

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

**June 9, 2020**

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

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**1. A.** This regular meeting of the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners was called to order at approximately 2:09 p.m. by Chair Henry Royal.

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 [late arrival]  
Commissioner Anna Hamilton  
Commissioner Ed Moreno

**Members Excused:**

None

**C. Pledge of Allegiance**

**D. State Pledge**

**E. Moment of Reflection**

The Pledge of Allegiance and the State Pledge were led by Chairman Roybal and the Moment of Reflection by Ian Donnelly of the Community Services Department.

Commissioner Hansen requested a moment of silence for George Floyd and all those who lives have been lost.

**I. F. Approval of Agenda**

CHAIR ROYBAL: Do we have any amendments to the agenda or changes? Commissioner Hansen.

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COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I don't have any changes to the agenda. Thank you. I think you should go to Katherine.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Is there any other Commissioners? Okay, seeing none, I'm going to go ahead and go to Manager Miller. Do we have changes or amendments to our agenda?

KATHERINE MILLER (County Manager): Yes, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. On Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:53 pm we amended our agenda for our final agenda. The items that were added were item 1. G, the approval of the May 12, 2020 meeting minutes. Under item 4. Miscellaneous Action Items, we added item B, which is a request to approve amendment number 4 to our behavioral healthcare services contract.

Under Matters from the County Manager, item 7. B and C were added to the agenda, and I think those were all the amendments to the agenda as posted on Friday.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Mr. Chair, I move to approve the agenda.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Manager Miller. So we have a motion from Commissioner Hamilton. Do I hear a second?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Chair Roybal, I second the motion.

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

**The motion passed by unanimous [3-0] roll call vote.** [Commissioners Garcia and Moreno were not present for this action.]

**I. G. Approval of Minutes: May 12, 2020 Regular Board of County Commissioners Meeting Minutes**

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Hansen, did you have changes to these minutes?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I do, and I have a few questions. Generally I just try and give them to the stenographer. I'm just looking through them for my question. There's a question for Commissioner Garcia who's not here, so I will talk it over with the stenographer but I will move to approve with changes.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

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

[Commissioner Moreno joined the meeting.]

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

**2. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Request (1) Approval of Amendment No. 4 to Agreement No. 2016-0319-CM/MM Between Santa Fe County and Desert Elements Design to Provide Webhosting and Maintenance Services, Extending the**

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**Term an Additional Year and Increasing the Amount of the Compensation by \$60,000 for a Total Contract Sum of \$390,000, Exclusive of NM GRT, and (2) Authorization for the County Manager to Sign the Purchase Order (Purchasing Division/Bill Taylor and County Manager's Office/Daniel E. Fresquez)**

- B. Resolution No. 2020-43, a Resolution Requesting a Transfer from the Alcohol Programs Fund (241) Local DWI Reversion Grant Monies to the Corrections Operations Fund (247) Electronic Monitoring Program in the Amount of \$65,000 (Finance Division/Yvonne S. Herrera)**
- C. Resolution No. 2020-44, a Resolution Requesting an Increase to the Fire Operations Fund (244) to Budget a Participating Agreement Between the County of Santa Fe and the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Santa Fe National Forest in the Amount of \$19,188 (Finance Division/Yvonne S. Herrera)**
- D. Request Approval of Temporary Construction and Permanent Utility Easement Agreements between Santa Fe County and Property Owners of Cañoncito (Public Works Department/Gary L.J. Giron)**

CHAIR ROYBAL: This is our Consent Agenda, and it's items 2. A, B, C, and D. Are there any items that we would like to remove for further information from any of the Commissioners, and if not, we'll entertain a motion.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Mr. Chair. I would move to approve the Consent Agenda.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I will second.

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

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

### **3. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS**

There were no appointments or reappointments.

### **4. MISCELLANEOUS**

- A. Request (1) Approval of Change Order No. 3 to Agreement No. 2019-0016-CMO/BT Between Santa Fe County and Integrated Water Services, Inc. in the Amount of \$831,698.23, Exclusive of NM GRT, Related to the Water Reclamation Facility Project for a Total Contract Sum of \$8,851,698.23, Exclusive of NMGR, and (2) Authorization for the County Manager to Sign the Purchase Order**

GARY GIRON (Public Works Director): Mr. Chair, I will be presenting that item if it is acceptable.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Absolutely, Mr. Giron. Please proceed.

MR. GIRON: As you know, the County operates the Quill wastewater treatment facility to treat domestic wastewater from local neighborhoods and for the nearby penitentiary of New Mexico. In January of 2019 the Board approved the County to enter into agreement No. 2019-0016-CM)/BT with Integrated Water Services, Inc, in the amount of \$7,750,000 exclusive of New Mexico gross receipts tax, to provide design-build project delivery for a new water reclamation facility located at the Quill site with an original completion date of May 2020.

The date of substantial completion was changed to August 31, 2020 in change order #2. Part of that reason has to do with COVID. If approved, change order #3 will include a new electrical service connection to the Quill. It will include an ATP connection, a CenturyLink connection. It will include PNM electrical service to the existing plant, a new installation for pumps. It will result in an increase in projects costs of \$831,698.23.

The amount of the increases requires approval by the Board of County Commissioners pursuant to County Resolution 2014-143.

Separately, County staff will be bringing forward a lease with the potential option for a lease-purchase agreement for the 900 kilowatt generator that will have, as we have already identified, a monthly cost of \$8,793.68 over three years, and that puts the cost of the generator at about \$316,588.88. The reason that we have put it forward as a lease-purchase option is that the project at this point does not have enough money to cover that cost, yet the lease is very important for us to be able to effectively run the Quill and be able to respond to any emergency that arises with loss of power. And with that, I will stand for any questions that you may have on this issue.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay, thank you, Mr. Giron. I'm going to go to Commissioners. Commissioner Hansen, do you have questions?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chair. Mr. Giron, do you foresee any other additional expenses with the wastewater Quill plant?

MR. GIRON: Mr. Chair, Commissioner, we do not at this point [poor audio quality] with all the issues that we've had out there. You emailed that you were interested in the solar powering of [poor audio quality] Commissioner, I also wanted to mention to you that this project has a 50 kilowatt solar array, and it has two additional areas that we could expand that with two additional 50 kilowatt arrays, when the Quill is fully built out.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Mr. Giron. I really appreciate that additional information. I think it's really important to show that we are moving towards a more renewable and sustainable future for our County, so thank you for sharing that piece of information.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Mr. Giron. Thank you, Commissioner Hansen. Are there any additional questions, Commissioner Hansen?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: At the moment I'm okay.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen. Commissioner Hamilton. Did you have some questions?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chair. Mr. Giron, I know the generator is a lease-purchase. Is there any portion of the lease fees that go

toward the final purchase price if we exercise that option?

MR. GIRON: Mr. Chair, Commissioner, yes.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Okay. And how good do you think the August 2020 revised completion date is, given that there are ongoing concerns and potential plan holdups?

MR. GIRON: Mr. Chair, Commissioner, we are extremely confident that that end of August substantial completion date, August 31<sup>st</sup> is a good date. Now, obviously, [poor audio quality] but if that happens we will make sure you're fully briefed on that if it starts to [poor audio quality]

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

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hamilton. Commissioner Moreno, did you have questions, sir?

COMMISSIONER MORENO: I'm good.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Hansen, once again back to you.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I would like to move to approve item 4. A.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay, so we have a motion from Commissioner Hansen to approve item number 4. A, which is a change order for integrated water service, and a second from Commissioner Hamilton. So I'm going to go to a roll call vote.

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

4. B. **Request (1) Approval of Amendment No. 4 to Agreement No. 2018-0144-CSD/MAM with Behavioral Healthcare Services, Inc. dba New Mexico Solutions, Extending the Term to December 31, 2020, and Increasing the Compensation an Additional \$145,000 for Continuation of Phase I (Planning) and Phase II (Operations) for Individuals Who are Challenged with Chronic Mental Health Issues, for a Total Contract Sum of \$630,000, Inclusive of NMGRT, and (2) Authorization for the County Manager to Sign the Purchase Order**

ALEX DOMINGUEZ (Community Services): Mr. Chair, Commissioners, this amendment is to expand these services, extend the term from June 30<sup>th</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup> of this year for continuation of Phase I planning and also Phase II operations for individuals who are suffering from chronic mental health issues. The delivery of these services are all in line with the modified related COVID-19 restrictions. We are currently under construction now. Construction efforts are currently underway for the crisis center that is to be located at the BCC-approved location of 2052 Galisteo Street. We expect that to be completed in the fall, but this is primarily right now extending and continuing with modified COVID-19 crisis services for residents of Santa Fe County. I stand for questions.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Mr. Dominguez. Are there any questions from Commissioners? Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I just want to comment how important it is that we are supporting and continuing to support this crisis center and continuing to contribute to the mobile crisis center for individuals who are challenged with chronic mental health issues, especially during this COVID-19 crisis, but also in general, I think that Santa Fe County is doing a really great service to provide behavioral health services to the community and making them so accessible. So I think that this is an important part of our continued commitment to behavioral health services. So thank you.

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

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

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Yes. I similarly had wanted to make that major point, that this reflects the importance and the priority that Santa Fe County has been giving to this kind of community service, the importance of a full spectrum of providing the community with opportunities to address what are our biggest social concerns and this is right at the center of what everybody recognizes as being incredibly important. So I'm very happy we're going forward with this and I really appreciate the County management and Community Services for doing such a good job moving this forward. It is very important to our community. It's very important to every community and not everybody puts that same kind of priority on this. Thank you.

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

COMMISSIONER MORENO: I'm glad this project is moving ahead and hopefully it's going to help a lot of people. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Moreno. And I couldn't agree more with the comments that were made by my fellow Commissioners. It's something that – behavioral health support and services that the County provides is really crucial, especially at this time, so I do appreciate all those comments. I did have a question if there was any kind of update at all on the Pathway Shelter in the City of Española that's actually within the Santa Fe County boundaries. Do we have any updates on that?

RACHEL O'CONNOR (Community Services Director): Mr. Chair, I'm really happy you asked that question, actually. This morning we had a meeting with Pathways. Their first contract is now in place, so they have emergency funding for people and will be providing those services and their contract to provide navigation is also under way and should become active the first month of the fiscal year. So I'm pleased to report that Pathways is now part of our Connect program and we are providing services in that area of the county.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Wow. This is great news, Ms. O'Connor. I really appreciate that update. It's really inspiring to see our pathway forward, no pun intended of course, but I really do appreciate the effort that staff has put forward in working with the City of Española to bring this service forward for our constituents as we share boundary lines in this area in the City of Española, somewhere that really needs services that Santa Fe County can help provide. So I really appreciate that and thank you and your

staff for that update and all your hard work. Thank you.

I'm going to go to Commissioner Hansen. Any other Commissioners that have any other questions? Commissioner Hansen, go ahead.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I would like to make a motion to approve amendment number 4 to agreement 2018-0144-CSD/MAM with Behavioral Health Services, Inc. dba New Mexico Solutions, to extend the term. So I move that to be approved, and I am so happy to hear about the Pathway Shelter also. Thank you, Commissioner Roybal, for asking that question.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I'll second.

CHAIR ROYBAL: So we have a motion from Commissioner Hansen and a second from Commissioner Hamilton for approval. Under discussion, is there any other discussion? Okay, hearing none, I'm going to go to a roll call vote.

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

## 5. MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN

CHAIR ROYBAL: First I'm going to go to Tessa. Has anybody signed up under Matters of Public Concern?

TESSA JO MASCARENAS (County Manager's Office): Yes, Mr. Chair. Mr. Loveless Johnson III is the only person that has signed up thus far.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay, so I'm going to go ahead and go to Mr. Loveless Johnson III.

MS. MASCARENAS: He may not have entered the meeting.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay, so we'll go ahead and come back after. What I want to do is go ahead and open it up, if you can unmute individuals, and let's just be respectful of one another. If we can have – try to let us know if you'd like to address the Commission.

MS. MASCARENAS: Mr. Chair, I just received messages from Shannon Murphy and Dawn Furlong, if they would like to speak. We can start with Shannon Murphy.

SHANNON MURPHY: Yes, right. So I came to this meeting. This is actually the first County Commission meeting that I've been to, but I received a notice that you'll be voting either today or soon about some expenditures for SWAT team equipment, including weapons and tactical gear. And so I wanted to weigh in because right now we're in the middle of what I've heard is the largest civil rights protest in American history around police brutality and police violence, and one of the major issues that's contributing to that is the militarization of police departments and sheriff's departments.

So I think right now, what we're seeing as a nation and also as a community is people finally feeling like something like police militarization that they've been opposed to for years, like there's finally a political moment where we can actually make our voices heard and where elected leaders might actually listen to them. So I would encourage you at the very least to slow down that decision so that everybody can weigh



in. I see that there's a lot of people on the call here. But I can't imagine a scenario in which I as a tax payer and as a resident of Santa Fe County would support the acquisition of more SWAT team equipment until the public as a whole could weigh in around the purpose of that, the true necessity of that, the role of the SWAT team is in our community, because we've seen a lot of violent SWAT across the country right now during these protests. That's all I have to say. Thanks.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Ms. Murphy. Can we have our next speaker, Tessa?

DAWN FURLONG: Hello. My name is Dawn Furlong. I'm just really grateful to be aware of this meeting and I just wanted to participate in regards to all the civil unrest right now. Even if that wasn't happening, I still don't understand how AR-15s would be appropriate for the Santa Fe Police Department. We're in Santa Fe, New Mexico. I just don't understand the need for this type of gun power. So I'm just here to voice my opinion that I would really – I totally disapprove of this type of weapon coming in to our city, more of them.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you, Ms. Furlong.

CHRISTOPHER HARRIS: Yes, hello. Thank you for letting me speak. I'm Dawn Furlong's husband and I'm a retired Navy commander and I've spent 24 years training military members in the use of these combat weapons, and they have no place on our streets, on either side of the street. I think we have to stop militarizing our police force and go back to the whole purpose of the police department is to serve and to protect. We don't need military equipment patrolling the streets. And so I'd like to oppose, or I'd like to express my opposition for the purchase of AR-15s, the additional tasers, as well as the SWAT equipment. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, sir.

TASLIM [name provided via Webex]: So, I noticed you started this meeting by highlighting behavioral health. Unfortunately, by all data and accounts, official and unofficial, one in four fatal police encounters ends the life of an individual with severe mental illness. So at that rate, the risk of being killed during a police incident, for someone with serious mental illness, is 16 times greater than an individual without a serious and persistent mental illness, and that's a 16 times greater risk for individuals with untreated mental illness, higher than civilians approached for stops by officers. So while I appreciate the absolute dedication of the Commissioners highlighting behavioral health, choosing to fund behavioral health while also not reducing policing will not result in any better behavioral health outcomes for Santa Fe County.

All defunding campaigns really recognize the need for severe crisis response services for serious mental illness, but this represents actually only two percent of our population, despite being one in four individuals. And Santa Fe County and the Santa Fe Police Department have settled significant amounts of dollars because of the death of individuals with severe and persistent mental illness. So thinking about turning the police or the Sheriff's Office into untrained crisis response teams is actually antithetic to funding behavioral health services [inaudible]. And I really encourage you to think about what are the evidence-based solutions around community safety outcomes. They are continuing to increase behavioral health while not simultaneously undercutting it with ramping up increased police and sheriff presence on the street as untrained crisis response

folks.

There's a reason why psychiatric nurses do not end up in fatal encounters with their patients, yet at the same time many sheriffs or police officers do. I really strongly encourage you to think about the evidence base behind where you're spending Santa Fe County's dollars. Thank you so much.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Taslim. Can we go on to our next public speaker for public comment?

MIKE YOUNG: Hi. I just want to speak quickly to echo other people who have spoken and I'm guessing will continue to speak. I want to echo their sentiments in opposing the allocation of any money towards additional militarization of the Santa Fe County Sheriff's Department, and I would ask the County Commission seek instead to reallocate that money towards services that support the well being and actual safety of our community. As the last speaker noted, I appreciated the comments of the Commissioners earlier celebrating their support of existing behavioral health facilities and programs in the county, but I know that one of the items up in today's agenda is a cut of \$350,000 toward the renovation of a behavioral health crisis center in Edgewood, and I wonder why we need to spend more money for the Sheriff's Department and not spend money on renovating the centers and helping the people who actual help people in crisis in the county.

I would also encourage the Commissioners to read Alex Vitale's book, *The End of Policing*, which is currently available as a free e-book that we can all download. In the book, Vitale makes detailed, evidence-driven arguments in favor of police abolition and debunks many of the common protests against it, and I would also urge the Commissioners as further background to read the detailed platform proposals at [www.8toabolition.com](http://www.8toabolition.com) where they can read detailed sweeping evidence-based – as the last speaker noted – evidence-based solutions for community health and safety. As Charlie Agoos, a public defender, told the *Santa Fe Reporter* recently, in New Mexico, we fund so much law enforcement that we're not able to fund our schools, our healthcare. We receive federal grants to militarize our police when we could instead be using that money to help the police in our community and do the things that really prevent crime.

Finally, I just want to say in this moment, it's not in a vacuum, asking the Commissioners to defund and to reallocate funds for – the police department is not in a vacuum. It comes in the context of the major challenges that our black community faces in New Mexico and across the nation. So, yes. I just would urge the Commissioners to note the comments from Ben Baur, also in the *Santa Fe Reporter*, Baur said in New Mexico about two percent of residents are black, yet black people are incarcerated at a rate 6.4 percent that of whites. They receive longer sentences than those of other races for the same charge. Hispanics, about 49 percent of New Mexicans, are incarcerated at a rate higher than the national average and double that of whites who make up about 37 percent of the population.

So just a variety of facts and I really thank the Commissioners for their time and I thank this community for coming out to support our health and our safety.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Mr. Young. We appreciate your comments. I'm going to go to our next speaker.

LOVELESS JOHNSON III: Thank you, Commissioners, for allowing me

to share our thoughts. I'm here on behalf of the New Mexico Justice Alliance, and we oppose including any military equipment in the Sheriff's budget, and I don't want to rehash all the stats and figures the folks have released. I'll simply say we have a National Guard armory a mile or so from the Sheriff's Office and we have all the military support we need in this county. I can't fathom any reason why we would need that.

And so we're requesting that the Sheriff just work with you all to get it because we are at a flash point, a turning point in this country. The voices of the people have to be heard at this point. Now, you might notice that yesterday's Congressional Black Caucus bill that was introduced on reforming policing did not include defunding the police. And I'd like to point out to everyone that the Congressional Black Caucus actually represents the majority of black people in this country, because that's who elect them. They are our voice in Congress. The fact of defunding the police, what black folk hear when they hear that is abolish the police, because we're not as sophisticated as the political elite. And so we hear abolish the police, which means leaving our small businesses and senior citizens and communities vulnerable to the worst criminal elements in our society. Black, brown and poor people.

And so my parents, when they call and ask me what's going on with defunding the police and other senior citizens in the black community that I've spoke to, folks realize that the Congressional Black Congress, who speaks for black people, did not include defunding because we view that as a white, liberal genocide, just like the woman in Central Park who was totally ready and scripted to call the police on a black man who asked her to stop breaking the law. Liberal white supremacy is real and defunding the police sounds very much to black folk like liberal white racist genocide on our community. And I say that only because everyone is coming out with all these fancy facts and figures that white people made up about defunding the police, and not a single word about how the most vulnerable in our community are going to be protected – the black business owners, Latino business owners – been there for 50 years, surrounding by gangsters now.

It wasn't that way when they started but that's their reality today. Why aren't any of you talking about that? Why was that not the first plan of action that you would have, since you want to get rid of the police? Where is your plan for vulnerable black, brown and poor people. It offends me that there is no plan and you're not even talking about it which makes it all the more feel like genocide on my community. We don't like that.

But we do like the idea of demilitarizing all police forces across the country, which is why we're here today on behalf of the alliance and we fully support demilitarizing our Sheriff's Office, and we will do everything we can to get a County Commission that will do that if you all won't. And that's not personal. No disrespect intended, but moving forward, with the urgency for justice being what it is, all of you – I'm challenging all of you to consider that we are very determined and we intend to support elected officials who stand for equal justice under the law for every citizen inhabitant of this land, or we're going to make sure they're known as former elected officials who did not. The stakes are too high for us and the people need the relief of justice across every area of dysfunction in our life. Councilors, I thank you so much for hearing us and allowing the people to be heard. We really do appreciate this level of dialogue with our elected officials. Thank you so much.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Mr. Johnson. Tessa Jo, are there any other speakers?

MS. MASCARENAS: Yes. I have Rachel Minera.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay, Rachel. Go ahead.

RACHEL MINERA: I just really – there's not much more that I think I can add to everything that everyone else has shared at this point, but just to be another voice in saying I do oppose continuing militarization and looking at how we can redirect the funding for the well being and safety of Santa Fe County. And I will just keep it short and sweet and appreciate the words of Shannon Murphy, Dawn Furlong, Taslim, Mike, and Loveless Johnson. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Ms. Rachel Minera. Appreciate it. Tessa, how many other speakers do we have that are signed up?

MS. MASCARENAS: I just have two more.

JENNIFER SPEKTOR: I'm very sorry I missed the beginning. Is there any way I could sign up now for a brief comment?

CHAIR ROYBAL: Go ahead and state your name.

MS. SPEKTOR: My name is Jennifer Spektor and I live here in Santa Fe.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay, Jennifer. You got that name, Tessa? We'll go ahead and put you on the list and we'll come back to you.

MS. SPEKTOR: Thank you so much.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you. Anybody else that would like to address the Commission? Okay, can you state your name? Lola Moonfrog. We'll call on you in just a moment. Anybody else? A show of hands? So we got Amy Morrison, is that correct?

AMY MORRISON: Yes.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Anybody on the phone? Isa? Is that correct? Isa C? It sounds like that might be all that we have at this point. All I'm going to ask is if somebody has already sort of spoken in regards – let us know how you stand, if you're in opposition, or how you stand, and if we could keep comments as brief as possible that would be great, unless there's additional information that you would like to add. That would be great if we could just try not to be repetitive. Okay, so Tessa, could you call on our next speaker please?

MS. MASCARENAS: Rachel Minera.

CHAIR ROYBAL: I believe Rachel already spoke.

MS. MASCARENAS: Okay, then it is Isa C.

ISA C [As listed on Webex]: Okay. Keeping your point of being repetitive in mind, I just wanted to be another person that publicly voices my dissent and disapproval of using taxpayer dollars to further militarize our police force that actively endangers members of our community instead of protecting them like we should be. New Mexico is actually the highest – it is the state with the most police violence, which is shocking because it is such a small state. I don't want to be known for that. I don't think you all do either. So I think we can do so much to help our communities that are in need right now and we're not doing enough, and we need to redirect our money from where it is currently going to mental health services, addiction services, poverty services, family services, education – the list goes on and on of places that are more in need than law

enforcement is. Yes, that's all I had to say. Thank you for my time.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Isa. We appreciate it. Can we have our next speaker, Tessa?

MS. MASCARENAS: Next we have – I believe the name is Johennan.

JOHENNAN [As shown on Webex]: I actually just wanted to point the Commissioners and anyone else on the call who's interested to a site called 8toabolotion.com which talks about defunding the police. It's set up by a lot of the black activists who have been very vocal in this movement right now and it has a lot of good information about what defunding the police and police abolition actually means. It is a very popular point of view despite what Mr. Johnson had to say earlier. And that's all. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Mr. Johennan. We appreciate it.

MS. MASCARENAS: Next we have Jennifer Spektor.

JENNIFER SPEKTOR [As listed on Webex]: Thanks for allowing me to speak. I'll keep this brief. I'm from the Chicago area, born and raised. I've lived here for a couple of years. In Chicago I was around a whole group of underground abolitionists, mostly black, a lot of them queer, a lot of them women, a lot of them non-binary. That is the perspective that I come from. But I think it says volumes that Mr. Johnson that spoke specifically against abolition, is still against this measure and I think that shows the severity of this idea of giving this money, allocating this money to [inaudible] and I hope I can be in Santa Fe for a couple years to come and meanwhile I just want to say when we got that notice sent out by the City that Santa Fe is in financial crisis due to COVID-19. That's horrible, and then to see this just a week or two later, this idea of spending money on tasers, on SWAT teams, who are brutalizing black folks and white protesters around the country, that was really eye-opening to see.

So I guess what I'm saying is the budget in my opinion, any city budget, says where it's priorities lie and it is just wrong to spend this regardless but I think it is yet another aspect I want to point out that the financial crisis the City is in and those [inaudible] because of that crisis is really a wild thing to put next to allocating money for a SWAT team. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Ms. Spektor. We appreciate your comments. Can we have our next speaker?

MS. MASCARENAS: Lola Moonfrog.

LOLA MOONFROG: Well, I have similar viewpoints as people who have spoken. I really hear Mr. Loveless Johnson about vulnerable people. Where I'm standing is we need to deal with racism. We need to deal with multi-generational trauma and we need to deal with white supremacy. I would like to see the police trained with different capacities. They're not social workers; I'm not asking for that but I think there's a lot that could be done to change even needing police as we know it and even having criminal behavior as we know it. And I certainly don't – I'm not for abolishing police totally but I'd like to see us do more of what Minneapolis is doing to find other ways to protect the community, to provide services, to provide healing, to provide safety.

I just really care about vulnerable communities, which is not just black folks. Native people here are also very vulnerable and because of the white supremacy, I'd say Hispanic people. People here, my friends that experienced horrible events and I would

just like to see police do something different, that all of us come together as a team and redo what we want as a structure for that, and I definitely don't want to see militarization. That's just going to make everything a whole lot worse, a whole lot more painful, a whole lot more trauma going down the generational lines. And I would like to see us abolish [inaudible] in the end. It will take time, but I think it can be done. We need to put our money towards healing. What it is sometimes to be human. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Ms. Moonfrog. We appreciate your comments. Can we have the next speaker, Tessa?

MS. MASCARENAS: Amy Morrison.

AMY MORRISON: Hi. Thank you. I was wondering if the Santa Fe police had presented a reason why they would need AK-47s for SWAT teams. I love seeing our police cruise around on their mountain bikes and interact in the community and on the plaza and really be a lovely presence, but I don't feel any safer knowing that police departments carry AK-47s and tasers at traffic stops. It's not serving the greater Santa Fe community in a way that giving that money to support youth services might do better. So, no.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you, Ms. Morrison. We appreciate your comments.

MS. MORRISON: Thank you.

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, I just thought maybe it would be helpful to clarify for the public that this is Santa Fe County. It's not the City of Santa Fe. It's not the City of Santa Fe's budget and that it is the Santa Fe County Sheriff's Office, not the City of Santa Fe's Police Department. And I just thought that might be helpful for everyone to know.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you for that clarification, Manager Miller, and that is correct. We are the County. So thank you. Can we have our next speaker, Tessa.

MS. MASCARENAS: Drew Lenihan.

DREW LENIHAN: Hi. Thank you for your time. I just would like to just quickly say that we actually have a terrible situation in the state of New Mexico where we have one of the highest rates of police violence and we also have one of the highest rates of poverty in the country, while having one of the largest and most vulnerable Native American populations. So actually allocating more funding to weaponizing and militarizing our police departments and our sheriff's departments is actually just not what this community needs. I think a lot of the people before me have talked about healing and that's done through education and social programs and not these weapons that are designed specifically to kill our brothers and sisters and communities. So that's all I have to say and please make the correct decision. Thank you for your time.

MS. MASCARENAS: Mr. Chair, that was the last person that signed up, but I'm going to unmute everyone who is calling in by phone. If there's anyone calling in by telephone who would like to speak, if they'll give their name.

MARTHA REICH: Yes, hi. This is Martha Reich, and thank you so much for giving me a chance to speak. I've been listening to the meeting and I just wanted to voice my opinion against any funding to the police of AR-15s. No tasers. No SWAT. I absolutely think this is not necessary and would not want to see this in our city. I appreciate it, and maybe to echo the other people who have called in to use those funds to

help healing for people needing that and education and things like that. So thank you so much.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you for your comment, Ms. Reich. If there's anyone else who would like to address the Commission, if you could just state your name.

PAOLA MARTINI: Hi, I'm Paola Martini. Thank you so much. I just wanted to echo basically what everyone is saying that I don't think this is a good use of funds. I strongly believe that if we spend more time properly educating our youth that we can end a lot of suffering within our community and we'd really like to see more money going toward education and not going towards the Sheriff's Department for the purchase of these weapons. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Ms. Martini. Do we have any other speakers, Tessa?

MS. MASCARENAS: Mr. Chair, that's all that I have that have signed up or spoken up.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Is there anybody else from the public that would like to address the Commission? Okay, hearing none, I'm going to go ahead and close public comment, item 5. I do want to say thank you all for your comments and being here today. We do like to hear from our constituents on the concerns of the community so we do appreciate all your comments today.

## **6. PRESENTATIONS**

There were no presentations.

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

### **A. COVID-19 Emergency and Miscellaneous Updates**

MANAGER MILLER: Yes, Mr. Chair. Just a couple of things on the COVID-19-related updates. We have increased the office hours in the main administrative building, expanding access for the public. It is still by appointment. We were operational from 10:00 to 2:00, but we've expanded those hours now from 10:00 to 4:00. We are still requesting that individuals make an appointment and that they make an appointment with the respective offices at 100 Catron and that they also come at those times that they have an appointment and wear a mask. All of the staff are wearing masks. We have masks available if the public or those people who have an appointment don't have a mask available. We appreciate the way that the public has been interacting with the County staff and the elected officials in that facility and hope to continue in an organized way to meet the public and address their needs for County services.

The other offices – Public Safety, Public Works and the Bokum Building, those are still by appointment only and those don't have restricted hours. It's just based on contacting the individuals you need to see and making an appointment at a mutually convenient time. But additionally, keeping masks on during those visits is also appreciated.

Growth Management and our Community Services Department are working with

the City of Santa Fe to distribute grocery bags full of groceries in multiple county locations. You've probably seen some of the updates, and working with the Santa Fe Community College taking meals out into the rural parts of the county. We're also using Santa Fe Connect providing grocery service to individuals through our Connect program that don't have transportation to pick up groceries at City or County locations. We are taking those to their homes.

Also, we're going to contract with the New Mexico Coalition for the Homeless to provide navigation and medical – Medicaid enrolment services to individuals who are homeless and who reside at the midtown campus. We want to make sure that they get connected to appropriate services, and these funds – we include some of these funds in the contract for short-term housing for those individuals.

Also, as Rachel mentioned earlier, we have finalized the flexible funding contract with Pathway Shelter in Española providing funding for shelter for the homeless, clothing and food.

So those are our COVID-related updates and I stand for any questions from the Commissioners about any activities that we have going on relative to our COVID-19 response.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Manager Miller. Appreciate the update. I'll go to the individual Commissioners to see if they have questions. Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: No. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I don't have any questions.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hamilton. Commissioner Hansen, did you have a question relative to the report we just heard?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I want to just thank Katherine for all her work on everything, and I do see that Commissioner Garcia has joined us. So I just want to point that out. Good to see you, Commissioner Garcia. And thank you, Katherine for that update. These are challenging times. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen. I'm going to go to Commissioner Moreno; are you here?

COMMISSIONER MORENO: Nothing to contribute. Appreciate the dialogue.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Moreno. I'm going to go to Commissioner Garcia. Commissioner Garcia, do you have any comments relative to the COVID-19 update that we just got from Manager Miller?

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: No, but thank you to the County Commission for actually bearing with me. I was having, as everybody realizes, technical difficulties getting connected, but thank you for the individual that helped me out. But I didn't realize we had public comment a little while ago. There was some stuff that was mentioned in that public comment that being on the school board and being where we get money from and calling us councilors – we're not councilors; we are commissioners, but I won't go down that road yet, but I don't have anything on the Manager. Thank you, though.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you. We appreciate it. And I just want to thank the County Manager and all her staff for all their hard work with the COVID-19



emergency plans that we've put in place. Everybody being aware and keeping compliant with the restrictions we do have in place. Santa Fe County is doing pretty well as far as how many cases we have, so I wanted to just reiterate to each and everybody so everybody is doing their social distancing and making sure that we're taking care of one another. I think we've done really great so far, so I do appreciate that update, Manager Miller.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, real quick.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Go ahead, Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: I also would like to thank the Manager and her entire team, anybody from the Manager all the way down the individual that turns off the lights, because as we all know as policymakers, or being on the school board, and you have a lot of individuals out there in the community that don't realize what County staff or school staff – I know we're not at a school board meeting, but what County staff does – all this stuff that's happening and what's going on what we need to deal with and how we need to take care of this. As Manager Miller and her entire staff, working a lot – that the individuals out there don't even realize what they're doing the last 90 days. And yes, thank you, Manager Miller, and your entire staff for getting Santa Fe County – we're doing an excellent job in my opinion. You see what's happening back east. Santa Fe County is not back east. Santa Fe County is not equal to back east, but, yes, Manager Miller, you're doing an excellent job, you and your team. So, yes, what you're doing for the County, budgetary-wise and everything else, thank you for you and your team have done. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia.

**7. B. Update on 102 Grant Avenue Renovation Project**

CHAIR ROYBAL: Manager Miller, are you presenting that update?

MANAGER MILLER: Yes, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. So as you know, we are getting closer to completion of the 102 Grant historic renovation and the COVID-19 has had a little bit of an impact on some delivery schedules relative to equipment and fixtures and what not for the general contractor. We still have a scheduled completion date, of I think it's July 24<sup>th</sup>, but we're anticipating we might have delays with that, due to some of the suppliers to our main contractor being shut down or not being able to transport supplies and equipment to the site. So they're still – the contractors, it's pretty amazing how they're moving forward with hit.

You've got the main contractors working on the outside of the building and in the hallways, and then we already have our contractors that are doing the furnishings and fixtures in there. They're getting their stuff ordered but they're putting in carpet in some areas and ceilings in other areas so they're moving it along similar to the way they did 100 Catron last year, but alternately, we may see a delay as we get closer to the end of the month, we'll know whether we have to extend out the substantial completion date to allow for delivery of things like windows and fixtures inside the facility, but at the moment we're still on target for July 24<sup>th</sup>, but we do anticipate getting a potential month-long delay due to some of the equipment and supplies that need to be delivered.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Great. Thank you for the update. Are there

questions from Commissioners?

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Garcia, go ahead.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you for the update and for a project that, Manager Miller, as you know, we've been working on this for the last 12, 10, 8 years and any individual who has not gone to our new administrative building – beautiful place. The taxpayers should visit the building and what we're doing at 102 Grant Avenue, we've been working on this for the last eight, nine years – for an extra month, because what's happening nationwide or worldwide, [inaudible]. The previous administrators that have actually worked on this project – Katherine, thank you for doing a great job because it's going to be a great taxpayer building. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia.

**7. C. Update and Request for Direction on 2020 County Fair**

CHAIR ROYBAL: Is this going to be you, Manager Miller?

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioners, I'm hoping that Anna War is on here. One of the things that we wanted to wait to put this in front of you is that the Fair Board was going to meet and they did meet and they came up with some alternative recommendations and I can present them, or if Anna War is on there. She was actually –

ANNA WAR (Community Services): Good afternoon, Manager Miller, I am here. If you'd like me to present it I'd be happy to do so.

MANAGER MILLER: Sure. Go ahead, Anna. Thank you.

MS. WAR: Good afternoon, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. The Santa Fe County Fair Board met last night via Webex and we all discussed that we know that we cannot have a County fair the way we have traditionally done in the past, which in the past has been open to the public. We would have exhibits from our senior centers, from people in the public, from open youth and 4-H. Anything from arts and crafts to cakes and jams and such, and then of course we normally have the livestock shows as well as the small animal shows that includes rabbits and poultry. And then we always have our family fun day that includes watermelon eating contest, things like that.

Given the current pandemic and the public health order we knew that was not possible. What the Fair Board's concern is we have 4-H kids who have started projects, not only with livestock and small animals but some indoor projects, so what they discussed last night was that we would have more of a jackpot sort of trailer-in the animal barns and trailer-out the animals. So there would be a fair that would not be open to the public. There would be no camping on the fairgrounds like there normally is. Normally our 4-H families come from all parts of the county, a lot of them from the Edgewood area, and they normally bring their animals and their animals are housed onsite for the week, and then they camp. So none of that would be allowed.

Some of the events, such as the open adult indoor open youth indoor would be cancelled. Obviously, there would be no family fun day. There would be no vendors, anything like that. So any remaining events, which would be basically the livestock show, such as – I mentioned having like sort of a jackpot, which would be where the kids would

bring their animal. We would have a judge. The kids would be masked. There would be social distancing. Basically, the kid would bring their animal to the judge. The judge could judge them, and then that person would leave and then so on. We wouldn't have a show ring full of people.

The horse show would also go on on the Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. That actually takes place at the Santa Fe Rodeo grounds, which is a big facility, as you know, so there's plenty of room for social distancing, but that also would not be open to the public. What they mainly do is horsemanship, so they would be coming in basically one kid on their horse at a time. There would be a judge. That kind of thing.

And then for small animal, there's actually a disease going around with rabbits. So even if this wasn't a COVID situation the Fair Board had already been discussing having a virtual show for rabbits, so it's sort of like a hepatitis disease. So this would actually be a virtual show for the rabbits, as well as poultry, which includes chickens, ducks, turkeys, that kind of thing, because as you know, our small animal barn right now actually is unavailable. So the Fair Board felt that having both of those shows virtually would work. That's normally closed off to the public when they judge that show.

And then the auction is the other big thing that we normally have on Friday. So they are fully prepared and they are working with someone to have a virtual auction. There's different ways that they can go about it and they can continue working on that.

They've also voted to eliminate the round robin and showmanship competition because that would require bringing animals back on the grounds, so they don't want to do that.

What they've also decided is because of these changes there would actually be cost savings to the County. They voted last night to close purchase orders related to posters, rack cards, save-the-date cards. We would actually need less buckles because of eliminating the round robin and showmanship. We'd actually not need all the ribbons that we get. We would only need a few banners, and there would not need to be all the advertising that we do. So there would be some purchase orders that we would close that also includes the band and DJ for the dances that normally take place on Friday and Saturday night, the plaques for the open youth's indoor.

There would still be a need for a 4-H indoor competition, but that would be also different, not open to the public. The kids would bring their projects. They'd be put on a table. For each category a judge would be brought in at a different time, and just judged on the table. So there would be no exhibits taking place. Also the judges would not be able to taste the things that are brought in like pies or cakes or cookies or anything like that and would all be based on the appearance, and they would actually eliminate the show ring competition, which is usually the big cake that starts off the auction.

So that also would be eliminated. So I know it's a much different "fair" that we've seen in the past, but given the current pandemic it would give the kids a way to finish off the projects that they've started and I think that right now is what's really important to the board. Having said that, I stand for any questions you have.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Ms. War. We really appreciate the update. I do want to just make a quick comment. I know it's disappointing in some ways for this fair that has been going on for many years and you probably know exactly how many years we've had it, but it wasn't an easy decision for our Fair Board to make, but I think

what we're doing, and the Fair Board made a decision to do what they needed to keep our constituents safe. I really appreciate the time and also the decision the Fair Board had to make, and also thinking outside the box to have a virtual show and auction. I feel that they have really done a remarkable job to keep some events for kids and young adults that participate and have put in a lot of time and effort into their projects. So I really appreciate what they have done to keep some positivity given the realm that we're in with this pandemic.

So I really appreciate all the decisions they've made and at least having something out there, a positive outcome, although it's still not the fair that we're used to, at least it's something for the kids. So I really appreciate that and if you could please reiterate that information to the Fair Board so they know how much I do appreciate them as the County Commissioner for District 1. My son participated in a lot of these events and he really had a good time so it's something that I participated in many years too and I think it's just a great service to our community. I'm going to go to Commissioner Hansen for any other comments, and then I'll go to the rest of the Commissioners as well.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Anna War. I appreciate the fact that the Fair Board is trying to come up with different solutions for children and a way to work with them, because I know it must be really disappointing for all these kids to not be able to show off their animals that they have worked so hard on and worked to prepare. So I think it's great that the Fair Board has come up with a different solution and that we still can protect everyone through this COVID-19, and that hopefully we can get to the other side. So thank you to everyone working to be outside the box and to make sure people still have an opportunity to participate.

MS. WAR: Thank you.

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

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I don't have any questions but I also want to thank Anna War for the presentation and for everybody's efforts to try to be creative and think about alternatives, given how difficult a time this is and I'm sure, while it may not seem quite as much fun, or even as much community sharing where those of us who don't raise animals anymore, and I kind of think to go and share what the kids do, we'll be missing that. And maybe we can just – I assume some things will be videoed and photographed and maybe there's a virtual way to do some of that sharing and give the kids that extra kick of appreciation for what they did. Thank you very much.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hamilton. I really appreciate the comments. I'm going to go to Commissioner Garcia. I remember before Commissioner Garcia was a Commissioner, seeing him pretty involved with 4-H and being at some of these events. I remember my son did a lot of welding projects that he presented, and so I do remember the Commissioner being pretty involved during this time. So I'm going to go to Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Commissioners. Just to echo what the previous Commission and staff thanked you, we thank you all the time. You guys do an excellent job. I appreciate that. And the last four weeks I've been speaking with the Spindle family, so probably about 65, 70 percent of

the fair comes from my district, I would say. And this is for the kids, right? This is for the children. They raise their livestock – chickens, rabbits, all year long and nobody knew that this virus was coming. So I think this is good that the Fair Board is actually working with the County Commission because what individuals may or may not realize is 33 counties throughout the state, New Mexico State University agriculture, the New Mexico State Aggies, and they actually – there's a state statute I believe that actually gives – that every county has to give so much money to each agricultural – in every county.

And so the NMSU actually helps out with our County fair a lot, and our staff does a lot too. So because the university is closed down it makes it a little bit of a challenge for us as well to run the County fair, unless talking with the Spindle family, Gary Runer's family, Bruce Martin – I've talked to Bruce Martin several times; he's on the board. The Anaya family, the ex-County Commissioners Anayas. The Smith family, Greg Smith – I didn't really talk to families up north but I'm sure Commissioner Roybal has and as he mentioned earlier as in to many, many years that the County fair has been there for those people that don't realize – that was the end of Rodeo Road back in the days. In those days Rodeo Road was a dirt road.

And if you look on the wall there, in the building that the County just remodeled last year, if Bruce King was a County Commissioner. Ben Lujan was a County Commissioner, and I forget who the third Commissioner was, but that's how long the County fair has been in existence in Santa Fe County. So for the Fair Board and for the County Commission, and you all and for staff to figure out how we can actually have all these [inaudible]. Excellent job. Thank you. Appreciate that.

As an individual that has worked the fair – not worked the fair – actually I can remember when I was the project manager on the fair many years ago. I can go and on. And there was four RVs there, as Anna War mentioned. Now, you go there, there's probably about 150, 200 RVs that come to stay there the whole entire weekend.

You have the Thornton Ranch, when the County bought that open space from Mr. Dean Thornton, still goes to the County fair every single year and participates in the auction. As well as Mr. Chalmers. Alan Chalmers out of Albuquerque. He actually goes every single year. He's one of the two main individuals that actually participate at our County fair.

So I guess to make it short, I'm very happy to see that our staff, as well as the County Commission as the County Manager has said, let's do something for these individuals and let's keep the fair going, which we're doing. But thank you once again for everybody. Appreciate that. Thank you.

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

COMMISSIONER MORENO: Thank you. I commend the Fair Board on their plan, and I'm sure that all the kids who have been working on their projects, it's tough. But this should be another type of a lesson that you sometimes get a screwball and you don't have everything that you would like, but I think this lesson will be a good one in time of adversity. So congrats to the Fair Board and good things in the future.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Moreno. I think that's very well said. A lot of these kids are going to learn definitely perseverance and thinking outside the box, so thank you for those comments. Once again I'd like to thank Ms. War

for being here today and giving us this presentation.

MS. WAR: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I want to say thank you to P. J. Montano. He has been working very closely with me on this and was at the Fair Board meeting with us last night and working with the board. He's doing a great job in helping me with this. So thank you, P.J.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Yes. Thank you, P.J. We appreciate that, sir.

**7. D. Presentation and Request for Direction on Final Budget for FY2021**

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, really quick, please.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Go ahead, Commissioner Garcia. So this is regarding all of the departments' budgets, right? Final budget, anywhere from the Public Works to Community Services, Clerk's Office, Sheriff's Office. Right? Just want to make sure.

CHAIR ROYBAL: That's correct.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Manager Miller can better answer that.

MANAGER MILLER: So Mr. Chair, Commissioners, at our last meeting at the end of May, the Board approved an interim budget for fiscal year 20-21, but we still have items to go over with you for the final budget, which we hope to have approved by the end of June. Either by our June 30<sup>th</sup> meeting, but I did want to talk to you about having a – possibly having a special meeting on June 23<sup>rd</sup> to go over capital projects. After you see what we have today you may decide whether you feel we need to do that or not, and whether we could just move forward on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Statutorily, we're required to have it submitted to the state by July 31<sup>st</sup>. However, we always submit ours prior to July 1 because that's what we load into our budget system and we usually have it loaded in and then we turn on the new fiscal year on July 1 so the departments can start spending on their new budget not their prior year budget or an interim budget.

So we have several things in front of you today so I've got several people doing presentations. Yvonne is going to present to you – if you recall we have a reserve policy that is in excess of the state's reserve requirements and every year in June we come to you with what those reserve funds should be spent at, based upon funding ability and targets that were put in place by policy by the Board of County Commissioner several years ago.

We also have these low income housing tax rebates built into our budget. We haven't discussed that yet. We wanted to at least present to you what we have been rebating to low income families in Santa Fe County, what we rebated this year, and what we're estimating the rebate to be next year with what we're putting in the budget for that.

We also have the fixed asset renewal and replacement. It started with \$11 million worth of requests. We believe we have that now down under \$5 million in total across all funds, all elected officials and all departments. We will be looking for direction on that. Joey will be presenting that.

Also from our last meeting we had a couple of items that were still looking at making a decision on so we have updates on some of those for you. Joey will be presenting that.

And then also we have all of our capital projects that are funded and actively

moving forward and will roll into next year, as well as about 19 capital projects that are partially funded, and we have some requests or recommendations of how we could close the funding gap on those projects and hopefully build them into the July 1 budget, and I'll be finishing with that.

We are not asking for approval of the final budget today. We are just asking for some feedback as to what we put into the final budget for your approval either on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June or the 30<sup>th</sup> of June.

And then also, if we do a special study session on June 23<sup>rd</sup> we would focus as well on capital projects for our general obligation bond questions, so those would be new projects or funding projects that we have had either in design phase that we need to move into a construction phase. So that would be something we hope to put forward at the end of June and throughout July for discussion and approval by the end of July for those projects.

But we're just starting to roll out all of the capital projects. We want you to see what has been built into the budget on those so far, and then where we have a gap, how we'd like to resolve those and also get direction on – and Greg will be presenting the final figures on employee health benefits.

So I'm going to start – I think we're going to start with Yvonne's presentation. I think Daniel Fresquez has that on our reserves and on the tax rebate. There you go, Yvonne.

YVONNE HERRERA (Finance Director): Thank you, Manager Miller.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, really quick. Do you want to ask questions at the end of the presentation, or whatever you'd like, if you could let me know, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Yes, I think we can ask them at the end. How long is the presentation?

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, I would recommend asking questions after each presenter, because they are distinctly separate components of the budget and it might be easier to ask after each presenter.

CHAIR ROYBAL: I'm fine with doing that. I'm going to go first of all, is there any questions relative to what Manager Miller stated earlier? Okay. If there are not we'll go to our first presenter, Ms. Herrera.

MS. HERRERA: Chair Roybal, Commissioners, I'm here to present to you the committed fund balance and the low income property tax rebate information. As Manager Miller mentioned, we have Resolution 2019-7 which repealed and replaced the previous fund balance reserve and contingency policy. Within that policy it gives the Board the authority to commit funds for specific reasons as well as for general operations. Specifically the policy mentioned contingency reserve, disaster recovery reserve, major infrastructure repair and replacement, as well as one that I missed, which is the uninsured loss reserve.

And that's all for the general fund. And then we have our special revenue funds that support operations. We have specific reserves and percentages for those. It's important for the County to save money. It provides evidence of the County being financially sound, proving to investors that we have sufficient revenues as well as cash to be able to pay our debts, which ends up resulting in the County being a low risk

investment for when we do sell bonds.

So this is – the next couple of slides are a prelude to the resolution that we'll be bringing to you at the June 30 meeting to commit balances for the general fund as well as for special revenue funds. All of the reserves are based upon either operating budget for the current year or for fiscal year 21 as a percentage of the general fund, and unrestricted fund balance of the previous 's audited CAFR. So these are the amounts that we will be presenting in the resolution for your approval. We calculated \$34 million for the general fund to be committed.

These are our special revenue funds that support operations and these are the amounts for these funds specifically. Most of them are at ten percent of operating budget for the current year with the exception of our Fire operations fund, our RECC operations fund and our Corrections operations fund, which the reserve amount is set at 25 percent. And then on the final slide we have amounts being committed for our enterprise funds and our internal service fund, which is our self-insurance.

For the water fund we have 50 percent of the operating budget, and for our Housing we have ten percent. And then our self-insured fund, we have it set at 20 percent of our operating budget. These amounts are not estimated; they're based upon our operating budget. These are amounts that we will be presenting with an audited CAFR when we have the auditors come in and audit that for submission to the State Auditor.

On the next slide, these are the amounts, as Manager Miller mentioned, we commit amounts which these require Board action and in order to do the same amounts we would have to have the same actions by resolution. In addition to amounts that are committed we actually have amounts that are required to be only spent on specific activities which are considered restricted, and these are externally imposed by creditors, grantors, laws and regulations.

Manager Miller mentioned the DFA. DFA by statute requires that counties and local governments restrict 25 percent of their expenditures, basically four months worth of spending to help with operations in the case of a downturn as we're seeing now with COVID-19.

Per County standards, we have different classifications for our fund balance. We have non-spendable, restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned. Where the committed amounts that were previously presented, those amounts I will show in the resolution during the June 30 meeting.

These amounts – we wanted to present with all the changes that we've done with the budget and our revenue projections slightly down. We're not sure what the actual impact is going to be. We want to show what our projected fund balance would be for the general fund and for those same special revenue funds if our projections were accurate. And keep in mind please that these are all unaudited. These were based upon numbers that were pulled at the end of May with projecting what was going to happen in June. We still have year-end accruals and some corrections and adjustments that need to be made, but based upon our estimations were expecting our fund balance, which I am projecting to be about \$87 million for the year with \$240,000 of that being non-spendable, basically fuel – we've purchased fuel, postage and accounting supplies. We've already spent the money but we haven't benefited from that expense.

Then we have the amounts that are restricted. We have an amount restricted for



the Santa Fe Studios, which is the investment that is being used for collateral for the amount given to the Santa Fe Studios, and then we have the DFA-required reserves, and then we have what our debt service amount is for next year. So out of that amount, \$87 million, we have \$17 million that's estimated classified as restricted.

And then we have the committed amount, which will be part of that resolution, of \$34.5 million. And then we have our assigned classification, which is essentially the amount of budgeted cash that we expect to use next year to balance our budget. That number will I think change as we continue modifying the budget, making these final cuts that are being presented, leaving the County will about an \$11 million unassigned fund balance that can be used for operations or to help shore up any place where the Commission or the County Manager feels is needed.

For the other special revenue funds, we've included as part of the BCC packet a separate attachment for your review, and with that, I'll stand for any questions you have on the resolution that's coming up or the estimated fund balance populations.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you very much, Ms. Herrera. Do we have any questions from the Commission on this item? I'm going to go through all the Commissioners. I'm going to go first to Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: No, I really appreciate this information and in spite of the numbers it was a good presentation and it was appreciated that you called out these balance reserves because I had not focused on them before but I don't have any specific questions in this regard. Thank you.

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

COMMISSIONER MORENO: I don't think I have any questions at this time.

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

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair, no. I don't have any questions at this moment.

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

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Yes, Mr. Chair. Thank you for the presentation. Ms. Herrera, on this required – 25 percent, 50 percent – there's different percentages that are required that we need to set aside. Is it different for different line items? And who creates that requirement?

MS. HERRERA: Chair Roybal, Commissioner Garcia, the percentages are standard with them and the policy. For the general fund – Daniel can you go back a couple of slides to the first image. So the amount here for the contingency fund, disaster recovery, uninsured loss and major infrastructure, those amounts are actually set within the resolution. The only difference is that some of the reserves, the disaster recovery, the uninsured loss and the major infrastructure loss are actually percentages between ten and 15 percent of unrestricted fund balance of the prior year's CAFR. So based upon historical information and what the County had done in previous years regarding the percentages, we've kind of been keeping those at 11 and 10 and 12 percent for those respective classifications.

And then if you go to the next slide, for the special revenue funds, again, this is within the resolution, everything – all the special revenue funds listed here except for Fire, Corrections and RECC, they're all at ten percent. Fire, RECC and Corrections are stated to be at 25 percent.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Mr. Chair.[inaudible] those are still consistent percentages that we've done the last two, three, four years?

MS. HERRERA: Commissioner Garcia, correct. Yes.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Then just really quick, when you talk about RECC operations fund at 25 percent, is there a reason why that's so high? I can see Corrections, but why is RECC operations fund so high if we actually have [inaudible]

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner, I can answer that. I'm not sure if Yvonne was here when we did this, but Corrections, RECC and Fire operations have a lot of personnel – salaries and benefits – and they rely on gross receipts tax as a revenue. And when you have such a high percentage of your budget out of those funds going to salaries and benefits, it behooves you to have a higher reserve in case revenues in those funds drop, you have a place to access some funds to close that gap before you have to lay off employees or reduce their hours.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Manager Miller. So really quick on that, so the County many, many years ago actually approved GRT tax higher for public safety. Am I right on that?

MANAGER MILLER: That's correct.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: It goes to RECC and it actually goes to – it goes to Fire. And so my question is is so how do we protect the Sheriff's Department, since they're public safety, how do we protect the Sheriff's Department from not getting layoffs if they're not in the budget on this spreadsheet here as in to –

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Garcia, they're protected in the same way we protect all other County employees and that's with the general fund. So the first place funding for dispatch and Fire are out of some dedicated – and they're dedicated by law, those taxes were put in place and can only be used for dispatch and Fire. The funds that support all of our other departments, including Corrections for that matter, really come from transfers from the general fund, which is why we go above the statutory reserve requirement for the general fund, trying to build a larger buffer in case of an economic downturn like we're having right now.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: For a rainy day, right? Mr. Chair, I get it. So just a couple more quick things. So you said they're unaudited. What is unaudited mean?

MS. HERRERA: Chair Roybal, Commissioner Garcia, unaudited means that these have only been looked at internally by Finance staff and that our external auditors, which is REDW, haven't actually come in and done procedures to verify what we've presented today.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you. So we're actually going beyond the call of what is required by DFA, so we have a little bit more savings because we're very conservative. Is that correct? That what DFA requires – yes or no?

MS. HERRERA: Yes.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you. No more questions, Mr. Chair.

Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia. So I don't have any additional comments but I do want to reach out to the Commissioners one last time. Do any of the Commissioners have comments relative to this item that was presented? Okay, seeing none, we're going to go to our next presentation.

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, it's going to be Yvonne but this is a different subject, so this is our low income property tax rebate. If you recall, I think in 2009 the County Commission enacted a low income property tax rebate, and what that is is if you are a property owner in Santa Fe County and you have a gross taxable income of \$24,000 or less and you pay County property taxes, you can receive a rebate of a credit on your income tax, on your New Mexico State income tax. So when you file your income tax there is a form that you fill out that says – determines whether you're eligible for the rebate and if so how much. The State Tax & Rev Division applies that rebate to your state taxes and either gives you money back or reduces your tax obligation to the state and then after the tax year they send us a bill for the total amount.

We don't know the individuals that get to utilize the rebate but what we get is the number of people, a zip code, and how much. So we can see how many Santa Fe County residents actually benefit from this tax rebate. We never know how much it's going to be ahead of time. We have to wait until we receive the bill from the Tax Department, but we have kept the history of it so we estimate based on history. And I don't know – Daniel, are you able to bring up that item? Okay, go ahead, Yvonne.

MS. HERRERA: Chair Roybal, Commissioners, as Katherine mentioned we went through the history of the property tax rebate. Back in 2009 the Commissioners approved Ordinance 2009-2, creating the low income tax rebate for the County. Homeowners have to qualify with residence as well as income. Each January the New Mexico Taxation & Revenue Department bills the County. This year we were lucky enough to get a bill shortly after – actually it was last year – from our previous Finance Director Stephanie Schardin Clarke, I bet she was laughing about that large bill that she gave us. So the bill that we received in January of this year, it was actually for tax year 2018, and the amount of the rebate given to Santa Fe County homeowners was \$535,000.

In addition to what we paid in January for tax year 18 there's the last five years of rebates that have been given to Santa Fe County homeowners, so we're averaging about \$550,000 roughly. To be a little bit more conservative we decided to go ahead and budget \$600,000 this year. The high last year for tax year 17 at \$570,000, we don't have any other year that exceeded that, but to give us some buffer in case with the pandemic that's going on that amount might actually go up next year for tax year 19.

Could we go to the next slide please, Daniel. As Manager Miller mentioned, we don't know who the property tax owners are but we do know them by zip code as well as by city. So here's a summary of each of the zip codes and the dollar amount of the rebate as well as the count. You'll also notice that we have a couple locations that are actually located outside of the county as well as the state, and these items have been verified by Tax & Rev to ensure that they are valid property tax rebate submissions.

So in total we had, as previously mentioned, \$535,000 of rebates, and a total count of just over 1,700 homeowners. And I stand for any questions.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Do we have any questions from Commissioners? I'm

going to go to Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. No, thank you.  
Nothing at the moment.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you. Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Yes, Mr. Chair. I'll get with Manager Miller on this, but in regards to Santa Fe. The difference in – I was interested in Madrid, Cerrillos, obviously in my district as well as the entire county, but in my district the majority, I would have to say, there would be unfortunately the individuals that would actually apply for this rebate. So I would have thought – in the near future I would just to sit down with you, Manager Miller. I'm interested, in a nutshell, people from Madrid have called me and asked me, this is not regarding property tax rebate; it's regarding GRT tax. And when they send in money to the State of New Mexico, Santa Fe County, for that area, receives some GRT check from the State of New Mexico. It's a little different topic, But I'm just interested as in where exactly these are and so and so. But I'll get with Manager Miller, but thank you, Manager Miller and Ms. Herrera for the presentation. Thank you.

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

COMMISSIONER MORENO: On this topic –

MANAGER MILLER: Yes, Commissioner, do you have any questions on the property tax rebate?

COMMISSIONER MORENO: No. I'm good. Thank you.

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

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thanks very much for the good presentation but I have no questions at this point.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hamilton. So we're going to go ahead and watch our next presentation.

MANAGER MILLER: Thank you, Commissioner Roybal. I think what we had next one was going to be Joey on the other budget items. I do want to say, and I know there's still quite a few individuals on the call but several of them have left. Sheriff Mendoza did withdraw his request for – and I think it will be presented in here, but he did withdraw his request for funding on fixed assets for the AR-15 rifles. So the budget request has been reduced by that amount already.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, if I may ask a question.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Go ahead, Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Manager Miller, thank you for bringing that forward to the individuals that I've gotten calls from as into dismantling our police departments throughout the country and stuff that would challenge us. I appreciate Sheriff Mendoza's actually withdrawing this from his budget, which is \$8,000 to replace existing rifles that they have. So again, I understand that. But I would like to – if Sheriff Mendoza has any comments – is he still around? Would he like to comment on this really quick, if he may, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Absolutely.

ADAN MENDOZA (County Sheriff): So I appreciate, Mr. Chair,

members of the Commission, I appreciate you allowing me to address the Commission and anyone that's logged onto the Commission meeting in reference to their concerns. First of all, I just want to say that the Sheriff's Office and the members of – the men and women that work here at the Sheriff's Office, I want to make it clear that we condemn and we denounce the incident that happened in Minneapolis. And I'm actually glad that these officers are being held accountable for what they've done in reference to Mr. Floyd.

With that being said I want to recognize the fact that many community members have reached out to the County Commission and I've talked to a handful of citizens that have called my department specifically, my agency, and we've had some very respectful discussions about the budget request and how we as a Sheriff's Department are going to move forward. We made a decision with myself and my administration that we would pull this item from our budget request based on the fact of the current climate within the nation, within the state, locally, and the things that are happening. And I do understand that I do want everybody to know that I've heard the concerns of the citizens and the Commission. So we thought that this would be a good opportunity for us to assess whether or not – what the priority is for replacing these weapons, even though I have my own opinions in reference to whether or not we as a Sheriff's Office should utilize those as a tool, and why do we need them, which may be another conversation for why I think we need these type of weapons to protect our deputies and the citizens at large.

I did hear comments from people that have called in and I respect their opinions and we are Santa Fe County, as the Commissioner has stated. We fortunately are not facing some of the more serious problems that others are facing across the nation. We are not facing the racism and police misconduct that some agencies are facing throughout the country. I think we at the Sheriff's Office do a better job. We have a great reputation for being respectful and compassionate when policing Santa Fe County.

We're not perfect. We can do things better. We always can. We can train better. We can respond better, but I think this is a great opportunity for us as a Sheriff's Office in the County to take some time, and I liked what one of the callers said is to slow down and make a good assessment of our priorities and where these weapons lie within our department and our use of them. I think it's a good opportunity for us as the Sheriff's Office to analyze policies in reference to these type of firearms that we issue, but I do want to say that I do have a commitment and I made a commitment and an obligation to the citizens of Santa Fe County to protect and serve them, and we're going to continue to do that.

Right now we do have the equipment necessary to provide public safety and safety for our deputies. I do request that the Commission approve the tasers. A taser is a tool that we also use. It's a less than lethal option for our deputies, and obviously we would prefer not to utilize many of the tools that are on our belts to de-escalate a situation. We would prefer using verbal de-escalation and other means before escalating to any types of use of force against criminals or anyone that we're dealing with. But it is a useful tool. It's a tool that we can use to not escalate to deadly force, which is obviously the last option that we want as law enforcement officers.

So with that being said, I would request that the Commission consider the allocation of the money for tasers which are replacement for the tasers that we already have and also the SWAT helmet cameras. I think the cameras are a tool also for

accountability and so when our SWAT team is dispatched and sent we have a record of what our officers are doing, what the suspects are doing, and there's accountability there for everybody in reference to how we respond. And it's also a tool for us to look back on situations and incidents and debrief on how we can do things better, how we can respond better and how we can critique ourselves as law enforcement officers on incidents, because I don't know if there's every a perfect response to every incident. There's always an opportunity to learn on how we can respond.

And so I would request that those cameras be allocated because I think it's a good tool for accountability. So I would hope that the Commission at any time in the future that we request tools or equipment to do our job safely that we would have the support, which I know that we do, from the Commission, and at this time I did respectfully withdraw the request for the AR-15 rifles, but it will not hinder our ability to keep the community safe, the citizens and our deputies. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Sheriff Mendoza. We appreciate your comments. I'm going to go to Commissioner Hansen and then I'll go back to Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you so much, Sheriff Mendoza. I really appreciate your withdrawing the request for the AR-15 rifles, being someone who does not have a lot of experience with firearms, I don't always get the numbers right. But one of the things – I wondered how many tasers are you requesting, because in a lot of these comments we were told it was 500, and I believe you said it was 50. And so I just want to be on the record for how many you are actually requiring. And I do have another question or two.

SHERIFF MENDOZA: Mr. Chair and Commissioner, we were both wrong. It's not 500 and it's not 50. The correct number is 33. And these are tasers – as the technology, obviously, a taser is an electronic device. There's software that coincides with these and as with any technology, the companies sometimes stop supporting, or they will move on to newer devices, and that's what we're doing right now, which is keeping up to make sure that we're trained in the devices and that we are keeping up to date with the newer technology and some of the older technology has been phased out and is not supported any longer by some of these companies.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, and then I just want to point out that one of the actual Black Lives' priorities and reforms is that they want imposed stricter body camera provisions. So I think that it is really important, especially in a SWAT situation that we have cameras on the deputy. I think that is really important to have a record and to have more cameras on all of our deputies. I think that is essential in this situation. I know that we have approximately 100 deputies on the force and I don't know also how many cameras you are requesting. Can you tell me that?

SHERIFF MENDOZA: Mr. Chair, Commissioner, right now we are requesting 15 helmet cameras. That's the capacity of our current SWAT team, so every member of that team would be required to have a camera.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: So I think it's important to also point out what a SWAT team would go into, like they would go into a school shooting. They would go into an active shooting position. They are not on the streets on a regular position, like if we had an active shooter at Walmart, or if we had an active shooter at one

of our schools or high schools. They are specifically for an incident. Am I not correct?

SHERIFF MENDOZA: Mr. Chair, Commissioner, that's correct, and we could have a lot of discussion in reference to how the SWAT team is deployed, but basically it's for major incidents – active shooters, barricaded suspects, people that have already used firearms, either against another person or have used firearms against police or the public, who may be barricaded. There could be a handful of situations where the SWAT team would be required to deploy.

Although we are always prepared, we train, we have that capability, it's very rare that we deploy the SWAT team on any incident. I'd have to look at the actual numbers but it probably hasn't been more than a handful of incidents over the last year and a half or for years prior.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Sheriff. I do have other comments, but I do want to mention that myself and Commissioner Moreno have been working with the Sheriff on a resolution to work on policies and procedures for our Sheriff's Department because we recognize that this is – that we are working to get out in front of this and talk about the situation with the community and bring forward ideas that we can talk about, especially seeing all the information and the misinformation that has been put out there. So I think that it is important for us to be pro-active and work on situations together. So I really appreciate you being here and commenting. Thank you. And I probably will have more to say but at the moment I will leave it there.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. I'm going to go to Commissioner Garcia, and I apologize. I don't believe that you were done, Commissioner Garcia, so I'm giving the floor to you, sir.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: That's okay. Thank you, Sheriff, for actually moving forward on this and you've worked for the force for a long time. I can remember Manny Escobedo used to be there and Benjie Montano used to be there, Ray used to be there. Greg Solano – we had a challenge with Solano as the Sheriff. Garcia was there for an individual that has actually worked and practiced with the SWAT team and seeing what they actually do. Whole different story what you men and women do.

Also, for individuals that don't realize as in to last year, Tierra Contenta, which is near Capitol High School, being on the school board, we're the only five school board members who gets a call and says Capitol High School was on a shut-down. There was a guy at the apartment complex across the street there that the SWAT team, Albuquerque, State Police and the Sheriffs were flying around for five hours in a helicopter and they shut down the entire area because some guy was – him and his wife were coming from Denver. They were wanted. They actually shot somebody here in Santa Fe. They were loaded and they went to Albuquerque. But sometimes we don't realize the importance of SWAT does or how they work with it for replacing their existing rifles that they have. I understand that.

And I, as in to the resolution as into policy and procedures that the Commissioners are bringing forward, I'm totally in support of that. I agree that's one of the good things we should do nationwide, because in Santa Fe, not the county, not the city, our community that we all live in, they've got that we actually haven't had major situations that I don't agree with Santa Fe back east or in New York and all that stuff. I'm totally against it. That was not right. And getting back to what the Sheriff's requesting,

with taser guns or cameras for your helmets, if you want transparency, let's do it.

The Sheriff in Bernalillo County, he doesn't want any body cameras. Our Sheriff is saying yes. And we have individuals from the community saying no. I agree. We should have cameras and we should – the Sheriff's requesting – this thing right here? Cell phone? I went to a conference – to make a long story short, this thing, whenever you take a picture, this is going to record frame by frame by frame. [inaudible] it's going to take where we've got that windshield. It's going to take that type of flower behind it, so we're always being watched.

So the individuals that don't want to have cameras watching the Sheriff's Department, I'm sorry, I disagree with that. But I have no more further questions, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Commissioners.

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

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I actually want to thank everybody that made comments. We are a country that is at a critical turning point right now. I truly hope that this level, if you look at how many people are on this call at this level of social and political engagement at our local level continues. I hope it spreads to every place else in the country. Because if this kind of situation now isn't enough to spark some fundamental change, it is nearly impossible for me to imagine what would be enough.

And I'm old enough to have been around in the mid- to late sixties when we had some incredibly important social movements and many very important things said and some important actions taken to see where we have landed now, how minimal some of those changes are, or maybe from the other point of view, how important, how massive some of the changes we need across the country remain to be. It is almost alarming.

As good as I think some of, many of the things we do and have done in Santa Fe County are, everybody needs to engage in what we can do better and how things can change, and frankly, the question of how we can take a really fundamentally different approach to community policing is too big a question to be able to answer quickly. We have to persist and try to answer that question. In the present circumstance, however, doing symbolic things, doing things that will slow us down enough to allow the time to have that community engagement are critical. We all have to inconvenience ourselves a little bit to change the way we're doing things.

And I think that's what we're doing and I'm very grateful that Sheriff Mendoza not only withdrew the AR-15 item so that we can continue the conversation and make decisions, but I really want to thank him for his words and for a sincere attitude that I've observed not just today but since I've been a Commissioner, he's been a Sheriff with a willingness to listen and think, do things differently and consider important policies and be a benefit to the community.

And I guess on a very specific basis I just want to add my thought that seeing SWAT equipment can be alarming. The fact that there are cameras means that this is something that is really critical to compliance and I agree with keeping those and the non-lethal tasers, though clearly you can abuse – around the country we have seen that almost anything can be abused. That doesn't happen here in Santa Fe County in my observation. We can certainly have discussions and take measures to assure that it isn't. I



sincerely trust that we will do that. So I support keeping those two things on the budget.

But truly, once again, this kind of participation is probably among some of the most important things that we can do if we want to change what we have in our social milieu. Probably most of you saw the news reporting when George Floyd's brother went to the place where he was shot, Terence, among many of the other things he said, at the end he said, this has to continue. The protests have to continue but you have to do more than that. You have to engage at the local level and vote. That is part of what this is.

I would frankly add another thing to that, which is where people of color or disadvantaged representatives have to run for office as well and be encouraged and enabled to. This is local government and I am so pleased to see this engagement. We really do have to keep this up because this is how we can understand what's needed and make real change. So thank you very much and thank you for participating.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hamilton. Very well said. I'm going to go to Commissioner Moreno. He hasn't had the opportunity to speak, and then I have a request from Commissioner Garcia and I also see Commissioner Hansen's hand up. Commissioner Moreno, go ahead.

COMMISSIONER MORENO: Thank you, Mr. Chair. As Commissioner Hansen noted, over the weekend we asked for a resolution in support of Black Lives Matter. We've just cut a first draft. We couldn't get it in time for this meeting. Commissioner Hansen and I will be working on the resolution and it's going to be probably for the next meeting.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner. We appreciate that and we look forward to seeing that. I'm going to go to Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: [inaudible] I would like to be a co-sponsor on that resolution, as in to co-sponsoring it. Even the Sheriff probably would. Just with respect to what Commissioner Hamilton mentioned, I sit on a board with vice presidents and Lorraine Price. Lorraine Price is an African-American lady that came from New York during the sixties and she's been an educator in Santa Fe. She's probably educated 85 percent of the kids. I get a little bit of chills talking about her because she's a great lady. She's probably educated many kids in this community and she's on the Board of Education. And she talks about prejudice and this and that as it still continues to happen in this country and in Santa Fe, we have a great community here. I don't feel that we do that as what's happening in some parts of the East.

So as Commissioner Hamilton mentioned, we're a good community and we're going to still do good and we're going to – we still – we have a good community here. We have good local government here. We have a good small community here and I appreciate that. And for the individuals that are still listening, because we have a lot of people on the list there, just keep in mind, the local government doesn't create the federal laws. It's up to the congressional delegation as well as our state leaders, because that's where it starts at and that's where we've got to go. We're local government individuals. We deal with the individuals. We can deal with your guardrail. We can deal with this; we can deal with your sign, but when it comes to the local government, federal laws, please keep in mind there's always your congressional delegation out there as well as your state leaders who have a little more say-so when it comes to these federal laws than we do. I just wanted to mention that and once again, I'd be happy to join that resolution with

Commissioner Moreno and Hansen. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia and I think you're right. I think all of us would like to be a part of that resolution and I think that was a great resolution to bring forward, so thank you guys for that. And I'm going to go to Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, everyone. I appreciate all the support. I think we're in really changeable times and we need to take this opportunity. But I also want to state to all of the people who are listening out there, the US is one of the largest weapons producers in the world. That is something that maybe we have to think about also. And we need an assault weapons ban. We had it before; we need it again.

We don't want our police to be militarized, but we also don't want our citizens to have military weapons. And so they go together. We need an assault weapons ban. We have had it before; we can have it again. And so I think that that is something that all of us citizens need to work on together to make sure that we're paying attention. We want our Sheriff's Office and our deputies to be responsive to us, but we have to also participate in making sure that the militarizing of our country stops, and that means by removing people having military weapons and an assault weapons ban.

I have been a civil rights activist my entire life. I was at the Watts riots in 1964 and 1965. I was a young person, in high school. I was one of the few white people there before the riots started, and I remember running away because it was so scary once the police started shooting. So all my life I have fought for civil rights. I'm a peace activist. You can ask Lola any time. She's worked with me forever. And I've always been an anti-war activist. So I just want to state that, that this is really important, that we as a Commission, we care about our community and we care about our deputies and our Sheriff also.

I think all of you should know that Sheriff Mendoza is part of our community. His mother was Gloria Mendoza and those of you who don't know who she is, you should look her up because she was a community activist who cared extremely about her community. So I just want to thank you all so much for being here. I thank the public for being here. It's important to continue to participate. So thank you for that and thank you for the opportunity, Mr. Chair, for just making a few comments before we go to Joey. I know we've kind of subverted her and the budget request. And thank you, Sheriff, very, very much once again for pulling the rifles from this budget request.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen. I'm going to keep my comments pretty brief because we have been going on for a while. I do want to just thank the concerned citizens for coming forward and vocalizing their concerns to the Commission today. As was stated earlier, this is the type of engagement that is needed across the country for our local governments. The local government is where the rubber meets the road and so I think that we have always been pretty open to listening to our constituents.

Really thanks and special thanks to Sheriff Mendoza for his comments tonight. So I just want to say that, and with that I'd like to move on to our next agenda item and thank you all for being here tonight.

MANAGER MILLER: So Mr. Chair, Joey, you were at the next part of

the presentation on updates from our interim budget to where we are today, so if you want to do that and then after Joey we'd stand for questions on some of these items, and then go into our capital planning process with Paul Olafson and then I'll wrap it up with our capital projects.

JOEY ROWE (Budget Supervisor): Chair Roybal, Commissioners, thank you. This is a budget direction power point that is basically to ask for the final budget. There are some items here that we need approval or removal. So we started out, as you know, the fixed asset list was put together by departments way back – it seems like forever ago now, but way back in January. And at that time we had 186 requests, and as Manager Miller mentioned a little while ago, it was over \$11 million in requests. And so we knew without economic downturn that we needed to shrink the fixed asset requests, and then when the economic downturn happened, that just really caused us to look at these items a little harder.

And so as it stands now, of the original 186 requests, we have 95 requests left from across each department, from across all departments, and \$5.2 million are awaiting disposition, which basically means that they've made it past a few different approval levels, and now it's to you as the Board to decide whether or not to continue with keeping these in for the final budget. So by fund we have 52 items that total almost \$4 million that are in the general fund, and they're in the general fund even though they're in several other funds because the general fund is really subsidizing, like fund 204 for the roads, the Sheriff's fund and Corrections. So that's why they're kind of sub-set under the general fund, just for your information.

And then there's other funds. The property valuation fund has almost \$79,000 in three requests. The EMS fund has some five requests for almost \$14,000. Court recording fees, one request at \$7,000. Fire tax has 18 requests at \$717,000. Of course that's a specific tax for fire. The Section 8 voucher has two requests that total \$7,000. RECC has three I believe in equipment for almost \$12,000. Housing capital fund, which is actually fund 301, has two requests, and then the enterprise fund for water has nine requests totaling \$479,160.

And then on the next slide, by department, it shows the number of requests in different categories by expense type. So you can see overall, Countywide, we have \$2.2 million in replacement vehicles. That's over Fire, Public Works, and the Sheriff's Office. Furniture and fixtures are about \$10,000. Computer equipment, IT and software are at just under a million. Machinery and equipment are just over \$2 million, and so the total by all the departments in all the different funds total \$5,270,827.

You were provided two weeks ago with a fixed asset listing that's got a lot of detail in there, and I will say that a few of those have been updated. The Sheriff's Office request was one of them.

So if we want to go to the next slide, Daniel. That's it for the fixed asset part of my presentation. Basically, of those fixed asset requests, are there any that need further discussion? The other potential recommended cuts that we presented to you two weeks ago, I just wanted to update you on a few of those. The electronic monitoring program is still in the budget, funded at just under a million dollars, and what management has decided to do at this time, unless there's other direction is that we will continue looking at that program and throughout fiscal year 21 to determine if there's any possible changes

that can be made which could result in cost reductions.

And then in Public Works, in the Roads Division, we did have \$300,000 in the interim budget to evaluate and capture all County roads and assets and we discussed that a little bit a few weeks ago. Since that meeting Mr. Giron, the Director of Public Works, has reduced that amount by \$290,000, so there's a remaining amount of just \$10,000 in that line item.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Are we going to go to questions real quick, Joey?

MS. ROWE: Whatever's the pleasure of the Board, sir?

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Do we have any questions from the Commissioners to this point? Okay, hearing none, go ahead.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, sorry.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Garcia, go ahead.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: I had a question. So go back to the page 3, the summary by department, fixed assets, let's state, for example, Community Services, no request [poor audio quality]

MANAGER MILLER: Could you repeat your question, Commissioner Garcia? We couldn't hear you.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Yes. On page 3, in regards to, let's just take for an example, Community Services' request three. Is that employees?

MS. ROWE: No, sir. There are no employee requests. Mr. Chair, Commissioner Garcia, there are no full-time equivalent requests in here. There are no new employees at all for fiscal year 21 that have been approved. For specifically Community Services, these would be replacing an aging refrigerator at Rufina lunch site, getting a new freezer for the same site, and then a seating table for El Rancho. So basically for the community and the Community Services Division.

MANAGER MILLER: So Commissioner, it's three items and they total \$6,300. And there's a separate spreadsheet if you all would like to see it that lists every single item that makes up those 96 items. So the column that says number of requests is the number of items requested by each department or category of items, and then if you go to the other spreadsheet – it's very hard to see on this screen though, so you'll probably have to look it up in your BoardDocs and zoom in on it, but it lists every single item that Community Services requested. Everything that Corrections requested. Everything the County Assessor, and down the line. And that's the detail of the items that make up this request. It just doesn't translate into a power point very well, and since we're not sitting face to face with you we don't have a paper copy to hand out to you. But it is in the packet. It's attached. Maybe, Daniel, just for purposes of -

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, Manager Miller, that's okay. I'll look at it on my other laptop. I'm okay with it. I just want to make sure those rifles aren't in the Sheriff's, right?

MANAGER MILLER: If you look on that spreadsheet you will see that the Sheriff's rifles have been deleted. They've been lined through and they've been subtracted from the request.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you.

MANAGER MILLER: So if anybody watching wants to see that they can go to that spreadsheet under this item and pull it up and you can see where it has been

lined out.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: I will. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia. Thank you, Manager Miller. Let's continue, Ms. Rowe.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I have a quick question, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay, Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Just a quick question, because I know what the items are, but when we're looking on the same graphic, somebody mentioned earlier that there are some funds that are dedicated funds, like the Fire fund. There's some money that comes from some place and it has to be used there. Is that what most of these items under Fire are covered under? And that's the example I know about. You could ask the same about the County Assessor. There are some things, some funding that at least part of it has to be used in the Assessor's Office, that sort of thing.

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Hamilton, I think the slide before this – Daniel if you can back up one – that's by funding source right there.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: But it doesn't all add up.

MANAGER MILLER: Well, because Fire might have some things that are in the Fire quarter cent tax and then they may have some items that are in the general fund.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: That's what I was asking.

MANAGER MILLER: Yes. Some other funds.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: That's exactly what – thank you so much.

MANAGER MILLER: And just while we're on this, and I'm sorry to interrupt Joey, but one of the things that we wanted to ask is the items that are in the special revenue funds, if those are approved by the Board the respective departments would be able to utilize those funds at the beginning of the fiscal year that wouldn't have restrictions on those, but those fixed assets that would be funded by the general fund we would still hold off on initiating purchases for the first quarter of the fiscal year so that we can see whether our revenues are coming in as budgeted, and that we would only purchase out of that \$3.9 million if approved, we would only purchase items that are really needed because something's broken and has to be replaced on the list, and then the other funds would be able to be available as soon as our final budget is approved by the Department of Finance.

So I just interjected that, so out of that \$3.9 million we would still hold off for three months until we see how revenues are coming in. Okay, Joey.

CHAIR ROYBAL: You can go ahead, Joey.

MS. ROWE: Thank you, Chair Roybal. So the presentation from the last Board meeting two weeks ago, we had put a few slides for some other potential recommended cuts, mostly due to economic downturn. One of those things still being decided or needing a decision is do we want to put the Bokum Building lease agreement in for the full year for fiscal year 21? So there's that question. The recommendation is that staff recommends cutting 2/3 of that budget in the amount of \$189,066 after this building is vacated by County staff, moving over back across the street.

There was another potential recommended cut in the Community Services

Department. This was for the Edgewood behavioral health. This was \$350,000 for funding for Edgewood renovation for the crisis center, and staff was recommending to postpone the project of \$350,000. Again, it was just a potential recommended cut that was up for discussion. It is still currently in the final budget, so it would have to be removed if that was a decision that the Board wanted to make.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Can I ask a question at this point, Mr. Chair?

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Because there were so many people on public comment that were concerned about that cut, would it be possible to just very generally briefly mention that part of the reasoning for considering this cut is not because we lack support for doing this but because the other participating governments have pulled some support or are not moving forward. Anyway, if you could say something accurate that explains that I would I appreciate it.

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner –

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Manager Miller, really quick. We talked about this in executive session, so are we okay to talk about it in the public? I'm just asking.

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, and Commissioners Hamilton and Garcia, the lease and the acquisition of the real property, which is our executive session conversation, this, just on a bigger picture, and I did talk to Bernalillo's county manager as well as got a letter from them relative to their constraints around this project. It has to do with not necessarily cutting the money for the renovation. There's a couple of pieces – we're not trying to stop doing this project. We're just wanting to delay this because they don't have funding for this first year of operations, Bernalillo. They have offered some funding for operations on the second and third years of operations, which would put the first year of operations, as well as the renovations 100 percent on Santa Fe County for next year.

We think that it's likely going to cost a little more than \$350,000 which we had specifically dedicated from the tax that the Board put in place for behavioral health. We built up some cash. Additionally, that would also put a similar amount of \$300,000 to \$400,000 on Santa Fe County 100 percent in the first year, and we're trying to get our other facility finished and up and running, and we took on assisting Pathways.

So what we're trying to do is look at not not doing this project but postponing it for a year or two till one, the Bernalillo's funding source could be utilized in year one, as well as us having a revenue stream, because our gross receipts taxes are going to be down this year. So we're already going to be pulling from our cash balances to make all the other things operational, which you saw on the slide that Yvonne did, that we'll be using close to \$23 million of cash balances to make our budget work.

We don't want to take on another operational cost until we see our revenues coming down because this would be a new operating cost and both Bernalillo County, they felt like, yes, in light of – and Bernalillo, they got federal funding out of the CARES Act because they're large enough. We got nothing and we still have not gotten anything from the state for our costs related to COVID-19. So we have increased costs and a lack of revenue. And starting another new program in the same time we're trying to start the

Santa Fe one, both Bernalillo County and Santa Fe County staff thought we should recommend postponing it.

So Commissioner Garcia, you are correct. We will talk about the acquisition of the real property related to this and what opportunities we have, but this was just taking out the renovations for this year.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Manager Miller. Okay, so we're going to go back to the presentation.

MS. ROWE: Thank you, Chair Roybal. The next item in the other potential recommended cuts that were presented a few weeks ago is the contractual services, our radio contracts that we have. The recommendation is just cutting a small percentage from the total budget. So we would still have those contracts, just ten percent less in the budget.

And the next slide, the other item was the Assessor's Office has the GIS, the digital aerial imagery within the county boundary to assess value of properties, and the consideration is that right now, it's in the general fund. The funding could be changed to the Assessor's property valuation fund, or we could mix the funding to allow for the Assessor and the County to both be able to use the data once it's done. So there's still options that are being explored by the County Assessor, GIS, management, and the Purchasing Division. So at this time this is still in the final budget and it still is a fixed asset request up for your approval, but we could move that within the next couple of weeks before we submit our final budget to you. So that's still something that we could leave for discussion unless the Board wanted to discuss that or Manager Miller.

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioners, I indicated to you at our last Board meeting that I would have a conversation with the Assessor and we have come up with some options that would be less than this, in addition to sharing that cost between the Assessor's property valuation fund and the general fund, bringing this down significantly to the general fund. But we need to work with Purchasing still to see what complications there would be with the acquisition if there is any, and Mr. Taylor is out of the office until next Monday. So it will have something different than this to provide to the Board before we do the final budget that will be less than this. I just don't have the exact number right now.

So I think that's all on those items and we just wanted to recap. And I think Greg is on the call to recap where we stood on our health benefits recommendation as well.

GREG SHAFFER (County Attorney): Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'm going to go through these slides fairly quickly, because we have visited with the Board of County Commissioners several times related to calendar year 2021 funding needs for our medical and prescription drug benefits.

So the first slide in front of you is a reminder that we did receive three funding options from Gallagher, our hired consultant and actuary relative to our self-funded benefits program. There was an optimistic scenario where we just tried to cover the anticipated claims as well as non-claim costs; a moderate scenario in which we built in a claim fluctuation margin cushion; and a conservative scenario where we also included funds to build up our cash reserves for future rainy days.

County staff recommended the moderate option, which would entail a 15.4 percent increase in funding. We did so because we felt it important to have a claim

fluctuation margin, and in addition we felt that this year may potentially finish better than expected due to the anticipated decrease in health costs resulting from a limit on elective procedures due to COVID-19 as well as a general reluctance to seek out medical care as a result of COVID-19.

So at the last meeting of the Board of County Commissioners we did provide you with some information about what the 15.4 percent increase in contribution rates would be on a biweekly and annual basis for employees in the different tiers at the County. Just a quick reminder that while I say it is biweekly, it is actually probably more accurate to say bimonthly to pay as an employee contributions to health insurance twice a month ago, so there are two pay periods in which no contributions are taken but nonetheless this shows you the increase to the employee insurance, what it means to them on a per-paycheck basis, as well as annually.

The County Manager indicated at the last meeting that we would look into and provide you with some additional data related to what I'm going to call Tier 1 employees, and those are the employees in the first group who earn \$30,000 or less at the County, since that would be the income bracket that we would be most concerned about relative to passing on any increase in employee contribution rates.

So when we looked at Tier 1 employee income impact, first we wanted to highlight an action that was taken by the County earlier this year in that any County employee that was earning less than \$13 an hour saw their hourly rate of pay increased to \$13 an hour. What that means for full-time County employee is that there is currently no full-time County employee that would earn less than \$27,040 on an annualized basis. So when you look at the Tier 1 contribution rates on the previous page, keep in mind that all County employees in that tier are near the top end of that range due to those hourly rate increases.

When we looked at our actual enrollment data, that's the next bullet, we have 35 total Tier 1 employees enrolled in group health medical and Rx benefit plans. Of those, 27 had employee-only coverage, so Daniel, if you flip back to the previous slide for me for a second, that means that on a biweekly basis an employee-only enrollee in Tier 1 in the HMO plan would pay \$7.72 additional for their coverage, and employee-only in a PPO plan would pay \$8.99 more per pay period in which insurance contribution rates are withheld.

So go back to the next slide please, Daniel. When you break it down by plan type, HMO versus PPO, on the HMO side again, within our Tier 1 employee group, 19 are enrolled in employee-only coverage, three are in the employee plus spouse or partner, zero have employee plus children, and only two are at the employee plus family enrollment category. For the PPO it's eight employee-only coverage and one for all the other coverage options.

So having looked at that data and providing it back to the Board of County Commissioners, staff and management would continue to recommend that there be a 15.4 percent contribution rate increase in calendar year 2021 to both the employer – that is the County – as well as the employee contribution rate increases. We think that is the fiscally prudent thing to do in light of the actuarial estimates that we received regarding likely medical costs for calendar year 2021. That avoids dipping into our rainy day balances in the fund and in fact our proposal would hopefully allow some cash to be built up for



future rainy days.

We think that this avoids drastic catch-up contributions in the future, while also providing a [inaudible] against claim fluctuation. As previously indicated, since both the County and the employee share would be increasing by 15.4 percent, because the County's contribution rate is so much larger, the County will be contributing an additional \$901,000 or approximately 72.42 percent needed funding, whereas employees as a group under this proposal will be contributing approximately \$343,000 or 27.58 percent. We think these across the board increases result in equity across all employees at the County. The biweekly contribution rates as previously demonstrated in the slides are progressive, meaning that higher earners pay more for the same benefits, so the contribution increase for tiers 2, 3, and 4 would all be higher than Tier 1, whereas everybody would be feeling the same percentage increase.

We also think that increasing biweekly contribution rates is generally to be preferred than plan redesigns where costs are put onto employees through increased co-pays, deductibles and the like which again, has the effect of shifting costs to sick employees rather spreading those costs out across the entire employee basis.

And then finally, as this information shows, I looked at the impact to Tier 1, which is where we would be most concerned about any impact. There are 27 of our employees in that tier who hold employee-only coverage, which has the smallest increase per pay period on an annual basis and in addition the recent salary increases for employees earning less than \$13 an hour will help them shoulder that additional cost in 2021 should the Board adopt this recommendation of any biweekly contribution rate increase.

And then finally, to put this in context, relative to other cost-saving measures being considered elsewhere, if you look at the cost of a four-hour per week furlough is for someone earning \$13 per hour, that would equate to almost \$104 per pay period. That is much more than the increased cost of insurance being proposed.

So again, our recommendation remains that we build the budget based on a 15.4 percent contribution rate increase for both the County as the employer as well as the employees. And I would stand for any questions. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Attorney Shaffer. Do we have any questions from the Board? Commissioner Hansen, do you have any questions?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Not at the moment.

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

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: No, thank you, Mr. Chair, and thank you, Attorney Shaffer for the recap and the additional information, but I have no further questions at this point.

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

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: I have no questions. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Moreno, do you have any questions, sir?

COMMISSIONER MORENO: No, I don't. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Well, thank you, Commissioner, and thank you, Ms.

Rowe. We appreciate it. Okay, we're going to go back to Manager Miller.

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, so Daniel, can you go to the next slide on this one. And this slide, we still have one more area and that's funding for projects but what we need to do and get direction from the Board is based on what we've presented to you today to get Board approval for those recommended additional reductions as presented in this presentation, to get approval of our medical and prescription contribution rates, get approval of the fixed asset requests as presented today with the reductions, and then the next thing that I was going to do, and we could do those three things now if you would like and then the next item I have Paul Olafson who's going to walk us back through quickly – he promised it would be quick – our capital planning process that the Board adopted and we put in place, and then I'm going to show you the projects that are currently built into the interim budget that will roll into the final budget as well as present some options of funding some gaps in about 19 projects that we have.

And I don't need the approval of the capital budget. This will be the first time you will see those. I don't need those today. We just need them by the end of the year, so my thought on those was to get some feedback from the Board as to whether you're good with it or you'd prefer to go with other options.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Manager Miller. I did say that Commissioner Hansen had her hand up so I'm going to go with Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: So, Manager Miller, do you want a motion to the complete recommendation, additional reductions in FY 21 budget, approve medical, Rx contribution rates and attain approval of fixed asset requests? Is that what you're asking for?

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

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: So I so move.

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

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Second.

CHAIR ROYBAL: So we have a second from Commissioner Garcia. Under discussion, I'm going to go to Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thank you. I have a clarification question. I support all the recommended reductions, but for the healthcare contributions, it's still presented as the three options and we're only recommending, I thought, or at least there has been discussion around recommending that middle option. Is that what is in the motion? Is that what the recommendation is and that's what's in the motion?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: That is what I am recommending, the middle option.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thank you very much, and I concur with that. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Okay.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you, Commissioner Hamilton. Was that it for your questions? Yes? Okay, Commissioner Garcia, did you have anything additional before we go to the vote?

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: No, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Moreno.

COMMISSIONER MORENO: No.

CHAIR ROYBAL: No. Okay. Thank you, sir. I'm going to go ahead and go to the vote then.

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

MANAGER MILLER: The next piece, just for the record, and I think we've set it out previously, but in your Board packets there was an economic summary. Not something I need to go over. I just thought you might want to take a look at it. It was put out by the Economic Development Department at the state level and it was based on statewide where things are through the third quarter of this fiscal year or first quarter of this calendar year, across the state as well as in Santa Fe County, by industry. So we provided that information to you.

The next item is the Santa Fe County CIP process BCC presentation, and I'm going to turn this over to Paul Olafson because he knows it like the back of his hand. Right, Paul?

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, Manager Miller, how come Jacob's name is on it?

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Garcia, so Jacob actually put the presentation together, sent it to me on Friday and then he went on vacation so he didn't have to present it.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay, Mr. Olafson, you're on.

PAUL OLAFSON (Projects Division): Okay, I'll go as briefly and directly as possible per direction from the Manager. So first, this is an overview of the presentation. We're going to review what is the capital improvement plan and we're going to look at the new County capital improvement process and then talk to you about next steps and stop for any questions. And I'll go very quickly through these.

So the capital improvement plan or CIP, this is required by both the Sustainable Growth Management Plan and the Sustainable Land Development Code as to the need for them and the benefit. Basically a CIP is a tool that ensures that a jurisdiction like the County has both the capacity and the financial resources to provide infrastructure, public facilities and general services. A capital improvement plan can be short range, five years, which we have been implementing in the past few years, or long range from ten to 20 years. And we will be coming to the Board to request a longer-range plan in the near future. We also ensure that investments in the infrastructure and resources are well planned and coordinated across the county through the different departments and divisions and the users.

Finally, we currently use a five-year plan. We also have annual ICIP requests that go to the state which is a small subset of the five-year plan.

So the goals of capital planning are that we have long-term and pro-active decision making. So we're looking forward and saying we know that this area of the county, for example the Community College District is growing and we're going to need a new road there, or we're going to need a waterline. And then we're also focused on integrated systems and priorities, so we're working with roads and utilities and anyone else with an infrastructure project to make sure that we're working together and getting

the best bang for the buck. We're also trying to enhance our information collection and analysis so that we're making good decisions based on real information and not someone's guess or just someone's request. And we also want to make sure it's within our capacity to actually implement these projects. It's one thing to put money to a project but if we don't have the staff and resources to implement it that money can't be effectively used.

So in August of last year the BCC passed Resolution 2019-103, and this was the new capital planning process that we outlined. We came before the Board several times to discuss it. The goal of this process is to consolidate separate capital planning for roads, for utilities, for fire, for Sheriff, through one functional single systems where all the requests can be reviewed and rated and analyzed together, and that we get a comprehensive look at where our funds are going and what are the different pieces that mix in together or work together. So we want to again integrate the long-range capital planning decisions through an evaluation process and a more effective decision making tool and that was the tool that is a spreadsheet that basically analyzes a project based on the County's principles and the strategic plan elements that the Board has already adopted and directed. Public safety, enhanced government services, etc. And the finally, we establish a regularly scheduled process so that there is continuity but also opportunity for adding new projects or re-evaluating existing projects. That's a regularly scheduled process for review, scoping and staff capacity.

So, based on the resolution that was adopted, we established a Capital Planning Committee that oversees the planning process and is making recommendations. The recommendations that Manager Miller will be presenting went through this process this year. This is the first time this has happened. We also created a new scoping form that collects necessary project data and so we have a one-sheet project descriptor that can have additional information attached with it, but each project is looked at through a similar lens and it has a similar evaluation process. And then we also have the tools to evaluate, prioritize scheduled projects based on a) the available budget; b) immediate County needs, as I said, a necessary service to keep the lights on; and c) is it part of our strategic planning and goals moving forward to provide service for the County.

That process is more specifically defined as, number one, we get a project proposal, number two, staff reviews that proposal to make sure it is a valid funding opportunity for the County. Then number three, we look at scoping, and that's adding much more detail than we've previously done on to capital projects to really flesh the project out and make sure it's matching the user's and the requester's needs and is do-able through the procurement process, through Finance, through the construction processes. So before we start even evaluating a project we want to make sure it's really do-able and it's really been thought through.

Next we look and the need determination and do the evaluation process, as in meeting health, safety, welfare, etc. Is it a basic need or is it a request above and beyond basic needs of the County? Next we look at staff capacity and bandwidth. We may fund 100 projects but if we don't have the staff to implement those projects we have to maybe re-evaluate how and when we would bring the projects forward. Then through all that process and evaluation we come up with a recommended list of projects and then finally, when all the projects are approved and adopted by the Board we would then come up

with an updated CIP and include that with our budgeting processes throughout the year.

This year is a little different because of the COVID situation and just our processes but since the first time we've done it we're happy with it and we'll move forward with it.

These two graphs, I won't go into too much. The one on the left, the columns, it just reviews the basic steps and so there's a project proposed, it's reviewed, it's scoped, it's determined to meet a basic need. If so, it goes into the project pot for consideration, and then if it's not a basic need it goes through the evaluation process. Then through that it gets a recommended budget if the Board approves it. And that's the step we're approaching now, is the Board approval. On the right you'll see the circular diagram. That is the annual cycle that we propose implementing. So we'll come to you in the middle of the fiscal year in January and say here's where we're at, and here's what the CIP looks like now, and then we come to you in June and May to budget then next year's round of capital projects.

The next step is to review the Capital Planning Committee's recommendations, discuss the potential amendments, and then adoption of the 2021 CIP update.

So that's my presentation. If you want to contact Jacob, there's his number and email. Do you have any questions for me or Manager Miller?

CHAIR ROYBAL: Do we have any questions from the Board?  
Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thank you very much for the presentation and it was really good to review the process. So I assume we're going to move into the actual CIP list and I may have questions then but not at this point. That was well done. Thanks very much.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Paul, very much and please thank Jacob for his work. It was clear and well done. I miss not seeing all of you. So I just want to say that. I'm glad we've moved into the new building but I miss not being able to see everybody in person, but it's nice to see you on the screen. So thank you for the presentation.

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

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: No questions. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay, Commissioner Moreno, did you have any questions or comments?

COMMISSIONER MORENO: I'm good.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, sir. So let's move on.

MANAGER MILLER: So Mr. Chair, Commissioners, the intent of that was to view what the Board approved for our policy and our process. What we did is we added a lot of time and a lot of staff to try to reconcile every project that we have that's active or even a project that maybe has got some funding to it but hasn't moved for a while for a variety of reasons. So what we did is try to go through the entire list of projects that we had some money for, total funding for, or is on a list to be a potential new project.

And staff in P.J.'s group with Barbara and the other project managers went

through trying to really define the scope and filled out their scoping sheet. They updated their budget estimates, because as you know some of our projects have been on hold for one reason or another and they've needed to have the scope updated, they've needed to have a revised budget. So the facilities group of project managers did that. And also we had Diego and Ryan looking at all the road projects and John Dupuis and his staff looking at all of the water and wastewater projects and all of the open space projects as well. And Jacob Black from Fire bringing in all the Fire projects and the Fire chiefs reviewing everything that's been out there on their five-year plan.

So with that, what we did is if – Daniel, if you could bring up project budgets, the spreadsheet for fiscal year 2021. So what we did is – Sam Montoya in Finance has been extremely helpful because he's the keeper of all the bond proceeds and all the different funds that we have, and he went through with the departments. So what we did – what this list is is in white, those are all of the projects and the first one is actually a grant fund where we have some leftover funding. We don't know if we'll be able to keep that or not. We're trying to. But everything that's not highlighted in green is a project that we already have the funding and that money is being rolled into the fiscal year 2021 budget. So you can see we have, in addition to the Hondo fire station number 1, we have La Cienega fire station, and number 2 and community center, Pojoaque/Jacona fire substation, so these are the amounts – while not all of these are fully funded, these are amounts of funding that are in white that we have that funding right now.

Now all of these, like Pojoaque/Jacona fire substation, that one probably should be in green because that was going to be one that we need additional funding for. But as you go down this list this is what right now we're proposing to roll into next year's budget because we either have a grant or a funding source from a prior year appropriation of our own and we're going to build those into the budget.

So I put this out there for you to look at to see if there's anything that you have concerns about, questions about. You could ask them now or you could take some notes and send me questions, particularly projects that are in your district, if you want an update, because I may not have every single chart to answer every question, but I wanted you to understand what's being built into our total budget for next fiscal year.

We broke it down by type of project or department. These are roads that we currently have built into the budget, so for instance, northeast-southeast connector and General Goodwin Road are in green because we have some engineering estimates on those and we believe we need to put more funds to them. And so on the next slide we'll be showing you where the committee that worked on this recommended how we actually fund them.

Pojoaque Basin Regional Water System – as you know, probably by the time we fund everything in our contributing funds agreement and we go along with the federal draws from us we'll be looking at a total of something between \$16 and \$17 million. Our contributing funds agreement committed us to \$14.4 million in 2018 dollars but that's over a six-year period or a ten-year period. So we have recommendations to make sure that we continue to put money from capital outlay GRT to that. That you'll see in the next one.

Tesuque right-of-way, San Ildefonso right-of-way, those are funds that we put aside for the roads for the two – we have funding in escrow for the payment, and then

these were funds that we had to do road construction on San Ildefonso, and Tesuque, we haven't executed our escrow agreement with them so we don't know if they want us to do road improvements or they want us to just provide the funding. But that's the funding that would be in the budget for their rights-of-way.

Eldorado-Cañoncito water, we talked about that. We're getting closer to being able to do all three phases to work contracts. We need additional funding to that one. And then you can see some of the others that we do have remaining fund balance or project balance to budget into next year.

Then in Corrections, we have a detail that's actually four projects but it was just all to the adult detention facility. That will be listed in the next presentation. Solid Waste, as you know we had money from the Northern County transfer station. That one we need to discuss along with the fire station because they are somewhat one project, to acquire the land to make the new drive and do the substantial earthwork. So that's another one we'll talk about in the next presentation.

And then page 3, these are the other County facilities. This is funds that we will have in the budget. Some of these are small amounts because they're just closing out a project, but until it's closed out we carry the funding over into the next year. When we close it out, depending on the source of funds, it either goes back into fund balance or we would come to the Board to rebudget any remaining balance to another project of a similar type. So if it's a general obligation bond road project that comes in under budget, we would be able to dedicate the remaining balance to another general obligation bond road project.

So some of those you might be looking like why do we have \$2,800 for Edgewood Senior Center. That was a project. There might be something we can finish out in the Edgewood Senior Center for \$2,800. If we don't have something that's eligible under that funding source, if it's a grant it would revert back to the state. If it's a County just gross receipts tax or something it would drop to our fund balance when we close the project out.

I do want to mention that P.J. and his staff and Gary, they've been really working to bring all these projects to a close-out process so we can say, okay, this project is done. It's complete. Everything's checked off. There are no invoices. There's no settlements with the contractors or anybody else. We can close these and when we get that okay – well, we'll close out any remaining purchase orders and we'll liquidate the budget balance and as I said, move the money to somewhere else.

Under other projects, these are listed because they're in Sam's database and in the system for having grants. Like we still have some vehicles for our senior services. Getting those closed out, Sheriff's equipment, that type of thing. And then the solarize other County facilities – we're still waiting to hear on whether – as you know we approved doing solar at Public Safety, as well as at the fairgrounds. We know that some of that funding is definitely approved and needs to be carried over. Some of it may not get approved and may not make it through the state's special session. We just won't know until they finish the special session which ones they have decided to take for sure.

So those are ones, and this is informational for you but if you have questions right now I could stand for questions. If I can't answer them I'll get you the answer. But if you don't have any questions that's what we are building in. That's what's on our books for

FY 2020 right now that we are going to roll into FY 2021.

And then the next – I don't know if any of the Commissioners have questions on this one. If not we can go to the next one and it's the final one under budget today.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay, so do any of our Commissioners have any questions on this item?

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, I do.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Garcia, go ahead.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Really quick. I'm sorry. It's getting late. Some legislators sit there for 25 hours and how can they do it – do they eat off the camera. They've been here for 20 hours during the day but we haven't been here but nonetheless. Katherine, does the green mean we're going to move them forward?

MANAGER MILLER: The green – it's not every single one of them but several of the green on this spreadsheet, this was Sam's spreadsheet, we haven't reconciled everything 100 percent. We're still working on it but I wanted to start getting this information to you. Those are ones that we need additional funding. And on my next spreadsheet we are making recommendations of where we could get that funding.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: So thank you. Really quick, Mr. Chair, Manager Miller, so let's say Madrid fire suppression, \$183,000. Is that what we need? Is that what we have? What is that?

MANAGER MILLER: That's in our next one, in the next presentation. So there's another spreadsheet. I just couldn't put them all – they were done from two different – this one was Sam Montoya's spreadsheet and the other was one I got from Jacob, so they're not from the same database.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: So where's Jacob when we need him? Just kidding. So really quick, in regards to – that was just kind of because he's on vacation.

MANAGER MILLER: I know. I would have never approved it.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Sorry. In regards to – where's the project behind the Downs for Arroyo Hondo and those other projects, that one low-water crossing you had it down? I know we had about \$235,000, \$280,000 in the last two or three years that we received from Senator Stefanics and ex-Representative Stephanie Garcia Richard. I'm just wondering where that's at on the list.

MANAGER MILLER: That one is going to show up on list when we recommend projects for the general obligation bond. So we had money for design but we didn't have any money for construction, and that's one of the ones that will come up on our list that we would recommend, if the Board does, a general obligation bond for construction and improvements, that it be funded through that process. We're usually pretty successful on our general obligation bond questions and particularly our road ones. The last few times the road projects have been probably twice as much as all the other projects, and so that's our primary funding source for road improvements.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Okay. I just need to make sure that that funding is still there. I don't see it on any of the lists.

MANAGER MILLER: Daniel, can you move up. That is a good point if it didn't come up under roads, because I'm concerned if it's not under roads –

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, yes, I believe it's Los Pinos Road. I guess \$501,000. Yes?



MANAGER MILLER: Yes. There you go.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Okay. Cool.

MANAGER MILLER: Because we also moved – Commissioner Garcia, we had the grant but we also had some funds remaining I think from the other road project we did there last year and we moved it to this one last year.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Okay. Thank you.

MANAGER MILLER: Any others you think we have money for that you don't see on the list?

CHAIR ROYBAL: No, I guess not.

MANAGER MILLER: What I would just ask is the Commissioners take a look at this. Don't worry so much about the dollar amounts that are in there, because we're still reconciling as we make payments right now. We need to make sure what we roll over after we pay all our invoices. We don't roll over more budget than what we have money for. But I just wanted to let you know, this is what we're planning at the moment to roll into the next budget.

So with that, Daniel, if you could open the underfunded spreadsheet.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: So, Mr. Chair, if I may. So once again, Manager Miller, all that sheet that you just showed us, we're still going to roll that over, right? At some point or other?

MANAGER MILLER: Correct. The one that I just showed you, we are building the balances on all of those projects. Sam is reconciling to make sure that there's no – that we don't make a payment – so say we had \$200,000 on a project and we make a \$100,000 payment, we want to make sure if we make that payment before June 30 that we only roll \$100,000 forward, that we don't have \$200,000 for that, because we've already spent \$100,000. So that's part of the process why this is a little harder to do, because you're trying to take a picture in time and we still have activity against those appropriations. But basically, what you see on that list is what we anticipate rolling forward into fiscal year 2021 to complete those projects.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you.

MANAGER MILLER: Okay, so then this list – this went through the process that Paul Olafson detailed from Jacob's presentation. We went through the process, and this isn't every column because the spreadsheet is huge, and it's not every project. What this list is is projects that we have funding for currently that we believe we can move forward in the next several months. And we believe we can move them forward if we get the rest of the funding we needed.

So what we did is we took all of these projects. We went through and categorized them as to the type of project, when we believe we can start them. So you'll see that all of these have a start year of 2021. That was one of the main things for making a recommendation to use the funding sources that we're using to close that gap and make them so they can move, because we want to fund ones that have already moved to the next stage.

Then we went through an evaluation process using our strategic plan for a safer community, a healthier community, a sustainable community, and transparent and accountable. And each project got scored by a group who said whether we thought it improved or fixed a safety hazard that we currently have, whether it met a basic need that

we have, regardless of what the score is. I should have said that first. If it met a basic need that we needed to do regardless of what the score was because it's a primary public safety need or health or welfare need then yes, it's a basic need.

Then we also went through the process of scoring them based upon the criteria. So that's what the evaluation score is. We also put what district it was located in and some of them say countywide if it crossed multiple districts or served multiple districts. So some of the trails connect two trails that are in different districts and everybody in the county uses our Rail Trail. Not everybody but people from town use it, people not just in the district it passes through.

So those got categorized likely as a countywide project. Otherwise, if it was something more specific to the district it might just have the district number.

Then we went through – and all of the project managers with guidance from their division directors and various department directors, they went through and looked at the scope of the project and what did they think that the new total project cost would be? If that project cost – and we did that on all of the ones that were on the other sheet too. Do we have an adequate project cost? So they put in total project cost, and then we said of all our funding sources that we have grants, what not, what funding do we have secured?

So for instance, Commissioner Garcia, the Madrid fire suppression, we have a grant that we received last year and that grant has been executed for \$91,000. We also have another grant that the legislature gave us this year, but we put a purchase order in place and we have written the state and said this is a critical public safety need; we would now like our Notice of Obligation. That's what the NOO is. So we're hoping we would get to keep that grant and any amount that we need in addition to those grants we would recommend using our fund 222, which I think is – I should have written the name of the fund – I think that's our fire excise tax. And somebody can correct me if I have that wrong.

So I think that's our recommendation on that, is to try to secure the grant, get information by the end of the fiscal year, particularly if the state has their special session we would know, and whatever we don't have funded from our fire excise tax, whatever we need to make up to the \$416,000. The reason being this project will also leverage other funds, quite a bit of federal funds, environmental funds, and this is a critical need for the community for fire suppression.

The next one is Tesuque fire station. We have \$179,000 as an estimated project cost. We have \$101,475 already budgeted, and we need another \$77,525 to move forward. This is based on needing to stabilize that bank above the fire station. It's crumbling, the ground above the fire station. So we would recommend allocating \$7,525 from the fire excise tax.

Now, the Northern County transfer station/fire station and the land acquisition – this one's a little tricky, because it all is contingent upon whether or not the land grant comes back and authorizes us to purchase the land. If they do we'd like to move forward with the acquisition of the land and the construction of the transfer station. The two projects plus the land acquisition are estimated at \$7 million. We have \$3.377 million so far and we need \$3.6 million in order to complete the project. That's land acquisition, we already did design. We'll have to just update that, but to buy the 15 acres, build the transfer station and the fire station, so what we're recommending in order to at least get

the land purchased and the transfer station done is that we would take \$500,000 from our capital outlay gross receipts tax, and then for the rest of the fire station put that in a future general obligation bond question in 2022 or 2024 for public safety, but that we would be able to start the actual transfer station as soon as we could acquire the land.

Then the other road projects, we're looking at General Goodwin Road. That is I think at 90 percent design. We're still working to get the drainage right-of-way from Mr. Goodwin. We think that that's going to happen, but that project is about \$500,000 short, so we're recommending that we have some general obligation bond proceeds, a little bit here and there from projects that have finished and have some left over authorization, as well as we have some investment income on those bond proceeds. So we would recommend allocating \$500,000 to General Goodwin Road and getting that project started next fiscal year as well.

The northeast-southeast connector: As you know, this we've struggled with this project getting funding. We thought we had funding from the state; we didn't. We've added money to it. It's been designed. I shouldn't say it's been designed. It's about at 60 percent design. At 30 percent design they came back saying it was \$11.7 million. We have asked them to go back and take some of the things out of it to try to bring it down. So we're hopeful that that \$2 million funding gap could be reduced by three quarters of a million dollars based on the things that we've asked be designed for them to take out of the project. So we would recommend that we would allocate \$500,000 from capital outlay GRT, and the transfer of \$741,000 of capital outlay GRT that has been sitting for ten years awaiting a project that the City of Santa Fe has indicated they wanted to pay for half of in our annexation agreement. We still don't even have a preliminary engineering statement, nor do we have an estimate of what that project would cost. So this money has just effectively been sitting there. We actually offered to give this money to the City. They declined taking the funds because they want to get a total project cost. In their current budget situation I don't see them having that road design or that drainage project designed and having funding allocated to for the next couple years, and we could add it, when they are ready for it, add it to a general obligation bond question when we actually have a design.

So we would recommend moving the money that's been sitting there over to the northeast-southeast connector road. And I saw that Commissioner Hansen raised her hand, Commissioner Roybal.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Hansen, you have a question?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I do. So I understand taking that money that has been sitting there for ten years, but on this project I see nothing in District 2. That is the only project that even exists in District 2. The constituents over there have always complained about it. I completely agree with you that the City – I don't know where they are. I keep hearing from Regina that it's going to cost like three or six million dollars to redo that road. So I don't have issues with taking that money and putting it for the northeast connector because that is another project that I really care about, but at the same time I also really care about West Alameda and the fact that I have no road projects at all in my district or that my Agua Fria wastewater project is not on this list. So it just concerns me.

MANAGER MILLER: So Mr. Chair, Commissioner Hansen, I wish we

had been able to finish the future projects, and that's why I said we're not asking you for approval on this right now, because I think you need to see the whole picture, but those two projects that you brought up will likely be in the – I know you'll have road projects in the recommended projects for general obligation bonds. It won't be West Alameda because there's no project there yet, unfortunately. I agree with you there is a need, but unfortunately until the City defines the project it's very hard – we don't have any authority to move a project forward on West Alameda.

We do have other projects in your district though that would be coming up on the recommendation to fund in the next general obligation bond question.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you. But I agree with you. We have no control over West Alameda. They annexed it and they need to be responsible. And they have not.

MANAGER MILLER: Yes, and like I said, we did offer, in the annexation agreement, just to give them the \$750,000 at the time. I think it's reduced slightly because we obligated some money for the PER. But we offered to just give them that money so that they could do something and they declined. They want us to commit when the project is defined to funding half of the project, which I also would think would be either our capital outlay GRT project at that time or a general obligation project at that time.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Personally, I am with Commissioner Moreno's district and I completely support getting this northeast-southeast connector done. It is something that needs to finish and it's unfortunate that the roads fund from the state got clawed back and other monies that could have helped us with that. So I think it is important to get this moving forward.

MANAGER MILLER: Okay. Thank you. So these are our open space and trails projects. For some reason when I copied this the titles went down to the next page, but these are the five open space and trails projects. We had an opportunity on two of them, we got authorization for a federal grant, but on the Santa Fe Rail Trail trailheads, we had a need to build some additional trailheads for access to the segments that we've continued to add, and we had some funding from state appropriations, and we had reauthorization as well. We don't have a definitive total project cost yet. We're waiting for some information from the design firm, but this was the best estimate we could come up with. We need at least \$230,000. We have \$140,000. We're recommending \$45,000 from the state appropriation.

We had purchased some land for a future Eldorado fire substation. We're not at a place to design or construct it. We've got the language on that appropriation, so we hopefully would be able to hang on to the remainder of that grant and do the trailhead as well as \$45,000 from the bond investment income. Those are bond proceeds that have been invested that were specifically for open space projects that have earned some interest over the years and we would recommend \$45,000 from that.

On the Arroyo Hondo trail segment #2 and trail segment #3, these are from the Rancho Viejo fire station to Richards Avenue and staff had applied for a federal grant. We received \$1.2 million and \$1.4 million respectively. It requires a match, plus we need someone to do the federal certification, so we need an additional \$30,000 for that. So we are recommending \$240,000 on segment #2 from capital outlay GRT, and \$244,000 on

segment #3. And that would essentially, for \$450,000 leverage \$2.7 million in federal funding to complete that trail segment.

Then also Open Space and Planning staff need funds to continue doing our open space management plans. We would recommend \$50,000 from capital outlay GRT for that, as well as the Los Potreros open space irrigation improvements and riparian restoration. We believe that project is \$315,000. We have \$210,000 currently. We secured a grant and we need an additional \$105,000 from capital outlay GRT to fully fund that project.

On page 3 we have the Utility projects. Cañoncito-Eldorado waterline project is I think at about 90 percent designed. The total project cost is around \$12 million. This is working with Eldorado. This is for phase 1 and phase 3 that's going from Rancho Viejo to Eldorado, and then from Eldorado to Cañoncito. We believe that we need an additional \$2.3 million there because this project is one that we could potentially start before we could go out for a bond question we would recommend \$2.3 million from the capital outlay GRT.

And then the Pojoaque Basin Regional Water System: The number for the total project, that's all distribution. Everything is around \$42 million. That's transmission, distribution, diversion, the whole works, but what we're really focused on trying to fund is the obligations that the County made in the contributing funds agreement, which is \$14.4 million in 2018 dollars with an escalator that the federal government has put on that. They indicated it would be something like \$16.8 million or \$16.5 million, but that's just an estimate with an escalator. But we have \$5.2 million from the sale of the Top of the World water rights and ranch. We also have been putting away in capital outlay but not budgeting it because of our resolution that we had until we resolved the road disputes in the Pojoaque Valley area and the tribal roads, that we were not going to budget the funds, so we have not budgeted them, but we have been setting aside money from the capital outlay GRT. We would recommend budgeting that money that we've been setting aside, \$5 million, bringing total funding of the \$14.4 million to \$10.1 million.

And we would also recommend that as we go forward and need to make appropriations in order to meet our funding obligations under the contributing funds agreement that the remainder of that, the difference between the \$10.1 million and whatever the final number is with the escalator would continue to come from the capital outlay GRT.

Then on Corrections projects, we had, as you saw in the presentation earlier, we had capital projects for the facility. That's the recreation yard for special management units that we're required to have people who are in special management out of their cells a minimum of two hours a day, but recommended at four hours a day. We need individual recreation yards for those individuals that can't be put in with a group. So we need to modify some of our recreation yards in the Bravo and Charlie units and we would need a million dollars to do that. We have radio communication systems replacements at the adult detention facility and we need \$340,000 to do that, and a remodel and securing of the front desk area, and remodeling the master control area. So we would recommend that all four of those projects as basic needs come from capital outlay GRT.

And then the last page, we had other County facilities. This is our Public Works wash bay and finishing our Public Safety renovations. When we issued the bonds for our

three campus model we issued bonds with the idea that we would be able to finish our administrative offices downtown. We would be able to consolidate our Public Works Department, our main functions at Public Works, and we would finish a remodel of the Public Safety Complex, expanding the Sheriff's and RECC and either building another area for the Fire and just expanding the Sheriff and RECC into the Fire area, or just expanding that building.

The estimates for that project are \$6 million. The Public Works wash bay, what that is is not using the wash bay as a wash bay but converting it to office space for the Projects staff. Those two projects, the wash bay is \$1.6 million. The Public Safety consolidation is \$6 million, which we have \$4 million. We need for both of those projects \$3.4 million. We're recommending that when we complete 102 Grant, the remaining funds can only be used for administrative facilities, that those funds go to fund these two projects as well as any gap we have in completion of the District Attorney's Office. Those funds are gross receipts tax revenue bonds and they're paid for by gross receipts tax that we put in place in 2015 to pay for getting all of our facilities upgraded, updated and continued maintenance.

So these particular bond proceeds can only be used for administrative officers. We estimate we will have somewhere between \$3.5 and \$4.5 million and we would be able to complete these two projects as well as the District Attorneys.

And then the last one is the Abedon Lopez Senior Center. We have received word from the state that the \$800,000 grant that we had from Aging for Cerrillos will remain intact. If it does, then our consolidation of the fire station and the senior center in Cerrillos as one complex, two different sides of the building, we should have some savings in that project and be able to move \$800,000 of it to the other senior center, as long as we can keep the \$800,000 from the state for that grant. So we would recommend, if we get that confirmation that we get to keep that grant there, that we then have that project fully funded and that's the Cerrillos Senior Center and the Cerrillos fire station. It would be completely funded and we would have \$800,000 that we could move to the Abedon Lopez Senior Center, as well as we would recommend funding \$1.2 million from capital outlay GRT to fully fund that project and get that one completed.

Otherwise, we don't typically do a general obligation bond for senior centers. The state does but we are not included in their general obligation bond that they're going to do this year for senior centers, so we wouldn't have another opportunity for four more years, and that would jeopardize the grant we already have.

So that's the complete list of our underfunded projects that we're recommending, because they'd be ready to start in 2021, recommending existing funds that we currently have in the bank or coming in in revenue in FY 21. And I stand for questions. And then, like I said, we'll still be doing general obligation bond ones, and those are for projects that would not likely start till next year or a future year.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you, Manager Miller. Commissioner Garcia, do you have any questions?

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Once again, this isn't final, right?

MANAGER MILLER: No. This is just one piece of what we want to bring you on all of our capital projects and I'm not asking for approval. I just wanted to start getting this information in front of you. I'll likely ask for approval in a future meeting.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: What's the total of everything in the bond?

MANAGER MILLER: Oh, for the bonds? This is not bonds. This is cash balances that we have currently, either in bond proceeds where we had some leftover funding or we've earned from investments. It's about \$11 million in capital outlay, between \$11 and \$12 million in capital outlay GRT, most of which is already collected, probably about \$2 to \$3 million out of next year's revenue. I can get those exact numbers.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, Manager Miller, in regards to the Public Works wash bay.

MANAGER MILLER: Yes.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: That's the wash bay out at Public Works on Caja del Rio and 599?

MANAGER MILLER: Yes.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: This could be a problem. I'm not for the wash bay. That facility has been there for 15 years and maybe even longer and we've never even used that as a wash bay.

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Garcia, it's to convert it to office space.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Oh.

MANAGER MILLER: Because you're right. The wash bay is always broken, doesn't get used and so this would be to locate the Project staff in. Because we were going to expand the building itself, the Public Works building. We can add another wing to that building, or we could convert the wash bay into a work space.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: I have just one question, Mr. Chair, Manager Miller. In regards to – I thought we were already under construction to move, say, P.J.' staff and the Clerk's Office out of the old Galisteo project to the Public Works Department at 599 and the Caja del Rio area.

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Garcia, you're correct. We built that building and that one is done. I don't know if we've gotten our CO on it but P.J.'s staff is over there at Galisteo. We'll be moving into that building, and then if the Projects staff, not the Maintenance staff but the Projects staff that's over on West Alameda, it's those staffs that would either move into the wash bay if it's converted, or like I said, the other one that we had looked at doing, we had a lot of difficulty with the architect. It was – call it artistic differences between our previous architect and that architect, of expanding that building was made that we could add another ell off of it. That's one option but we actually were leaning towards the wash bay because the heating and air conditioning in that building already get stressed enough and we don't want to create additional problems on the systems to the existing Public Works building, and we're not using the wash bay, so it was thought this would be more economical and a better use of the wash bay was to convert it to office space, as well as put solar panels on it. I believe we included putting solar on it to help power that addition.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Manager Miller. Mr. Chair, so staff a while back said that Cañoncito and Eldorado water pipeline, we were good on it. Now we have a \$2.3 million funding gap on it now?

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Garcia, it's kind of broken into three projects. So the one that they were referring to as having sufficient

funding for was Phase 2, which is in the actual area of Cañoncito upgrading their distribution system, because they need their entire distribution system redone. And we received a Water Trust Board grant for that, and that, along with our funding, that we have sufficient funding for. The transmission from Rancho Viejo to Eldorado and then from Eldorado to Cañoncito is the part that's short.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you. I'm just kind of disappointed that with all the work that you guys did, that you and staff did dealing with the previous director to working with the Highway Department on the northeast-southeast connector. I'm just kind of disappointed with the Highway Department. That was in the previous administration, not the current administration. It's sad. We all live in this community. We've got to go across the street. This is a [inaudible] County project, this is a City project, this is a state project. Actually I think we got – I don't want to – we got snowballed, I guess. Not even snowballed from the northeast-southeast connector project.

Then the radio communications at ADF, what's that really quick? I thought we just deal with the City in regards to purchasing radios.

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Garcia, it's somewhat related to that. All of our radios are obsolete and end of life from that whole system of radio communication. And so we're doing a P-25 radio upgrade project to RECC, Sheriffs, Fire, Corrections, City PD, City Fire, and so it's a comprehensive project. But this request is specifically for the radios at Corrections.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: One more last question, Mr. Chair. I'm sorry I have questions, but in regards to the Public Safety Complex, so do we have a shortfall on that or we do not?

MANAGER MILLER: We do have an estimated shortfall of \$2 million on that and probably the best person to speak to this is P.J., and I also think it depends on how we move forward with that project.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Just because I thought that we were moving forward in regards to the Public Safety as into – not everybody realizes [inaudible] as into why – I thought we were actually moving forward with Public Safety with regard to design, design-build, the last six to eight months ago. And that we were already moving forward, going out to bid and we were going to move Fire out of there and we were going to expand RECC when Ken Martinez was still there. So where are we at with that? What happened with that project? I guess – I thought we were going out for construction for design-build. Now we're \$2 million short, I guess. I'm just looking at this stuff.

MANAGER MILLER: So I'll take you all the way back to the history of this. It goes back to 2011 and it was just supposed to be an expansion of dispatch. We appropriated \$2.5 million. They started work on it and saw that wasn't going to be enough. So then it was almost going to be a completely separate facility for dispatch. We shut that down because that was going to cost too much, along with all the complications that we have relative to our agreement with the City and capital purchases and what not, and at the same time, the Sheriff's Office and the Sheriff at that time said, you know we don't have enough room in our facility.

So they looked at expanding the existing building. We appropriated another million and a half to the project, I don't know, maybe, gosh, I think it's been four years ago, three and half years ago, and you're correct. There was an effort of a design-build,



but then it was – and actually this has to do with also it was one of the projects that Tony Flores was going to take over to try to do a design-build but instead of expanding the existing RECC and Sheriff's they talked more about building a new facility for Fire on that site and then allowing RECC and Sheriff to expand into the building that currently exists, and then making whatever renovations needed to happen, and that perhaps that would get it into budget. But I don't know that we ever – and I think – is P.J. on the line?

P.J. MONTANO (Public Works): Yes, I'm on.

MANAGER MILLER: P.J., where does it stand now? This project as requested at \$6 million, what design option does that fund?

MR. MONTANO: Mr. Chair, Commissioners, Manager Miller, this would be a design-build to create – to build a 14,000 square foot fire station separate from the Public Safety building. It would be on the same property. It would be the existing Public Safety building. And then we would be converting where Fire is now into the Sheriff's Office and expanding some of RECC into that area also. And you're correct. We did go out for a design-build three years ago, I believe. It went out and it came in way over budget. We tried to just expand RECC and the Sheriff's Office. Unfortunately, because of the footprint of the building and utilities coming into that site it makes it extremely difficult to do an expansion to that facility. So the thought was to add a little bit more funding and create a whole new Fire and then move the Sheriffs over, along with RECC and give them additional room.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Okay. Thank you, P.J. Mr. Chair, I appreciate that. So I just – changing gears on different topics, how accurate are we on these budgets? Because we're dealing with projects that have been here 10, 15 years because we have individuals, the last time, saying here's what you need for this project. All right. I get it. I understand the cost of steel, the cost of everything goes up. You get an engineer, with all due respect to engineers, architects, [inaudible] here to here. I get it. I guess I'm just thinking of tax dollars, money and I just want to make sure that the estimates are actually fairly adequate. I know a lot of projects blow up in costs. That's just a concern I have. I have no further questions. Thank you, staff. Thank you, Katherine. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you, Commissioner Garcia. Are there any other questions from Commissioners? Okay, Katherine.

MANAGER MILLER: So Mr. Chair, as I said, this was just our first round at putting these in front of you. I appreciate the questions and your thoughts about them. I concur with some of Commissioner Garcia's concerns. It has been frustrating to move some of these projects forward. We've had delays, some out of our control, some maybe even in our control. But we've really worked to reconfigure the staff that works on projects, how we do projects. Much of the problem was we didn't really scope a project before we set a budget for the project. We would set a budget for the project and then try to scope it, and find that we were having difficulty completing an adequate project at that budget.

So hopefully by appropriating funds to these projects we can move past that legacy, if you want to call it, and have projects that have been around for a very long time get funded or make a determination that we no longer want to keep money appropriated to a project that can't move. Because there's a certain point where we're just sitting on

money and we have no real projects. You'll see a couple more of those. West Alameda was one of those but we've talked about our struggles with Mt. Chalchihuitl and not being able to move that one forward, and whether we should regroup and go a different direction and that's for another meeting but what we're trying to do is bring forward ones that have been high-centered and try to get them funded so we can complete them and not have projects on the books that are ten years old.

And so this one, like I said, was just for you to digest. What I would like, Commissioner Roybal, if it's possible is to find out whether the Commission would be available on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. It's a Tuesday. We have three weeks between this Board meeting and our June 30<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, where we could just talk about capital projects and the final budget issues. And then that way your June 30<sup>th</sup> meeting wouldn't have any long budget discussions on it.

CHAIR ROYBAL: What time is the proposed – when you would want to have this meeting?

Following discussion, the Commission decided to hold a special meeting on capital projects and bond capacity on Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 4:00 to 6:00 pm.

## **8. MATTERS FROM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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

CHAIR ROYBAL: Any Commissioner issues or comments? I'm going to go to Commissioner Hamilton. Do you have anything for us today?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: No. Don't you love when we start out by saying no and then have something to talk about? I don't know why we do that. I did have Coffee with the Commish last Saturday morning, the first Saturday of the month. And more people are participating in it and I just think it's worth saying again, the importance of participating at the local government level, how valuable that is. That whole part of building from the bottom up empirically works most of the time. I know it's hard to accept that as being true in terms of how important it can be. It seems like state and federal level things overwhelm the local capacity but it is very important and I want to thank people and encourage everybody else to do it more. So thank you, Mr. Chair.

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

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. So we held a virtual Zoom meeting for the Agua Fria Village on the first Monday of the month and that went pretty well. It was the first time that I had a chance to see all the village people from Agua Fria so it was rewarding and good to at least connect with people. I agree with Commissioner Hamilton on the local level is really important. I also appreciate all the people participating and their concerns about our budget and military spending, but I also think their comments would have been much more meaningful if it wasn't so many of the same things that were said and actually people had done some research and looked into

how the County operates. Because one of the things that we did hear on the phone calls and one of the things we did hear is they all want us to move our money to behavioral health, our mental health services, but I feel like Santa Fe County is already a leader in that regard and we are doing really good things in our Community Services Department. At the moment we're feeding over 700 to 900 people, senior citizens who would not be having food but for the County stepping up to the plate. And we're building this important behavioral health crisis center right in the City of Santa Fe to serve so many people.

So Santa Fe County is doing really a lot of things toward helping our community and I just suggest that people who want to be involved and know what we're doing at County government really look at our website and look at our Community Services Department and see how many great things we are doing and how we are participating in our community and what we are doing at the County. And our Fire Department, our Police Department, everybody – we're engaged in our community and I'm grateful to all the people who participated but I would be happy if it wasn't just a rote letter that we all got and said some real research was involved. So thank you, everybody.

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

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Just kudos out to some staff. We actually had a situation in Galisteo where staff met out there with some persons in Galisteo, [inaudible], and thank you staff for taking care of that. You know who you are. [inaudible] My staff actually defused the situation. Obviously the individuals from that part of the county did come in, but they were going to really thank Ambra because Ambra was in communication. They did an excellent job out there but I was waiting for them to come for public comment but I guess they didn't come, but thank you, Ambra. And the individuals from Galisteo, thank you.

Also I want to mention that Nathan did an excellent job. I agree. He did a really good job in his presentation on the zoning request that we had off of 285 at one of our last meeting, but they wanted to thank him. I thought they were going to come forward and thank him publicly but that was mentioned to me for the community for the individuals down south.

P.J. and I went to a meeting on Saturday down in the Edgewood area where we were going to deal with some equestrian riding items that were happening down there. There was probably about 50, 60 people that were there Saturday morning, and thank you P.J. for attending that with me. I appreciate that. Good meeting. Awesome meeting. As the Commissioners say, it's actually good when you go to a meeting and get a [inaudible] So I'd just like to bring that up for the record for those three or four different things. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

And I'll just say, our Commission – one thing that we're all very fortunate – I worked for the County for 28 years and it's just really fortunate to realize that we have a very conservative Manager. Very, very conservative. And now whenever it's a rainy day, thank god we're all concerned and she's concerned because I think the County is doing well. Whether you're staff out there, whatever the staff does and us as County Commissioners, you get some sleep at night because the staff and everybody that works for the County, anybody who turns on the lights and so on, the ones that check that

budget, I think we're fortunate that we're actually where we are in Santa Fe County and we're not some of the other counties in the southern part of the state that people are moving out. I'm not sure how you guys look at it. But thank you. Thank everybody.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia. Commissioner Moreno, do you have any announcements or comments you wanted to share with our constituents?

COMMISSIONER MORENO: Last week I had the opportunity to run the latest link of the Rail Trail which goes from Avenida Eldorado to Spur Ranch Road, and it's a really nice trail. The Rail Trail follows, obviously, the railroad to Lamy and it's a really nice piece of work. And if you haven't been on that trail you're missing a good place. It has really good fixtures and it's a good experience. Good job for the people that planned that link. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Moreno. And I would ditto the comments of all of my Commissioners in regards to thanking staff for their hard work. We all have a lot of needs and services that we need to provide our constituents and it seems like staff has always been on top of things all the time. Just this last weekend I had a call from a constituent that actually during these high wind conditions that we've been having, the tree branches are falling across our County roads. And by the time they send in the message and I call Public Works to look into it, they had already cleaned up, cut the branch and moved it out of the way. It was a pretty large branch. It just shows the effectiveness of staff and how they communicate with one another. Basically what happened is the Sheriff's Department responded to that branch and they reached out to Public Works that the road was blocked.

So it just kind of shows our communication throughout staff and all of our emergency responders and how they communicate with one another. I've had several constituents that thanked me for our Fire Department and when there's a need for an ambulance, their professionalism and being courteous to our constituents. I just wanted to reiterate that and thank my Commissioners for their comments and also your thanking staff on my behalf as well. So thank you all very much.

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

CHAIR ROYBAL: Madam Clerk, did you have any announcements for constituents?

GERALDINE SALAZAR (County Clerk): Yes. I first want to state as Commissioner Hansen stated earlier that these are very challenging times. In addition to that, what Commissioner Garcia stated, not everyone knows what County staff do and everything that's involved. That's the same for elections. Unless you've managed and implemented an election – a federal, a state and a local election – you will have no idea what it takes to conduct an election. And we're still going through that process. We were pounded very hard during this 2020 primary election and so we continue to do so and I would like to send a shout-out to my staff, the poll workers, the community who went out and voted in person and also requested absentee ballots.

We received an overwhelming percentage of absentee ballot application requests and then sending out those applications and then receiving them and having to count

them. We had an absentee board that has conducted that work for us and there's many details and variables involved in elections. So I'd like to hear from any of you if you have any questions regarding this election and also know that the Santa Fe County Clerk and her staff would appreciate continued support so that we can hire staff and poll workers for the general election. We don't know what's going to happen when the legislature meets and what they will decide or what laws they will change. If they will go with an all-mail ballot election or any other changes of the law extending the law to include postmarks which in the law now we cannot count any ballots that are just postmarked on election day. Those are rejected when we don't get them in time.

So with that being said I'd like to know if you have any questions.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Madam Clerk. And I just want to reiterate the thanks to your staff for their professionalism and hard working ethic. I did go out to early vote and I was very happy to see the way it was run and they conducted themselves. When you came in they gave you hand sanitizer. You went in, you signed with a popsicle stick that was disposable. And then they sanitize after you went through the voting booth. Just really looking out for the interests of our constituents and very respectful. So I definitely want to give kudos to your staff. They did a great job. I appreciate them all.

I think I saw Commissioner Hansen's hand up, so go ahead, Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. First of all, Geraldine, I have on my calendar that we're having a Canvassing Board meeting?

CLERK SALAZAR: Yes.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: On the 12<sup>th</sup>?

CLERK SALAZAR: Yes.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: So we have a Canvassing Board meeting on June 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm.

CLERK SALAZAR: That is correct. That is what's on the agenda. That's what's been posted. And let me just mention this. Yesterday – I believe it was yesterday – when we were discussing the finalization of the canvassing Steve posted to me what if we have to extend that and not have it on the 12<sup>th</sup>? I said, well, let's work to completing everything so that the Board of County Commissioners can canvass and approve the election June 12<sup>th</sup>. So I just want to let you know that. It does not mean that we may be changing it, but our goal is for the canvassing from the Board of County Commissioners on June 12<sup>th</sup> as stated on the agenda.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Okay. I was just checking. I appreciate that and I also – I sent a number of people to the complex at 100 Catron to vote when they weren't sure where their absentee ballot was or whether they had the right address, and all of them were so impressed and so happy to be able to just go through the garage, vote, get it down and come out of there. And they also all felt incredibly safe. So I want to thank you and Manager Miller for making that happen in the garage of the complex, because I think that was incredibly successful.

CLERK SALAZAR: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen. Also, yes. It was amazing how smooth it went. I received lots of compliments from family and friends too, stating how well it was conducted. And I was out in the field and I did go to all of the

early voting convenience centers just to be supportive of the poll workers who really were very courageous to be a part of this process. In addition to that I almost made it to the majority, but not all, during election day. How they work and how they operated was exceptional. Thank you.

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

COMMISSIONER MORENO: No.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Just one last comment, Mr. Chair. I forgot about this. Roughly about two weeks ago we actually – I had a challenge in dealing with a 150-year-old tree in Cerrillos, New Mexico. I want to thank all staff for working with me. They showed up [inaudible] So it was just a challenge for myself and a challenge for staff. I think Gary's on the line there, Director Giron. If you could just please tell your guys that were out there that morning, the challenges I had with them or what not, but it all turned out. We gave the tree a good haircut and the tree's still there and the community's happy. So we did what we needed to do. We took the liability off of the County and the lady whose house it was over. Excellent job. But Gary, if you can please just relay that to your staff I'd appreciate that. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

MR. GIRON: Commissioner, I will, and Mr. Chair, thank you for your comments and I'll pass those along.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you. And you know, just ex-Mayor Gonzales, Javier told me this a long time ago when was County Commissioner. He said, Rudy, sometimes the taxpayer out there, as the Clerk mentioned and we all know that, sometimes people don't realize what every staff does, right? But all kinds of things out there are very important to the community. The guys that are running the blade, the guys that are out there with shovels, the guys that are getting [inaudible] You get it, Gary. Just thank those guys out there with the tree and so on and so forth, but thank you, Director Giron.

CLERK SALAZAR: Chair Roybal, I'd like to also mention that when I was out during early voting at one of the voting convenience centers, there was a very challenging, difficult situation where voters in line were very upset with another voter who was presenting inappropriately in some ways and so I had to remind everyone about the law regarding what occurs. Because we have that posted. Not as a legal attorney am I interpreting for them but what we have posted in the voting convenience center, it was difficult enough that I had to call the Sheriff's Department and the Sheriff's Department did show up. And I want to tell you that the Sheriffs that went out to address the situation were pretty incredible. I explained the situation, turned it over to them and was briefed later. And I want you to know that they were very professional, and I believe that they de-escalated and professionally managed to work this out with the individual and so it was successful and it was professional, and I can attest to the type of service that the Sheriff's Department provides, especially during elections, because we need them during elections and we will need them again during the general election. So as I stated earlier, I can attest to their professionalism and their ability to de-escalate a situation.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Madam Clerk. Do any other Commissioners have comments?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: No, thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Madam Clerk. I just want to see if there are any other elected officials that are on line. I know we had our Sheriff Mendoza on the line earlier. I don't know if he's still at the meeting.

MS. MASCARENAS: I believe he signed off.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Are there any other elected officials that are signed on, Tessa?

MS. MASCARENAS: It doesn't appear so.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you. But we do have public hearings. It looks like we have –

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Yes.

MANAGER MILLER: Both of those public hearings have been tabled at the request of the applicant. That's the third tabling of those items so when they come back on the agenda they'll have to be renoticed. Both of them, and I'm sorry. I should have mentioned that at the beginning of the meeting, that both of those items have been tabled.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you, Manager Miller. No worries. Then we are on our last item and I don't believe that we have any other items that we need staff here for because we'll be going into executive session next. So I think we can probably let staff go at this point.

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, that is correct. There is only one potential action item as a result of executive session and I don't think we need any staff here for that item, except Greg.

**10. MATTERS FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY**

- A. **Executive Session. Limited Personnel Matters, as Allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(2) NMSA 1978; Board Deliberations in Public Hearing(s) on the Agenda, as Allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(3) NMSA 1978; Discussion of Bargaining Strategy Preliminary to Collective Bargaining Negotiations Between the Board of County Commissioners and Collective Bargaining Units, as Allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(5); Discussion of Contents of Competitive Sealed Proposals Pursuant to the Procurement Code During Contract Negotiations as Allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(6); Threatened or Pending Litigation in which Santa Fe County is or May Become a Participant, as Allowed by Section 10-15-1 (H)(7) NMSA 1978; and, Discussion of the Purchase, Acquisition or Disposal of Real Property or Water Rights, as Allowed by Section 10-15-1 (H)(8) NMSA 1978, including:**
- 1. Joint Powers Agreement Dispute**
  - 2. Water Delivery Agreement**
  - 3. Acquisition of Real Property Interests for Santa Fe River Greenway Project**
  - 4. Acquisition of Real Property for Behavioral Health Care Facility**

CHAIR ROYBAL: So I'll entertain a motion to go into executive session.

MR. SHAFFER: Mr. Chair, before you do, the basis for the executive session and the items to be discussed are threatened or pending litigation in which Santa Fe County is or may become a participant, as allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(7) NMSA 1978, and discussion of the purchase, acquisition or disposal of real property or water rights, as allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(8) NMSA 1978, including a joint powers agreement, a water delivery agreement, acquisition of real property interest for Santa Fe River Greenway project, and the acquisition of real property for a behavioral health care facility. If the motion could incorporate those items as well as the statutory basis I'd appreciate it.

We are going to conduct executive session so we'll be coming back into public session by a separate Webex meeting. So you should have received from Tessa Jo a separate executive session Webex meeting invite, so after the motion is made and then approved to go into executive session the County Commissioners, the County Manager and myself need to get off this Webex meeting, go into the executive session Webex meeting, and then we will rejoin this meeting once the executive session is over. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Attorney Shaffer. Do I hear any motion to go into executive session for the items that were summarized by our County Attorney?

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, I'd like to make a motion for the Board of County Commissioners to go into executive session as what was stated by our County Attorney.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

CHAIR ROYBAL: So we have a motion from Commissioner Garcia and a second from Commissioner Hamilton. Can we get a roll call, Madam Clerk?

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

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

[The Commission met in closed session from 7:07 to 8:00.]

CHAIR ROYBAL: Let's go ahead and entertain a motion to come out of executive session.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: So moved. I move that we come out of executive session and nothing except for what was on the agenda was discussed and no decisions were made.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

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



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

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

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

MANAGER MILLER: So Mr. Chair, probably because he doesn't have this agenda in front of him, we do have an action item: consideration and potential action on a business lease, 1660 between Santa Fe County and the New Mexico State Land Office, and I think Commissioner Garcia wanted to make a motion on that.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Manager Miller, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Commissioners also. I'd like to make a motion for approval of the lease for the behavioral health property that we have with the State Land Office down in the southern part of the county, Edgewood area.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

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

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

**11. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- A. BCC Case #20-5010 Spirit Wind West Subdivision Master Plan Extension. (TABLED)
- B. BCC Case #20-5020 Tierra Bello Subdivision Master Plan Extension. (TABLED)

**12. INFORMATION ITEMS/MONTHLY REPORTS**

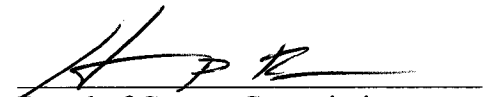
There were no information items.

**13. CONCLUDING BUSINESS**

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

Chair Roybal declared this meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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