. So I say that because you’ll see that we have tried to hit every district with something that we know we can move forward in the next couple of years.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you for that clarification, Manager Miller, and I know that staff does a great job doing this. I think all of the Commissioners know that there’s a great need and many wants and needs in the communities and I think that staff does a great job making a determination on which projects will give us the biggest bang for our buck and making sure that we have a method that we’re using to serve our constituents. I know that sometimes it may appear that there’s not as many projects in one district as another, but I think staff does a great job identifying where the bigger needs are and things of that nature. And it’s not an easy job. Like you say, it’s something that they have to put together and that you as the County Manager works on that so I do appreciate the hard work and I appreciate the explanation, because it’s good to put that on the record for our constituents for their edification as well and so that they can understand the situation that the County faces. So thank you for doing that.

I was going to go to Commissioner Hamilton, and then I’ll come back to you, Commissioner Hansen. Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair. So first of all, I think – I really appreciate the approach that Manager Miller just expressed. I think it has served us well. It balances across districts based on some real need, and it does – we do have to look – I agree completely, averaging over time where you’re balancing immediate needs. And I think in this case, one of the important points is this list represents things, the projects that have other funding that are partly underway that could be completed with this additional funding, which to me is the exact correct focus at this particular time.

When I raised my hand it was to add a thought to Commissioner Hansen’s comment about the idea that perhaps it should be a superfund site. That is something that is truly worth pursuing. That might be something the state needs to pursue federally, because when something gets designated as a superfund site it brings federal dollars. It makes those available for cleanup. And the reason, part of the rationale for that is that it’s not typically – those things are typically so expensive that it’s not something that a local government can afford on it one when “responsible parties” are no longer in existence or available. There’s no deep – there’s no private deep pocket to go after.

And so that’s probably a really, really good idea. Having said that I think it also emphasize the converse, which is that we have to have more discussion about the potential of acquiring – making further acquisitions with respect to this site if it qualifies as a superfund site. Because as soon as you buy it – you know, you break it, you buy it. It’s the reverse of that. We buy it, we’re responsible for it. And to be able to afford to do

a remediation, contributing to it, the County is trying to be responsible and has done some stuff that is really commendable and we should keep after it, but to take on that responsibility at this point when there's probably a more rational approach, which would be federal funding to do this cleanup through superfund, I think we really need to think about this. I think we really need to think about this. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hamilton, and I'm going to go to all the rest of the Commissioners so I don't keep anybody waiting, but I'm going to go to Commissioner Moreno. Did you have a comment, sir, or question?

COMMISSIONER MORENO: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'm in accord with Mt. Chal. This is the issue. Is it – what is the situation there in that area? I'm not sure how dangerous is it now? Is it leaking? Is there danger for runoff? I think an assessment of that situation would be a good start if we're wanting to do something. And then with an assessment of the risk and the money, obviously, would be a factor. I'd like to see something like how dangerous is it. That's one.

We have five Commissioners and with five people, nobody's going to get everything that they want. And in my four years on this Board I think we have been collegial. We have been mindful of how much money is enough and we back off when we don't have the money. And so with good minds with the project we can always figure it out. I don't have any compunction to rely on my colleagues to work with everybody to come up with the best available solution for any problem. So that's my overall take on this situation and this discussion.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Moreno. Well said, sir. We appreciate your comments. Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Where do I start? In regards to the bond, I know we're going to be going forward for a bond here before we know it, because time is just flying by, right? We all know that. I think as Manager Miller mentioned, the voters of Santa Fe County, City and County, have actually been very generous to our bonds in the past years for those of us who've been there for a while. Look at the Santa Fe Public Schools. We actually passed a bond during a hard time and we actually explained to the voter what we were going to do with our tech bond and actually we did that. We actually did the entire tech. Ninety-seven percent of every student in the district had a laptop because the voters voted for that bond, that the schools actually approved that we were going to get done.

And so as we've done, and so we need to do better, I feel, is that whenever we go out for a bond we need to guarantee the taxpayers what projects we're going there for. And that's what we're doing with this great list that we're going through and very well vetted out. And as we move forward in the next four more months, 120 days, of what we're going to put that bond question out and depending what the County Commission votes on, the \$20 million or the \$40 million, as Manager Miller will guide us through that because she has excellent experience and does a great job in how we get through the bonding process.

Mt. Chal, as we all know, and we all need to consider, that was on the list in 2012 that the voters voted for to get done. Why it's taken a little while? Good question. I know in the past we actually have had staff working on Mt. Chal and everybody – maybe I'm just thinking a little bit to this but everybody's assuming it's dirty. Everybody's

assuming, assuming, assuming, assuming. I actually as a Commissioner from that district, I want to sit down and go through those files and say what is happening there? Because every different staff is assuming this, we're assuming this, we're going to do this, we're going to clean it up. Let's do a superfund. I get it. I understand it. But as that being part of my district I actually want to sit down with staff. That since has since then left. She's actually willing to talk with us if we have any questions.

I know in the last passing years we have different governors, administration. Probably we couldn't get a definite answer out of that department but maybe now we can. So I understand the whole issue of Mt. Chal, so I just – I appreciate Manager Miller keeping it on the list and I guess I need to go sit down with my constituents and say here's the evidence for – I understand the over-appraisal on Akin's property so maybe we could just go one more time and say, here you go. Here it is, and now's the time to go down. We got to get out We've got to move. We can't sit there for another 20 years with that money sitting there. I understand that, Mt. Chal.

Possibly, Thornton Ranch, I guess I'm a little confused with Thornton Ranch. Not confused. I get it. I understand the whole thing, but when Tony was here we were ready to open it. We had a 90-day opportunity to open that Thornton Ranch and the last few things we had to do was we would meet with the Native Americans and it was going to be open. We had a plan. Now, Ten more million dollars – where did that come from? I don't know. I get a little challenged I guess. I'm just kind of venting a bit. But I just –

Just another couple things. Our Public Safety facility. I know there's a move nationwide to defund police departments throughout the nation. Maybe if they can explain to me in detail what defunding means, or a different way or route, may I can understand, but I don't see how we're going to defund our Sheriff's Department. So we need to move forward on the Public Safety building as we're trying, we're doing it. The RECC. I see sometimes when I can't sleep sometimes I actually look at – what's it called? Live PD. Cops. These guys, I've seen in the control room. Or women. They're going from Tulsa, Oklahoma. Let's go to Illinois. These nice beautiful big screen facility room, and like I just hopefully wish that RECC someday could someday have those great big computer screens. Like that one right there? Really nice.

So I hope we just move forward because we're going to be asking for another bond and we have some of these projects that have been on the bonds still. And I understand that we're working with Manager Miller and we're getting our departments, the ball rolling again and I just wanted to caution Mt. Chal. Commissioner Hamilton, you have the expertise in EPA stuff and maybe we can sit down and talk about what we can or cannot do or what we should or shouldn't do. I'm just kind of voicing my opinion here.

But I get it. Great list. It's very detailed. I appreciate that. Every single fund, almost every single project here is underfunded. One of the other concerns I have, Manager Miller, just as you had mentioned, in regards the DA's office, we're actually waiting for the architect to come in with the new budget and with all due respect to the architects out there, I just feel that maybe we should hold their hands and their feet to the fire. We want you to design a \$10 million facility. You're stopping at \$10 million.

As we know, as we dealt with the new complex, the \$29 million administration administration and the old courthouse, \$29 million on time, within budget, thanks to the

staff, we're doing that, and the Manager, obviously. So those are the comments I have, Mr. Chair, but once again, thank you staff, Manager Miller. I know it's Santa Fe County, whenever you go to the state legislature, we have a lot of stuff going on. Tons of stuff going on.

And we're not like these other smaller counties but I know we're like – we've got a lot of stuff going on in roads. Every single road in every single district needs maintenance. No matter, even if they just paved it four years ago. That, as Diego knows, that road will need maintenance every four years. You've got to chip seal it. You've got to fog coat. We've got to do all that stuff that's required, as the Highway Department does on 599 every two years. Right?

So it's just a matter of time as to how we get there. I know Manager Miller is putting her team together and we've just got to have a little bit of patience and we'll move forward. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia.

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Manager Miller, go ahead and address some of Commissioner Garcia's concerns.

MANAGER MILLER: Sure. So I think one of the issues with Mt. Chal that makes Mt. Chal so difficult, it really is – we're not – counties aren't responsible for remediation of old mine sites. That's a state requirement. And I think that when the state realized the County was willing to by this, it was like, okay, we don't have to do anything here. They just – exactly, Commissioner Hamilton. Okay, now it's the County's problem; it's not our problem. And so we're not getting any help from the entity that's really responsible for enforcing cleanup of that property. And unfortunately, what's happening, and this is to Commissioner Moreno's comments, we have done some studies of what is happening and we're going to get a report, I hope.

But yes, some of those piles of tailings, yes, it's draining into the arroyo and it's moving on down to our Cerrillos Hills property that we own. And frankly, somebody else should be cleaning that up, not us. We shouldn't be taking on – if it's a superfund site. I mean, think about it. Do we really want to purchase a superfund site? I don't know what the bottom of the pit is relative to cleaning that site up, but what I can tell you is it's not because we haven't tried to acquire those properties. As I said, staff has been working on it. Staff has tried every which way. We have had actual purchase agreements in place that had conditions for the seller to meet. They didn't meet them. We've made offers, frankly above what I think the property is worth for the Akin property. They've been rejected.

The budget we have in no way is sufficient to purchase both properties and clean that property up. But we're not getting anywhere with Mr. Akin in the purchase of the land. He wants too much for it, and there's issues with the actual property that has the mine. But what we do know is we want to protect the property we already own, and that's Cerrillos Hills. So we should focus on making sure we have some kind of cleanup in the arroyos where that contamination is draining to.

I don't know what the ultimate answer is with Mt. Chal, but we certainly can't do it on our own. And I don't know if there's a way to really push the state to help us, the federal government, but I don't think it's something that just continuing to throw general obligation bond money at, I still don't think we're going to get where we need to be. And

I also don't know what the Board of County Commissioners is willing to do relative to acquiring the Aitken property. Because the only way that we can get access to it as well is through the Aitken property. The cleanup we had planned is on the Akin property.

So if the Board wants us to throw away what we've been working on and try some other completely different approach we could try that but I can tell you we tried just about every approach I can think of relative to acquiring the Akin property and that is the access to the Glocloff property where the mines are and the tailing piles are.

So this is obviously a discussion I think for executive session relative to property acquisition, but I just want it to be known, it's not a matter of we haven't been trying. We've been trying for 20 years and we'll be happy to sit down with Commissioner Garcia in particular and give you the list of every iteration we have tried. I think that would be helpful. I think we could also present that to the community so that they understand. And I think a lot of the community members do know. It's not a matter of we haven't communicated a lot of our problems, but because it's been over such a long timeframe, memories are short and maybe one big long list of everything that we've done over the years would be helpful.

And I know that Colleen isn't with the County anymore but I think she'd be willing to help put that list together. If we put something together she'd probably be willing to take a look at it and say, yes, you missed this or this or that. So we could do that. And I think that's something that would be really useful for Commissioner Garcia, for the community, and for the Board as a whole.

So we'll do that on Mt. Chal. Relative to Thornton Ranch, we have never been ready to open Thornton Ranch. I think what Commissioner Garcia – what you might be thinking of is we had to do the management plan, and that required us to collaborate with 160 some tribes. And so we spent a great deal of time collaborating with all the tribal entities in order to finish the management plan. Once we had the management plan approved by the Board then we went into designing, and that's where we are right now is in design of a part – and Thornton Ranch is hundreds of acres. Hundreds of acres. And we're not even anywhere close to being able to access on a regular basis the petroglyphs.

What we have done and what we did do is we did individual tours. We had people sign up for tours. So we did do some tours of the petroglyphs. But what we're talking about is below the petroglyphs, opening up an area for access and building some trails for people to ride horses on or a mountain bike or hike on and having access there. And that's the project that we put some money to. It's not completely designed yet. We do know they need to scale back some of the stuff. But one of the things that the Board really, really pushed us over the last ten years is to make some of these open space properties accessible to the public, that we didn't buy them just to preserve them. We bought them also to have some public access. And that's something we'd like to try to do. We heard that loud and clear several years ago from a former Board of County Commissioners and that's what we've been trying to do.

So that was the reason for that potential reallocation of funding was to try to accomplish that on Thornton Ranch. And as I said, we're not asking for that today. What we are asking for today is approval of the funding allocations above the line on that spreadsheet.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you for the clarification, Manager Miller.

I did see Commissioner Hansen had her hand up and so did Commissioner Hamilton. So I'm going to go back to Commissioner Hansen. If we could kind of keep our comments as brief as possible. I know that we've been on this subject for a while, unless it's something that is really important for the Board to hear.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. So I know we've been on this one topic and we haven't even made it to the bond recommendations, but do you want a motion now, Manager Miller?

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, that's great if you're willing to vote on this now. If you want to wait until after the bond one, but I would like a motion, a decision –

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Okay. I'm willing to make a motion to approve the CIP recommendation on non-bond capital FY21.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. We have a motion from Commissioner Hansen and I believe I saw possibly a second from Commissioner Hamilton, but you're on mute.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Okay, yes. I seconded that.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay so we have a motion and a second. Under discussion, is there any other discussion from the Board? Okay, hearing none, we're going to go to a roll call vote.

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

2. C. Presentation Concerning Potential General Obligation Bond Questions and Projects

MANAGER MILLER: Thank you. I think, Daniel, can you bring up that presentation from RBC, and then we'll go to the spreadsheet after this. I'm going to try to do this pretty quickly. It's a power point.

MR. SHAFFER: Daniel, it's the item, if I could, Mr. Chair, relative to GO bond projects and it is the financial plan or finance plan update.

MANAGER MILLER: So at the beginning of June I had a meeting with our financial advisor and I apologize – at this meeting he was going to be available for the study session last week and as you know, I was out so I didn't get with him to reschedule him for this week. But the basic gist of it, what I asked him to do is show us what is happening with our property values, show us what our debt service looks like and show us how much to keep our current debt service rate how much would we be able to issue in general obligation bonds.

We started that discussion well before the COVID-19 and based on the historical value of our property you can see that we've been steadily increasing – our Assessor and his staff have been doing our valuation and you can see the last five years percent change, year over year in our assessed value. This past year, for 2019, our assessed value actually jumped five percent, so that gives you a pretty good increase in property value to spread the debt service over.

So I was pretty surprised when he came back and said that he thought we would be able to issue \$40 million worth of general obligation bonds, or ask the voters, I should say, for \$40 million of authorization and issue \$40 million over the next four years in

bonds without changing our debt service rate. And that's the highest – typically, we're in the \$20 to \$30 million range but because our valuation over the last five years has gone up about a billion dollars, that's a lot more of value to spread that debt over.

So you can see that this is just Santa Fe County's rates. We don't control any of the state debt service or the city's or the school district's. They're all individual. But when you look at your property tax bill, when you see County operational and County debt service, these are the rates that we have across the Board. Our operational, we have all 11.85 mills in place but due to such high values of property it actually only comes out to 5.799 on a residential operational rate. So that's \$5.80 per thousand taxable value.

And our debt service is 2.12. Now, it went up in 2017 from 1.97 to 2.12 because the Commission at that time conscientiously made the decision to put an extra question on the ballot, and that was the \$5 million for health facilities which covered the \$3 million to the Edgewood health facility and \$2 million to the behavioral health facility. So that jump that you see between 2016 and 2017 was a conscientious decision by the Board to put an additional question. We would have had just \$30 million worth of questions to keep that 1.97 rate – 1.97, 1.98 is that it has been around for five years. But they actually consciously put the additional question for \$5 million and the voters resoundingly voted yes for that. We put out to the public, it would, if you vote for all four questions – that's roads, water/wastewater, open space, and health facilities – would raise your property taxes by about 15 cents per thousand, and they voted yes. So that's why you see that increase there.

But we built the debt service to try to keep it around 2.12 and in order to do that going forward, with the outstanding debt that we have, this is all the general obligation bonds that we currently have outstanding. Most of it is not – there's a little bit that's callable, but not a lot, in the ability to call it right now and refinance it now. But our total amount outstanding is about \$120 million.

You can see we can't call anything till July 2021. You can see that. So where we have our Series 2011, we have \$6.7 million still outstanding. \$4.7 million is callable but not until next year. And then the next one after that isn't until 2022.

This is the actual debt service schedule. It shows you every one of our bonds, what we pay, and this will be relevant when you see the budget presentation later. In our total budget we have all of this debt service, our total debt service in general obligation due on October 30, 2020. It's going to be \$14.9 million almost. And that just gives you an idea of what we currently have outstanding and the schedule for payment of it.

So this gives you what we've done in the past. The last time we went to the voters was in 2016. As I said, we did \$35 million. We were going to only do \$30 million in order to keep that 1.97, 1.98 rate but we added the \$5 million for the two health facilities. That made our current debt service tax rate 2.12 mills. Out of that – as I said, we don't always sell all \$35 million right of way. What we did – the voters approved it in November 2016, \$35 million. So we sold \$22 million of that in the beginning of 2017, and then we sold the remainder in 2018.

So that puts us – and then you saw in that list, that list of all of our current projects that are fully funded or partially funded, quite a few of them are in that 2016 bond issue. So that means right now, our next election that is scheduled and we usually go every four years. This would be a departure if we go two years, but I'll give you a

little info on that. But our next GO bond election would be scheduled for November 2020, and we could have an election for up to \$40 million to be sold over the next four years. That would maintain our historical rate of 2.12.

The next election, and this is if we assume a three percent growth in assessed values. So on that first slide that I showed you, you can see that we probably averaged about three percent but it's not three percent per year. It was like 1, 1.7, 2, 5, so we do an average growth of three percent per year in our projections in order to try to maintain that 2.12. If we did \$40 million now, and we continued to have increases of three percent per year for the next four years then in 2024 you could likely have another \$40 million or \$44 million. That would maintain the 2.12 mills. But that as we said, assumes a three percent growth in assessed value.

If assessed value exceeds the three percent, in 2024 you'd be able to do more than \$40 million and still maintain that 2.12, but if the future average growth is below three percent then our capacity would be lower in order to maintain the 2.12. It has been our policy for probably close to 20 years to try to maintain a steady debt service rate. It used to be we didn't have a plan. We didn't issue debt with any particular type of policy in mind and our rate would jump up and down based upon values and based upon the questions. But we have consistently – I'll say 18 years, that we have consistently targeted having a flat rate, and if we've decided to do something different it was conscientious and taken to the voters with that information provided.

So this just gives you what our total bonding capacity is. This is set in statute. Actually it might even be partially constitutional, but we're allowed to have four percent of assessed value, which is \$284 million if you take our value today, it's \$7.5 billion in residential and non-residential, and that gives us – four percent is \$284, \$285 million of debt. As you saw, we have outstanding debt of \$119 or almost \$120 million, which give us a remaining capacity of \$166 million.

What we try to do is keep that debt service rate. On most of our bonds we typically pay them off in ten to twenty years. Our debt service repayment has been anywhere from ten to twenty years. We have not gone out any longer than twenty years.

So this is the information that drives – or this is the data that drives what I put forward to you on how do we size our bond question.

So as I said, you could, if you wanted as Board make a decision to go out for \$40 million in November. I personally think that the voters will be a little gun-shy to large questions like \$20 million for roads, \$10 million for open space and \$10 million for water and wastewater. Additionally, we don't have the staff capacity, as we started this whole conversation this morning, to do all \$40 million in the next couple years anyway. So maybe right now, where voter sentiment may not be as supportive of a large – even though taxes, all things stay the same; taxes wouldn't go up, they just may not be as supportive.

So I asked the financial advisor, give me a scenario if property values – if we did go out with \$40 million and property values went down next year or the year after, what would happen. So what he did is he said if you go out with \$40 million and we have our three percent growth every year, nothing changes, we would stay at 2.124. And that's based on three percent growth. And he gives you in this table, you can see it's 2.124 right now, and the expected rate if you went with \$40 million in 2020 and \$40 million in 2024

it would stay 2.124. But you see, it would have to continue to have assessed values grow at three percent per year, so we'd go from \$7.5 billion to \$8.465 billion in 2023.

If we have a blip because of the economy, and COVID-19 and possibly drop in commercial values because businesses go out of business, anything like that, and we wouldn't necessarily see that in 2021 valuation. You probably still might even see an increase in 2020 valuation, this year. But next year. If we saw a three percent decrease, just one year at a three percent decrease, and then a zero percent growth in 2022, and then we come back to our average three percent, you can see that what that would do is increase from 2.12 to 2.34 by the time we hit – so just to do what we typically would have planned, what we would have planned to issue, would create an increase for the taxpayer.

If you look at scenario 3, and we did \$20 million in 2020 and we had our growth in 2021 but we had a downturn in 2022 and no increase in 2023, and then start to grow again, you would have \$20 million in 2020 and \$35 million in 2024 without any increase. So what I asked him, and I don't have the scenario for you but he said essentially what you could do is \$20 million in 2020 and when we get to 2022, see what happened with property values. See what's happening with the economy. If at that point we didn't have a major dip in valuation, you could do \$20 million in 2022 and still maintain the 2.124, and then still have capacity for \$40 million in 2024.

So what my recommendation was and why we put forward to you \$20 million was it's a conservative approach to say, hey, let's not push it with the voters and then let's see what happens with the economy, with property values over the next two years, and decide in 2022 if we want to go out with another bond question. Or questions, I should say, and size it at that time, if you decide to do it, size it to a size that keeps the tax the same.

I asked him are there lots of entities – counties, cities, municipalities – that do questions every two years? And he said, yes. It's not uncommon. Sandoval County does their bond questions every two years instead of every four. Makes it a little more flexible for them and he says they have not had any problem having their bond elections approved by the voters, so there are other counties, and that was the one that does it most similarly sized to us on a regular basis that way. Others do it like we do, every four years.

There is some advantage. The state does their bond questions every four years. We're on the same schedule as them. That means that that ballot is pretty long with questions for bonds. This would actually put us – have some of our questions on the off years to the state questions. We're the last ones on the ballot, just so you know, when it comes to it. And I don't actually – I say we're the last ones on the ballot but I haven't seen one since we did all these consolidated elections either. So I have no idea how long that ballot is going to be with questions to the voters for any City GO bond, any school district GO bond, so that's something also we need to make sure we know.

So that's why the recommendation is what it is, is \$20 million this November and take a wait and see for November 2022. So with that I stand for questions about this financial plan.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you, Manager Miller. I'm going to go through the Board for questions. Commissioner Moreno, did you have questions, sir?

COMMISSIONER MORENO: I don't think I have much to add. I think

the Manager gave us a good thing to think on. I'm not sure where I would go. Ordinarily I'm in the middle of the road which would be a scenario to, but I'd like to hear the others' ideas.

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

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Manager Miller. I appreciate the overview. I think that in this situation that we're in with the COVID-19, I think it is a wise and prudent way to bond and go for \$20 million and maybe \$20 million in 2022. I think that it's important that what we have on the bond question and I know that this community continually supports open space and continually supports roads and sewers and utilities and so those are important things that residents care about. And with the capacity that we have I think that it is the correct approach. So those are my comments and thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you Commissioner Hansen. Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: This analysis is just spot-on. It's really strong information, exactly what we need. I strongly support the concept of going with scenario 3. In ecological risk assessment that's called bet-hedging and that's self-explanatory. The idea of being conservative now to see how things trend in the next could of years under the circumstances is the smartest thing to do. We retain options but given the potential of further economic downturns, because we all know how things are trending now and there is a lot of discussion of things getting better and as soon as nationwide things started to open, things are not getting better. We have not seen all the economic fallout from that. The potential of having some real estate to those – property value impacts over the next two years is a real risk. Whether it happens or not – hopefully it doesn't, but this gives us options and we maintain our options by going with the \$20 million this year. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you for your feedback, Commissioner Hamilton. Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Great presentation, Manager Miller, like the other Commissioner said, spot-on. Can't get any more detail than this. Katherine and I have worked together for many years and I'd just like to give her and basically a lot of the individuals that work in the County, that we're during this crisis that's happening worldwide, we're actually very fortunate to have Katherine because – her and I sometimes talk about being very conservative, very, very conservative, but in times like these likely all of our employees don't get furloughs. They're still working. They're still on the payroll and thank you, Manager Miller for that. I'd also like to thank the County Assessor because without the tax assessor the valuation of him and his team going out there and getting valuation for all these properties obviously will be where we are.

I also agree with option 3 as I think someone has stated, but I just wanted to mention that for the record. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia. And I would ditto the comments of my fellow Commissioners. I think this was a great presentation and I again thank Manager Miller and staff for all their hard work. If there's not any other

questions – I'll ask one more time of the Board, did you have any other questions or comments from the Board?

MANAGER MILLER: So Mr. Chair, what I'd like to do, and in the interests of time, if we could bring up the – Barbara, I think you were the one who had the GO bond things. I'll quickly explain this. This is not something that needs a decision today and I want to make sure – you guys have Housing and our regular meeting, so I'm just going to quickly explain this. We have the next couple of meetings. We don't have to determine our bond questions until – I'll get with our bond counsel, but the 28th of July and maybe even our first meeting in August to get them on the ballot. So we might have all the way till August 11th.

But what we did, and I misspoke. I forgot. In 2016 we actually did five questions and the voters approved all of them, and that's phenomenal. But we did water/wastewater, we did roads, open space, Public Safety facilities, and health facilities. Because we're scaling this back, and the ones we have traditionally done since probably 1998 is open space, roads and water and wastewater. So we're going back to our three staple project questions. And the questions have to be grouped. They have to be specific to the group of or projects that are in them. So we would recommend doing an open space question – open space, parks and trails question, roads question, and a water and wastewater question.

And what we put in here and what I'd like to do for our next meeting is actually give you what I think would be prime projects for the 2022. So that maybe we can have a good discussion about, well, is that appropriate to be in the 2020 or the 2022? And that might help with the dialogue on these so you can see we haven't forgotten some of your priority projects. So that Joey can do the final budget presentation I just want to put this list out there for you. It's been changing, as you can see. If you go down, Barbara, it changed a little bit where the yellow is, just since we sent it to you, because we got some feedback from you, Commissioner Hansen. They all kind of grouped into one thing, and I wasn't really sure why they were all in one thing. So it's really three different projects: Caja del Oro inlay is one project. You asked about making sure that Lopez Lane sidewalks, that the construction be funded, but it is going to take us a while to design it. All we have is preliminary, like three possibilities. But what we need to do is pick one and actually have it designed and find out how much it's really going to cost to acquire easements and build it. So that we have for 2022 a much better number to build into that question

Also Agua Fria inlay, that one is the additional funding that was needed for that and I believe that it was on as a local government road project, so some of that's already built into the budget.

Also in utilities, we had had, in our first iteration we had \$400,000 for the water plan and we had another one that's really not ready to put in the question. This is actually a project that is ready to go and so we took out the 40/80-year water plan and replaced that with the Romero Park and then the other project would go to 2022.

So I'm not going to go into all of these unless you specifically have a question. I'd like to just put this out here for you guys to look at, and then put it on the July 14 BCC meeting for a much longer discussion, as well as the July 28th before we would ask you to approve the questions, the dollar amounts for each question, and the projects that

would go in each question.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you for that information, Manager Miller. Is there any comments relative to the information that Manager Miller just provided to us? I'll go to Commissioner Hansen, questions or comments.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I want to thank Gary and Manager Miller. Thank you. I appreciate this. I think we can have more discussion on it. I recognize we only have 20 minutes before our next meeting and I know we all need to have something to eat and I think we can discuss this at a further time. So thank you very much.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen, and thank you for keeping it brief. You're right. We'll have another opportunity to voice our comments and concerns or any recommendations. Commissioner Garcia, do you have anything.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: No. Just really quick. I'll have some questions for staff but I can meet with them later. But item number 5 on this list, the old list, is Ripley property acquisition. It says District 3. What's that? Does anybody know?

MR. GIRON: Mr. Chair, Commissioner, Paul Olafson, are you on the line?

PAUL OLAFSON (Projects): Mr. Chair and Commissioners, the Ripley acquisition is a parcel that is an inholding within the Cerrillos Hills State Park and the park coalition has refused it as a donation and they would like to transfer it to the County and we have to do some of our due diligence to get the copy. So it's an acquisition, a donation, and just trying to do all the studies and title work, etc. to make it clean.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: I'll get with staff a little later, but thank you guys. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you Commissioner Garcia. So I'm going to go to Commissioner Hamilton. Do you have any questions? Comments?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: No. I really appreciate having this now and I assume we all should spend some time looking at this and getting with staff between now and the next meeting. But this is a very good start in my mind for a list. So thank you very much to Katherine and staff.

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

COMMISSIONER MORENO: As usual, a good presentation of the numbers. I appreciate all the work that goes into these presentations and thank you for being so diligent about that. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Moreno and thank you to all my fellow Commissioners and a big thank you to Manager Miller for the presentation and at least giving us a little summary so we will be able to get some questions ready for our next meeting and to look at approval for this request. Manager Miller, was that it or did you have any other comments?

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, I think that's it and then I believe we can do the last item I think that's on the agenda. I should know capital discussions always take a lot longer than we anticipate. So I appreciate all of your patience on that and all of your comments and feedback and approvals. So the only thing we have left was the direction on final budget, so if Joey can do that that would be great.

3. FY2021 Operating Budget

A. Presentation and Request for Direction on Final Budget for FY2021

JOEY ROWE (Budget Supervisor): Good afternoon, Chair Roybal, Commissioners. I'm here this afternoon to present to you requests for direction on the final budget for fiscal year 2021. We have a final budget presentation to recommend to you today. It totals \$333,770,899. That is almost \$30 million lower than the adopted budget that we have in the current fiscal year 2020. That's an 8.24 percent decrease over the previous fiscal year adopted budget.

Final direction for the fiscal year 2021 budget is needed to confirm the inclusion of any additional direction that the Board may have since we did the interim budget presentation on May 26th and also the direction we received June 9th during the regular BCC meeting. So the final budget can be prepared and approved by the BCC by resolution at a future meeting which would most likely be July 14th to submit to the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration by July 31st so that they can adopt the final budget, and because our fiscal year 2021 starts for the County tomorrow we have the rest of today in fiscal year 2020.

We did receive the approval of our interim budget from DFA, just as a side note.

Here are our final budget totals by fund. As you can see – I'm not going to go through every one in the interests of time this afternoon, but that information is there for you, totaling the \$333,770,899.

So what is in the final budget? I'm going to go through the main pieces of our operating budget for fiscal year 2021. We have recurring revenue in the amount of \$123,246,093, and then we will be using some budgeted cash to bridge that gap between our recurring revenue and recurring expenditures. So the budgeted cash amount that we'll be using is just over \$21,131,000. So the total resources now match the total expenditure amount of \$144,377,211, and I will at a later slide get into what using that budgeted cash means.

Here's our recurring revenue. This should be by source. Recurring revenue by source, totaling \$123 million. That was on the previous slide. So you can see – and I'll just briefly speak to the GRTs. We did put an overall reduction of about 30 percent in the GRT budget for fiscal year 2021 and we are starting to see that decrease already. We did receive June's distribution, which was collection from the month of April, and that was done 17.5 percent from the previous June's distribution. While hold harmless is actually up, the overall GRT collection and distribution was done.

And here is by department our different departments, the final expenditure budget for the recommendations totaling that \$144 million in the recurring budget, which is of course part of the overall budget.

Also in the final budget is personnel, of course. We have no new full-time equivalents so no new positions in the new budget. There's no cost of living adjustments, no merit increases. We actually spoke with mostly the Public Safety Department and were able to reduce some of the overtime budget by \$567,000 for fiscal year 2021 by using some different management practices. We do have the increase, as you know, to the health insurance on both the employer and the employee sides that are built into this budget. We have the hiring freeze that we have mentioned before. The hard hiring freeze

has a total of 75.5 positions in there that are frozen anywhere from two to six months. Most of them are frozen to six months, and that's going to eliminate approximately \$2 million from the departments' recurring budgets in the upcoming fiscal year. And I will also get into that a little bit more in later slides, and as additional information at the end you have the list of what those positions are.

So overall, the personnel budget is \$75,394,797 for all the County departments. Of that, the frozen positions total \$2,756,660 that are in a separate pot of money, if you will. So when those become unfrozen and the department is requesting those positions, those will be reviewed at that time and if the determination is made to fill those then we can move that money back into their operating budgets for that purpose.

So the hiring freeze information, here are the 75.5 positions by department. Now, these are just the hard freeze positions. We also have a soft freeze, if you will, going on where we would like each department to keep about a ten percent vacancy rate, and so in order to do that, that normally naturally happens anyway during the course of retirements or people leaving the positions. And so we're going to try to maintain that ten percent vacancy rate so that we can maintain a little bit more operating budget, just in case the revenues don't end up coming in like we're anticipating that they are.

So the hiring freeze information, if we did fully budget those positions, that would equate to about \$4.763 million and because we're only budgeting the partial year of \$2.7 million, those savings of \$2 million are in the general fund of almost a million and the other funds at just over a million. So it was kind of split 50-50 with the savings.

Also in the final budget are capital dollars in the amount of \$110,394,405. This includes all the fixed assets that we had presented to you previously and also the capital projects. And although we did include those fixed assets in the budgets for fiscal year 2021 that you had seen and approved previously, we are going to be delaying purchases in specifically the general fund but all funds where we have fixed assets budgeted until we can determine that our revenues are coming in and we are seeing those materializing at the expected rates. And as per County policy, if there's any fixed asset that is a vehicle or vehicle-related, that will still have to continue to go through the VURB for approval and review.

Also included in this budget is almost \$25 million in debt service. Our outstanding GO bonds total \$119,705,000, and our outstanding revenue bonds total \$94,165,000. Transfers between funds total \$63,627,712, and of those, most of that is typically going to be from the general fund at almost \$41 million, and then also debt service at over \$10 million, and to and from special revenue funds at \$12.2 million.

I do have an additional slide at the end as well that has all of that detailed out as exactly what is transferring out. So the budgeted cash I had mentioned earlier, we were using the \$21 million to bridge that gap for recurring revenues to recurring expenditures. And this is typical. Each year the BCC adopts a balanced budget where the anticipated revenues match the anticipated or estimated expenditures. And the revenues often will come in higher than anticipated because of our conservative budgeting that we do, and the budgeted expenditure amounts, typically we don't exhaust those full budgets. And so that leaves a cash balance at the end which falls to the bottom that we can then use in future years. So the budgeted cash proposed to be used in fiscal year 2021 was actually generated in fiscal year 2020 and these fund balances or the cash balances, this \$21

million that I'm talking about with balancing recurring to recurring is actually – it's not part of the County reserves and it is money that we had realize this year, the revenues, and also from those departments, when we were doing all those budget cuts, as you recall, the departments had committed to leaving funds in their fund balances so that by the end of the year we were able to help bridge that gap for next year and that's realizing that.

Also, as part of this budgeted cash, we have our capital projects and fixed assets. That's the bulk of what we're using budgeted cash for which is carrying forward from the current year. That totals almost \$96 million.

MANAGER MILLER: Excuse me. Joey, I just want to interject here. Yes, we typically do have excess revenues and unexpended expenditures fall out of the budget, and have that cash to budget the following year. That's why we don't have to use our reserves. I do just want to state though, don't expect that in this year's budget. We budgeted so much tighter this year that we're likely not to have excess. Because of last year's budgeting, that's what's going to help carry us through this year. Let's hope by next year all of this COVID-19 stuff is gone and we'll see our revenues come back by July of next year so that we don't have to worry about coming up with another \$20 million to close the gap. I just wanted to interject that because, yes, we can sustain that for this year. We could maybe even sustain it for part of the following year, but then we would start really eating into our reserves. So just tossing that in the conversation.

MS. ROWE: Thank you, Manager Miller. Chair Roybal, Commissioners, and as a side note also with budgeted cash, this is something that we typically use every year. For instance, last year, our budgeted cash totaled \$124.5 million, so we're actually budgeting less cash in the upcoming fiscal year than we did in the previous year.

So these are where we're talking about receiving the additional budgeted cash. Our recurring revenues right now as of yesterday were coming in at over \$10.6 million higher than what we're budgeted, and that was just as of yesterday. So we still have some that will be accrued throughout the end of this fiscal year into fiscal year 20's budget, and then because of the departments leaving some of their expenditures on the table, and then also the natural process of just operating business there's always going to be some of your operating expenditures remaining. The amount left there is going to be over \$12 million, so the total that's going to fall to the bottom is almost \$23 million and we're going to use the \$21.1 million of that for recurring to recurring for fiscal year 21.

And with that, I am requesting approval for a resolution that will be coming to you on the 14th of July for our fiscal year 2021 final budget amount of \$333,770,899, and after this slide I believe there are several slides with additional information, and if you had any further questions on that I stand for any questions.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Joey. Is there any questions from the Board? Commissioner Hansen, did you have any questions or comments?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Joey, this is in our Board packet?

MS. ROWE: Yes.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I went through the entire Board packet. I must have missed this. Is that where it was located?

MS. ROWE: Chair Roybal, Commissioner Hansen, yes, ma'am. It was not in the BoardDocs this morning for sure. I believe it was placed on there yesterday.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Okay.

MR. SHAFFER: Mr. Chair, in addition, this presentation was emailed to all Commissioners last night.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Last night. Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: It's really not enough time but I understand that we're under these situations. I did look over some of the things that were sent last night but it would be helpful if we had at least a day to look things over, but thank you, Joey, for a very concise, clear presentation. I really appreciate it.

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

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: First of all, I wanted to say I went through this and it's just an excellent presentation. The organization of information was such that I really had no questions. I can interpret it all just from looking at it. So I really appreciate that. It's unusual for this kind of complex budget to have this kind of summary.

You mentioned a soft hiring freeze. We are trying to hold open. I just wanted to confirm that any potential savings from that are not already accounted for in the balance of the budget. Because we've gotten it down to a balanced budget. Those would be in addition, I assume. Soft hiring freezes that can be maintained?

MS. ROWE: Chair Roybal, Commissioner Hamilton, yes, ma'am, that is correct. Anything that is not filled at the beginning of the fiscal year, all those dollars will continue to be saved in the departments' budgets.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Okay. And then I just wanted to comment that that's an important idea. And I generally support it, assuming that there's some discretion department to department because I know a couple of positions, in particular the Fire Department, lots of them are on the hard freeze and that's just fine. But there are a few – if there's the potential for discretion with respect to how needed the position is that would be good. Otherwise I really do support this. I think this is well thought out and I support this budget as presented. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Yes. Thank you. Great presentation. No questions. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Moreno.

COMMISSIONER MORENO: No questions. I'm good. Good presentation.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, and I would agree with my fellow Commissioners. I haven't had enough time to go through this completely but what I did see I thought it was great. It's really easy to interpret so I'm glad to see that. Now, on this, we do need action on this item today, correct?

MS. ROWE: Chair Roybal, no, sir. We are putting this on the July 14th to adopt the resolution to adopt the final budget as presented today and recommended.

MR. SHAFFER: Excuse me, I'm sorry. If I could, and I apologize for interrupting. We would like confirmation by a vote that we had captured all of the

direction from the Board, so that we know as we prepare and implement the budget for the fiscal year that begins tomorrow that we have captured your desires. But there will be a final formal approval by a resolution, but as we prepare that document two weeks from now and that vote would give us that confirmation that we've got it all right and that there won't be any changes.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you, Attorney Shaffer. That was my interpretation. That's why I thought we needed a motion today. With that being said, what's the pleasure of the Board.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Yes, I would make a motion supporting the analysis done in this budget and the direction and the material information that was laid out in this budget. So just for clarity, the motion is in support of what was presented.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: I'll second it, Mr. Chair.

COMMISSIONER MORENO: I support it.

CHAIR ROYBAL: So I have a motion from Commissioner Hamilton and a second from Commissioner Garcia. Is there anything else under discussion? Hearing none, I'm going to go to roll call vote.

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

CHAIR ROYBAL: We look forward to having more confirmation and final approval in July. Thank you.

4. CONCLUDING BUSINESS

A. Announcements

B. Adjournment

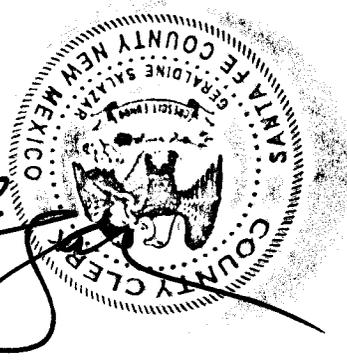
Upon motion by Commissioner Hamilton and second by Commissioner Garcia, and with no further business to come before this body, Chair Roybal declared this meeting adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

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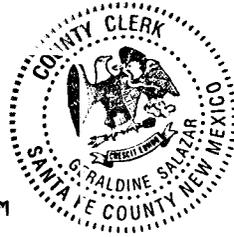


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