

SANTA FE COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
July 28, 2020

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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 2:30 p.m. by Vice Chair Anna Hansen.

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 [late arrival]
Commissioner Anna Hansen, Vice Chair
Commissioner Rudy Garcia
Commissioner Anna Hamilton
Commissioner Ed Moreno

Members Excused:

None

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. State Pledge

E. Moment of Reflection

The Pledge of Allegiance and the State Pledge by Vice Chair Hansen and the Moment of Reflection by Rachel Patty of the Public Safety Department.

There was a moment of silence for Congressman John Lewis, Vivian Archuleta, and those who have passed from COVID-19.

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F. Approval of Agenda

- 1. Amendments**
- 2. Tabled or Withdrawn Items**

KATHERINE MILLER (County Manager): Madam Chair, we posted the initial agenda last Tuesday and the posted the amendment agenda Friday, July 24th at 4:53 pm. We didn't have a lot of changes, just some updates to some of the action items, the captions, so it was clear that they were action items. The first item is item 8, Matters from County Commissioners, item 8. C, that is a proclamation for August 2020, Women's Suffrage Month. That is an action item. Also item 8. D, Request approval of a letter from the Board of County Commissioners expressing support for a proposed 2025-14 2018 residential and commercial energy conservation code adoption. That is an action item. We updated that caption.

Also under item 9, Matters from the County Attorney, we added items 9. A. 2 and 9. A. 3 to the agenda. And also under Matters from the County Attorney, 9. B. The caption was updated as an action item for the final order in BCC Case #19-5241. So those are all of the changes to the agenda that we had that were posted last Friday.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Manager Miller. Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thank you, Madam Chair. I'd move to approve the agenda as amended.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER MORENO: Second.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: So I have a motion from Commissioner Hamilton, a second from Commissioner Moreno. And now I will have a roll call vote.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Just really quick, Madam Chair, Manager Miller, what's the item for the resolution in regards to the energy efficiency? Is that a resolution or is that a letter of support? What's that please?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: That is a letter.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: A letter for what, Madam Chair?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: For adoption of the 2018 code.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: 2020 code – I just have a little bit of concerns for the individuals in my district. That's why I ask. It is a letter of recommendation to the State of New Mexico? Or what is it?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: It's on the agenda and I think we will discuss it when it comes up.

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

**G. Approval of Minutes June 30, 2020, Board of County Commissioners
Special Meeting Minutes**

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I would like to make a motion to approve with changes. I will submit them to the stenographer

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COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

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

1. H. Approval of June 30, 2020, Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I move to approve with changes. Can I have a second?

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Second.

COMMISSIONER MORENO: Second.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Okay. I have multiple seconds from Commissioner Garcia and Commissioner Moreno.

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

I. Recognition of New Hires in June 2020

MANAGER MILLER: Thank you Madam Chair, and Commissioners. Thank you, Madam Chair, for recognition of new hires in June of 2020. I think that Daniel has that up. So as you know, we've had a hiring freeze except we are still doing our mission-critical items such as our summer fire prevention program of forestry technicians. So as you can see we have quite a few of those. We have Gabriel Borrego, Brandon Chavarria, Jared Dominguez, Marco Grajeda, Jesse Maxam, Jacob Miera, and Jaret Saums. So those are all forestry technicians and I'd like to welcome them to the County for the summer.

In the County Assessor's Office, we have appraiser trainee, Elija Berry. In RECC, we are continually hiring in our dispatch center and I would encourage people to apply, because we always have vacancies there, and glad to see that we also hired two new trainees, Natasha Garcia and Angela Martinez.

And then in Public Works/Projects and Facilities Management, we have a new custodian, Catherine Hamilton. And in Road Maintenance in Public Works, equipment operator, Mario Medina. So those are new hires for the month of June. I'd like to welcome them to the County and wish them the best working in these altered conditions and we're happy that they're here; we're happy that they applied and are helping us get through these difficult times.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Manager Miller. Welcome everyone to the County. We are happy to have you as members of our team, and we hope that you will have a good and wonderful experience at the County. Are there any other comments from my other Commissioners?

[Commissioner Roybal joined the meeting and assumed the duties of the Chair.]

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CHAIR ROYBAL: I appreciate all the help from everybody that helped me get on. It took me a little bit. I also want to echo the same sentiments that I heard from our Manager Miller and also from Commissioner Hansen. Welcome aboard. I know that you're coming on at a challenging time and I think that right it's really great to hear that we're still hiring. I know that we had a hiring freeze, so I know these are positions that we needed so I'm glad to hear that we did bring some more people on board and I just welcome all of you and we hope that you have a great and bright future with Santa Fe County.

I also want to thank my co-chair Commissioner Hansen for filling in for me until I was able to get back on.

1. J. Recognition of 20+ Years of Service by Santa Fe County Employees for July 2020

MANAGER MILLER: Thank you, Mr. Chair. So back in 2014 we established a program recognizing employees with significant milestones of five, ten, fifteen, twenty, twenty-five years, but in October of 2018, the Commission suggested we really recognize those employees that have been with us for what I'll call the long haul – 20 years plus of continuous service with Santa Fe County. And so on a quarterly basis we bring forward those individuals who have hit a 20 or more years of service with us and we provide them with a service plaque with the years of service listed and an appreciation letter, a little bit more than just the other milestones.

And if we were meeting in person we'd have the Board handing out those plaques or those desk awards or monuments, I'll call them, for their service. But since we're not meeting in person I still want to make sure the Board is well aware of those employees in the County that have been with us for two or more decades. And when you put it in those terms it's a long time. And we greatly appreciate their commitment to Santa Fe County.

So from the Fire Department we have Renee Nix, who has been in Fire Administration for 20 years on May 8th. In Land Use, Paul Olafson hit his 20-year anniversary on May 30th. In Public Works, Larry Gonzales hit his 20-year anniversary on June 6th in Road Maintenance. Well, she's in the County Manager's Office but she's actually in Public Safety is Tila Rendon. Her 20th anniversary is June 19th. In the Sheriff's Department, Jose Rodriguez, Jr., June 26th. He's in our Animal Control.

In the Treasurer's Office, Theresa Romero, July 24th 2000. And she's been through several elected officials and she's going to retire soon. That will be a great loss for the County but I really want to recognize here for her dedication to Santa Fe County. In RECC, Glenda Ortiz, July 25th is her 22nd anniversary. And Vanessa Marquez who was recently appointed as our Director of the center, on August 9th will hit her 23rd anniversary. Any Penny Ellis-Green, June 1st, 25 years. So don't forget she's eligible to retire now anytime she'd like. We don't want that to happen. But thank her for 25 years of service. And Socorro in Land Use/GIS, also on July 24th, will have her 25th anniversary.

So just want to recognize them, how important it is to the County, to me as the Manager, to the County Commission and the County as a whole, to those employees who make Santa Fe County a career. Having that institutional knowledge and that dedication

to doing a good job for our residents is so important and I just want to congratulate them on their anniversaries and thank them for their service.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Manager Miller and what a great dedication, testament to these staff members for giving all the dedicated service to our constituents and to Santa Fe County as a whole. You're right. We definitely are worried now that these individuals are getting to their 20-, 25-year anniversaries we're worried about all the institutional knowledge that we'll lose from these individuals and just quite honestly, the work ethic and everything else that they've presented to the County. So I just really want to echo your sentiments and just thank them for their dedication but also congratulations. It's a great milestone and just awesome to see a career progress to this point. I'm going to go to other County Commissioners. Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Chair Roybal. Thank you everybody for your long-time service to the County I was especially sad to hear that Theresa from the Treasurer's Office is retiring. I want to wish her well. I really respect her and I loved her beautiful dresses, and everything that she said and everything that she did for us on the Investment Committee and all of the great service that she has given to the County. And congratulations, everyone, for your 20, 25 years. Thank you, Penny, for being here for so long and all the other people who are working so hard to make Santa Fe County so great. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Hamilton, did you have any comments?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Sure. I just want to add my voice. There are so many notable people on this list. In addition to Theresa and Penny, there's Renee and Paul and Socorro, and oh, my gosh, the others that I may not know quite as well. It's just a remarkable set, mass of contributions, and it's wonderful to think that most of them are going to continue and I just add my voice to congratulating them and thanking them for the contributions and generating such a wonderful place to work and do the public's business.

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

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Yes, I do. I don't even know where to start. A lot of these people I worked with 30 years ago. As Manager Miller, she was the Finance Director, and I learned this 30 years ago when ex-speaker Ben Lujan went into the zoning department one day and he wanted to get a permit for Mr. Atencio that actually runs the Paragua Restaurant. I saw him and he said, you know what? We all work for the taxpayer. And he actually – he dealt with that as being a state legislator. We all work for that taxpayer and that's what we do. We should be here to help out the taxpayer, which we do.

As Manager Miller, knows, I don't even know where to start. Renee works for the Fire Department. Wow. Twenty years flew by. Great job. Paul Olafson – a guy I've known for a long, long, long time. Great job, Paul. Thank you. Domatilia – whatever her last name is know, but I know her as Tila. And Tila first started there, whenever ex-Commissioner and ex-Mayor Javier Gonzales was the County Commissioner and Tila worked in the Manager's Office and Tila did an excellent job. Thank you, for your service.

Theresa Romero, from the Treasurer's Office. That's a lady that you can go down to the Treasurer's Office, she's always standing there –what do you need? What do you need help with? What do you need help with? Thank you, Theresa, thank you for your service. Appreciate that.

Vanessa, somebody I never really heard of at all and she has 20 years? And when it comes to RECC, the Regional Emergency Communications Center, whenever you call 911, she's there. She's been there for a long time and a while. They're all important jobs. Thank you, Vanessa.

Penny, when you first started at the County, I can remember when we interviewed you, and you moved up the ranks. Whenever you make a call these days, she's there to help. Thank you for your service. Who would have thought, Penny – I'm retiring. I can retire from the state government, County government. Good job, Penny. Thank you what you do, everybody.

Socorro, this is a lady I met probably in 1004 and she's done an excellent job. She's another individuals that goes down there, customer service. When you go down there, she's there to help out with 911, whatever else it is, as into, what do you need? What do you need? I'm here. I'm here. I'm here to help. And all the seven people that have that many years of service, we all work for the taxpayer. And thank you for your service. It's awesome, and thank you all for what you've done and what you do. Appreciate you guys. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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

COMMISSIONER MORENO: Just to congratulate all the people who have milestones and it's really impressive how many people have made it to their retirement place, and as a new retiree it does get better as you get older. Congratulations to you all.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Well said, Commissioner Moreno.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, if I may?

CHAIR ROYBAL: Just really quick. Sorry about the gentleman – he doesn't work Animal Control but he's a Sheriff's deputy and this is just crazy interesting. Look at our City Councilor, our ex-County Manager, Roman Abeyta. He used to work for Animal Control. He says when you grow up in the projects –but the gentleman - I think he's a deputy now, he doesn't work for Animal Control, but individuals like that, he can retire any day now, and whenever you work for Santa Fe County for 20+ years, wow. It's just interesting to realize where Santa Fe County was 20 years ago. We're in a whole different place these days, obviously, but congratulations to him as well, because I don't really know the gentleman but he's on my list here, but like I said, he doesn't work for the Animal Control. I think he's a deputy, I believe, but where do you start in the County? Just look at Katherine. Katherine used to be the procurement officer. Now she's our main lady. Does an excellent job. But County government if you hang in there, is a great place to work, honestly. Like Commissioner Hamilton said. Great opportunities and sometimes a third of my check went to healthcare. The other third went to retirement, and the other third I took home and all my buddies used to make a lot of money, and I thought, dang, they make a lot more money. Now, so many years later, we're here and sometimes it takes a little sacrifice to be a public servant and work for the community

because that's what we're here for, but thank you all once again. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia. And those are some really great points that you made, that you even look at our Sheriff, he worked his way up the ranks as well and there's hundreds of success stories out there, so thank you for mentioning that. Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you. I feel bad that I did not mention Socorro and some of the others. I do not have that list in front of me but I want to thank Socorro for always making me feel so welcome here and thank you for hanging in there with us. It's hard not seeing everybody, being in this COVID-19 issue and not being able to see all of our fellow colleagues and people who work for the County, but I wish everybody well and congratulations on your long times. Thank you so much.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen. Okay, so I think we've gone around on this subject for a while.

1. K. Santa Fe County Employee of the Quarter, 2nd Quarter of 2020 Awards

MANAGER MILLER: Thank you, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. So I always feel fortunate that I get to do this once a quarter and recognize those employees and bring forward those employees who've made some significant contribution to Santa Fe County during a previous three months. I have to say there are people- and this is always a hard thing – there are people who just constantly give and go above and beyond but the Employee of the Quarter is an opportunity for a coworker or a supervisor to recognize an employee that has done something that provides excellent service to the constituents or develops and implements a new program, or does something exemplary in their daily performance. It might be just demonstrating willingness County above and beyond everybody else in their work environment or on a particular project. And just because somebody doesn't get nominated doesn't mean that they haven't contributed, but I love seeing that other employees and supervisors notice their coworkers' significant contributions.

So the process for selecting a Countywide Employee of the Quarter begins with a designated recognition team selecting somebody from their group. So it might be a department group or elected official's group and they put in somebody from their group that they nominated and those get down to one nominee per group. And then from those nominees, there is another group of people who select one employee out of those that have been submitted to be the Employee of the Quarter. So just to give you an idea of who is in our nomination pool for this quarter, in the elected office group, Theresa Romero, the Operations Manager that we just recognized for her 20 years of service, what was submitted about Theresa is that she's a tenured employee with 20 years of experience working in the Treasurer's Office. In her role as Operations Manager, she functions as the key resource employee in the areas of personnel, reporting procedures, and all other administrative functions. Theresa is always willing to provide excellent customer service and does so in a patient, courteous and professional manner. Theresa is organized and dedicated to meeting the needs of customers, both internal and external, and consistently provides exemplary service and work product. I think Commissioner

Garcia even mentioned just how much she is there and willing to help and trying to provide solutions. So thank you, Theresa, for all of your hard work.

In the Community Services group we have Julian Sena, who's a GIS analyst and he's been with the County since November 5, 2012. Mr. Sena has gone above and beyond his normal significant E-911 addressing database responsibilities to provide a high degree of support to the Regional Emergency Communication Center for their new Computer Aided Dispatch or CAD system project. His diligent and comprehensive testing efforts have identified critical functionality gaps prior to our GoLive day. Mr. Sena also makes time to work with, mentor, and train less experienced field staff in understanding the intricacies and overcoming the challenges in maintaining accurate and current E-911 Addressing geospatial datasets. Mr. Sena is a role-model employee and provides exemplary customer service.

I have to tell you we did have our GoLive at RECC and Julian was instrumental in getting that together. I got letters from the Town of Edgewood for how professional he is and how helpful he is, and comments from his supervisors that that's just the way he is all the time. It isn't just this quarter.

In Public Works, heavy equipment mechanic senior, Frederick Archuleta. He's been with the County since 7/24/2013, and he's built many pieces of equipment for Santa Fe County.

His experience, knowledge, skills and abilities in fabricating and mechanical work are an invaluable asset to the County. A recent example of this is when Mr. Archuleta rebuilt the engine of one of the Public Works D8 bulldozers, bringing the piece of equipment back into service. The 'dozer was scheduled for auction but can now continue to be used. He does not hesitate to take on any task given to him and always welcomes the challenge. So thank you to Frederick for all his hard work and ingenuity. It's great to see somebody step up and fix a piece of equipment that we think is no longer useful to us.

And then in the Public Safety group, Kathleen Ramos, or Kat, as she goes by, she's our Interim Health Services Administrator and she's been with the County, since 6/11/2012. As our interim HAS Administrator for Santa Fe County, Kat oversees a highly responsible function of the Corrections Facility – oversight and operations of the Medical Department. Ms. Ramos has demonstrated excellent decision-making skills under the frequent duress that commonly occurs inside a multi-custody corrections facility. Ms. Ramos has been a key leader and coordinator working with COVID-19 policies and issues within the facility, coordinating 390 tests for staff and inmates. She has worked diligently on a daily basis to ensure protocols are being followed. She is a true asset to the County.

I'd like to also mention that we received letters from the US Marshals and comments from the Department of Health how excellent Kat's service has been and particularly during this COVID-19. A lot of moving parts and testing and isolating employees and inmates and making sure that we have proper medical services. Kat has been instrumental in coordinating all of that.

So I can tell you this quarter was exceptionally difficult for the team that had to select one person out of those four employees. I think not only do all four of those employees deserve Employee of the Quarter. I think there's many more in the County that do deserve it. But the way that we do this program, we select one person and that one

person for this quarter – let's have a drum roll – is Kat Ramos. So I just want to congratulate her and thank her.

All the employees that were nominated by their groups will receive two hours of administrative leave along with a certificate, and Kat will receive an additional eight hours of administrative leave for a day off and receive the award that we typically give that's the blown glass sculpture for her desk or for her office or for her home. So just want to thank all of the nominees. As I said, I think this was one of the more difficult group of candidates for the committee to decide because they had such excellent recommendations from their coworkers and their supervisors. So thank you to all four candidates. I think some of them, Mr. Chair, are on. I see Julian for sure. And I don't know if you'd like to ask them for comments or not, but you could see if they're on if they have comments.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Manager Miller. Go ahead, Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Just really quick, if they want to speak. All four candidates, once again, I worked for the County for 20 years of my life. Wow. Interesting. Ms. Ramos, congratulations. You actually got a federal recommendation. That's actually very important that you do things behind the scenes that people don't see, that the public doesn't see. Great job. Congratulations.

Gentleman Fred, from Public Works, sometimes whenever you see the Road Department out there, because sometimes people don't see the budget. People don't see this. People don't see that. In the past we have had sheriffs that have saved kids' lives. We've had financial individuals that have gotten awards. And I'm glad I'm not on the committee. Mr. Fred, actually, tangible things that you see out there that people don't see but sometimes the taxpayer sees – roads, trash, don't raise your taxes and a few other things, but to work for the Road Department and everything else – don't get me wrong. Great job.

Theresa. Customer service. That's what Santa Fe County, the taxpayer is about is customer service and Theresa, you know how you did it and you get it. Congratulations.

Julian. I met Julian and Patty about three to five years ago. You go down there to GIS. The guy loves fishing. He loves to fish. We talked about fishing and so on and so forth. He was the guy, you go down there, what do you need? What do you need? What do you want? What do you want? Like everybody else. Taxpayer. Taxpayer. We work for the taxpayer. But congratulations to all the four individuals. Great job, like I said in the past. We've had sheriffs that have saved kids' lives. We've had financial individuals. But congratulations, once again, Ms. Ramos, and thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia. I just want to congratulate everybody that got nominated. It takes a great amount of dedication and hard work and I think that it's really great that we give our staff the opportunity to recognize the leaders in their organizations and I think that I just want to make sure to reiterate that in the future. Every quarter it seems like it's very difficult to make the choices and I know that it's not an easy decision when it comes to the end. Just like we had a really hard decision the other day to appoint a representatives, but it's really difficult. Like Manager Miller stated, we'd love to be able to give it to everybody and even more but at

the end of the day I think the biggest thing is we're really happy to know that we have employees that are dedicated like this, especially the ones that have put in all the years. Or every employee. But earlier we recognized the ones that have put in quite a few years. So I just want to thank you all and just appreciate you being the best part of Santa Fe County. I'm going to go to Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I've said it before, it's an incredible honor, even to just be nominated for this when you know that you're being nominated within a group of incredible employees and supervisors. And so that is just to be recognized by really worthy colleagues is meaningful recognition. It's part of what drives the County's work forward at the high level it goes forward and it makes it just such a joy to be associated with it. So thank you all very much. Congratulations to all of you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Congratulations. Congratulations, Julian. I like your background. It's fantastic. Congratulations to Theresa and Kat and Fredrick. Fred Archuleta. Thank you all for your great work for the County, and I echo everything else my other Commissioners have said and best of luck and congratulations, Kat, for your great work. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen, and for your comments earlier, Commissioner Hamilton. Commissioner Moreno, did you have comments?

COMMISSIONER MORENO: Yes. It's tough competition in this organization, and when you get picked it means something. And for all the runners-up, just keep it coming and it will happen to you. Good job, everybody.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Moreno. So I want to just say thanks again, and great job to our staff and congratulations once again. Actually, I want to go back. I want to give the opportunity to any of the individuals that were nominated or anybody else that would like to make comments. Nobody?

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, I saw Julian. There he is. He might have a comment. Julian, did you have a comment?

JULIAN SENA (E-911 Addressing): I just would like to say thank you. It's an extremely humbling experience. I love everyone that I work with here, including everyone on the Land Use Department, all Growth Management. I have worked with great teammates. If I have any message at all it would be to my daughters to just make sure to go out there and work hard. You earn what you get. So thank you again.

PABLO SEDILLO (Public Safety Director): Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Yes, Director Sedillo.

DIRECTOR SEDILLO: Thank you very much. I'd just like to congratulate every person that was nominated for this prestigious award and I think we're very fortunate in Public Safety that Kat received this award. She's very instrumental in our medical department as well as with other agencies around the state. She is our voice of reckoning sometimes, but she is our voice that people do listen and acknowledge her and she's done a great job in such a short time and she's come a long ways.

A really quick story about her. When she first got hired her and I were probably hired months apart and they told me that they were hiring an RN. But they said, one thing

though, Director. She worked for a veterinarian place. And I said really. That should be interesting. So I recommend that we hire her then. And she has really proven herself. So thank you, Kat for everything that you do if you're out there. I think you are, but thank you very much.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Director Sedillo. Is there anybody else? Any of the nominees? Kat, are you out there? Would you like to say anything?

KAT ROMERO (Public Safety): Yes, Chair. I'm here. I appreciate all of the comments from everyone. That was really great to hear. I wasn't expecting that. I really appreciate it. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, and thank you for everything you do for Santa Fe County. Okay, is there any other comments? Any other nominees that are out there that would like to say anything?

CHRISTINA KELSO (E-911 Addressing): This is Christina Kelso, Julian's supervisor. Hi there. I wanted to say a few more words about Julian Sena. He is truly a role model employee in the division, and in terms of the dispatch center project that he was instrumental on, I just want to say that we've transitioned the County from a tabular dispatch system to a geospatial map-driven system. And to do that, and to get our first responders to the right addresses and the right location every time means that the data sets have to be as accurate as possible and it has to work and function properly. And Mr. Sena has done just an incredible job getting those data sets ready for the dispatch system, testing them and working through iterations with the vendor in order to get addresses to locate properly in that system, and that was no small feat. So tremendous job there, Julian. Thank you so much for your work.

I'd also like to say a couple other things about him because in addition to 911 addressing he also has helped quite a bit on Census Bureau – there's a program called the local update of census addresses and why is this important? Well, we're in the census here today. That comes around every ten years and getting an accurate count for the county is so important. He did a thorough analysis of the data and provided updates to the census in order to get the most accurate count possible with the most accurate data possible. So that was another huge effort that he put out there for the team.

And then I just want to say too, and I'm going to read this. He is growing into such a strong team leader who not only finds the time but makes the time in his tightly packed schedule to mentor, guide, and train the E-911 field addressers and personnel in the often difficult and challenging aspects of creating and maintaining accurate and sensible addressing in the centuries-old communities and neighborhoods of rural Santa Fe County. We're really lucky to have Julian in terms of just his dedication to this work and everything he brings to the job. So thank you, Julian, really appreciate you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Ms. Kelso, for recognizing Julian and giving him so extra recognition. We really appreciate that. Did we have somebody else? Is that you, Commissioner Garcia?

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Yes, just really quick, Mr. Chair. Once again, congratulations to all the public servants, because we all work for the taxpayer. Christina, there's things out there that the taxpayer doesn't realize what some staff do. When you call 911, that's one of the gentlemen there that actually when you call 911 and when the Sheriff's Department or the City Police get there on time, and the address,

they're all right. We all know that. But thank you for mentioning that because sometimes – you guys speak the lingo all the time about these services. Sometimes the taxpayer doesn't realize what does that mean? What does that mean? But in elementary terms, as into he's one of the guys, actually out there that whenever you call 911, because how they get there on time and where they go, is because an individual like that. So thank you for pointing that out. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia. Did we have any other candidates that were nominated or anybody else that would like to recognize the candidates that we just recognized for the Employee of the Quarter? Okay, going once, going twice. We're going to move on. Thank you guys so much once again. We really appreciate your hard work for Santa Fe County.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Resolution No. 2020-56, a Resolution Authorizing the Disposition of Fixed Assets Worth Less than \$5,000 in Accordance with State Statute (Finance Division/Yvonne S. Herrera) (Concerning Obsolete Personal Property of Divisions to be Housed at 102 Grant Avenue)**

CHAIR ROYBAL: I don't know if there's any additional questions from Commissioners, if not then I'll entertain a motion.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, move for approval.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

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

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

3. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

- A. Reappointment of Richard L.C. Virtue as Hearing Officer Pursuant to Section 3.5.3 of the Santa Fe County Sustainable Land Development Code for a Term Beginning on July 1, 2020 and Ending on June 30, 2021**

CHAIR ROYBAL: And from the Growth Management Department I believe we have Vicki Lucero.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, if I may. This may be a little bit premature but I just move for approval. If the other Commissioners are okay with it.

CHAIR ROYBAL: I'm fine with it.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Personally, Mr. Chair, I would like to hear from Ms. Lucero. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: So we do have a motion, so either we'll have a second and then we can ask Ms. Lucero under discussion.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I have no problem seconding it.

CHAIR ROYBAL: So we have a motion from Commissioner Garcia and a second from Commissioner Hamilton. Ms. Lucero, would you like to kind of give us an

overview of Mr. Richard Virtue and let us know how he's doing.

VICKI LUCERO (Building & Services): Thank you, Mr. Chair. Chapter 5 of the SLDC gives the BCC the authority to appoint a Hearing Officer or Hearing Officers for a definite term not to exceed four years. The Hearing Officer conducts public hearings, makes written findings of fact, conclusions of law and recommendations to the Planning Commission or BCC for further action in land use matters as designated in Chapter 4-1 of the SLDC.

Richard Virtue has served as the Hearing Officer since July 1, 2018. His second term and contract expired on June 30, 2020. Mr. Virtue is interested in continuing to serve as the Hearing Officer.

The third amendment to the contract was approved which extended it for an additional year, beginning on June 8, 2020 and ending on June 8, 2021. Staff would recommend reappointment of Attorney Richard L.C. Virtue to serve as the Hearing Officer from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, and at the end of that term staff may request that the Board extend appointment for a period not to exceed a total of four years. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I stand for any questions.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Ms. Lucero. Under discussion, we do have a motion and a second. Under discussion, do any of the Commissioners have questions of Ms. Lucero? I'll look for a show of hands. Okay, I don't see any. So I'm going to go to a roll call vote.

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

4. MISCELLANEOUS

A. Resolution No. 2020-57, Santa Fe County, New Mexico General Obligation Bond Election Resolution

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioners, we also have Attorney Shaffer relative to the bond resolution, but as you know, for the last three BCC meetings we've put in front of the Board a list of potential projects for the 2020 general obligation bond election that will be held at the same time as the general election in November. Traditionally we go to the voters every four years for approval and authority to issue general obligation bonds, which are bonds that we sell and are repaid through a property tax mill rate.

Our current mill rate is about 2.12 per thousand dollars of taxable value, and if the Board were to approve these three bond questions that would add up to \$20 million. It's \$4.298 million for open space, trails, parks and parks within the county; \$11.421 million in bonds for construction, design, equipping, improving roads within the county. That would include drainage improvements. And also \$3.750 million for water and wastewater projects within the county.

We've asked the question if all three of these bond questions were to get approval by the voters would we have an increase in property taxes, and no we would not. As a matter of fact we could go to the voters for up to \$40 million, and based on current taxable value, assessed value, we could issue those bonds and likely not have any increase to our taxes, unless there was a severe decline in property valuation. Erring on

the side of caution though we thought it would be prudent for us to go to the voters with \$20 million of questions to the voters for these three infrastructure areas, and then reassess where we are in two years prior to the election to see if – to make sure that we could issue these bonds and not have an increase in property taxes.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Garcia, do you have a question?

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Just a really quick question. Once again, this is for the County Commission to move forward on the resolution, right? It does not include the projects yet; it's to go forward for a resolution approve the \$20 million sale. Correct?

MANAGER MILLER: No. Mr. Chair, Commissioner Garcia, the list of projects that's in your – and actually, could you, Daniel Fresquez, could you bring up that list of projects. These are the projects we put forward to the Board of County Commissioners since June, and this is what we would be asking the voters to approve these questions with this list of projects. I can go change them now. That's why we've been putting it to the Board for the last three meetings so that you could ask us, if you had any concerns with this list of projects. So the list that's in front of you, that's \$11.41 million for this list of 15 different road projects throughout the county. These were projects which, as we said, we went through the process of scoring our projects based upon the criteria approved by the BCC and making recommendations that if a project was a basic need that we would work to fund those first and foremost, and then those that are not what we consider a basic need, a critical need that we had to do for public safety, health and welfare, that they would also be considered but as a lower priority.

So as you can see, the first ten projects on this list, actually the first 11 projects on the list were considered basic needs that either have serious drainage problems or flooding problems, or serious erosion deterioration that needs to be addressed as a critical need, and then four additional projects that were based upon kind of the next highest scoring relative to community input and need in those communities.

So these would be, if the Board approves this resolution, these would be the projects that we move forward with, to educate the public on what we'd be doing if we go to approve these general obligation bond questions.

Daniel, could you go to the next sheet? So that's the road projects. Then this next page you can see the \$4.829 million worth of open space, parks and trails projects that would be a continuation of the Santa Fe Rail Trail. That's the crossings. It would be the Santa Fe Rail Trail segment 6. It would be the Santa Fe River Trail from Siler to San Ysidro. It would be sports lighting in the Pojoaque Valley Recreation Complex, and Ripley property acquisition.

And then the last question would be \$3.75 million for water and wastewater projects, and that's connecting the Abajo lift station to the Quill plant, is what we commonly refer to it or the water reclamation facility. Hyde Park Estates, upgrades to their water system, the aquifer storage and recovery partnership with Rancho Viejo, and the Romero Park area waterline system and design for future growth. And those would be the projects that we would be looking to fund and start moving forward in the next year in 2021, and that was another factor in selecting these and that is that we would be able to start construction on these projects in 2021.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Great. Do we have any questions from the Commission? I'll start with Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I would like to thank Manager Miller for the impressive list of things that we can do. I think it is a good idea to only go for \$20 million at the moment. So I would like to make a motion to approve this Santa Fe County, New Mexico general obligation and election resolution bond.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: I'll second it for discussion, but Daniel, can you put the list back up please so that way the general public can see it? Thank you.

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

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: I don't have any questions at this time, Mr. Chair. Thank you.

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

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I appreciate all the work that went into this and it's very consistent with what we've been talking about and I have no further questions.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hamilton. I know Commissioner Hansen made some comments already but did you have any additional comments, Commissioner Hansen?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Yes, I wanted to mention that I wanted to thank Katherine and the entire team, all the people in Public Works and everybody throughout the County for their hard work in putting this list together and being so concise and working on projects that we know we need to work on.

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

COMMISSIONER MORENO: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I think this is a very good list. We have been waiting for a time when we can really put the pedal to the metal and there are really good projects in everybody's district, and I'm looking to see the blades coming down.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Moreno. So we have a motion and a second. I'm going to go to roll call vote.

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

MANAGER MILLER: And Mr. Chair, could I make one more comment before you get the resolution number from the Clerk:

CHAIR ROYBAL: Absolutely, Manager Miller. Go ahead.

MANAGER MILLER: Thank you. I just would like to acknowledge the Board and what you have done over the last couple of months relative to approving capital outlay for what I'll call economic development projects throughout the county. And you've been working diligently with the County staff to really put together a major capital outlay plan that includes partially funded projects from prior years, funding that we got from the state, funding that we previously had, some grants that we've received.

So this is the last piece to leverage over \$129 – Twenty million dollars for projects for Santa Fe County from the far north of the county to the far south of the county. This is the last piece of that puzzle to put that complete capital outlay budget together to really give staff direction on the priorities and getting these projects done throughout the county.

If the voters approve this it will be significant in pulling all of those road, water, wastewater, open space, trails projects, drainage projects – all of that stuff together – and public safety projects in order to really invest in our local communities throughout the county. So I just want to thank you for approval on this. I want to thank you for approval on our final budget and the projects that are already in our budget, and we look forward to educating the public on what these three bond questions would provide and hopefully that they will support them as they always have in November, because we have traditionally got very good support for our general obligation bond questions and we'll be looking to the Commissioners to help us get the word out about the projects that would be funded if they approve these.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Manager Miller. We appreciate the recognition but I know that it couldn't have been done without staff and your leadership, so thank you so much.

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

CHAIR ROYBAL: Go ahead and make your comment, sir.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: So really quick, Mr. Chair, I'd like to thank the direction of Katherine Miller, Gus Martinez, who actually does the valuations for Santa Fe County and we actually do an excellent job in Santa Fe County, anywhere from the schools, [inaudible] so I would like the voters actually to please vote for this bond because our bonding rate is probably number one in the state of New Mexico out of 33 counties. And like you said, the leadership of Gus Martinez actually collecting or doing the valuation, Manager Miller and her team to actually doing our finances, are actually great. So by us putting out the list so we actually know we're going to spend this \$20 million and what we're going to do it and how we're going to do, I really appreciate that Manager Miller. Once again, the County Assessor, Mr. Martinez, with his valuation. Picking up the valuations, right? But I just want to say that. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Garcia, thank you for your comments and I absolutely agree that definitely we have a great team for all the planning and to see how we'll move forward in the future, so thank you, sir.

4. B. Resolution No. 2020-58, a Resolution to Budget Cash Balance in the Self-Insurance Fund (601) in the Amount of \$30,000 to Correct Negative Expenditure Balance and to Budget a Transfer from the General Fund (101) into the Enterprise Water Fund (505) in the Amount of \$120,000

YVONNE HERRERA (Finance Director): Good afternoon, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. I'm here in front of you to request approval of a resolution that you just described, which is two budget adjustments, the first one to increase the budget for our self-insurance plan, and the other to budget an unexpected transfer between the general

fund and the enterprise water fund.

The total expenditures for insurance claims for the self-insurance plan exceeded the budget that we set up for fiscal year 20 by \$25,793. In order to rectify that deficit we are requesting an increase of \$30,000 to the budget to not only cover that deficit but also to give us a little bit of room in case there are any unexpected transactions that we haven't accounted for.

And for the water enterprise fund, the County has a water rights lease for the Top of the World water rights. Historically though that lease payment has been receipted in the general fund, during fiscal year 21's budget hearings it was discussed that that money, those payments should be received within the water enterprise fund. So this transfer moves the lease payments from fiscal year 2016 through 19 from the general fund into the water enterprise fund, and if the lease payment for fiscal year 20 has already been receipted into the water enterprise fund and will be done in future years. So this transfer won't be necessary except for this year to move the \$120,000 from the general fund into the water fund. And I stand for any questions.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Ms. Herrera. Do we have any questions from the Board? I'm going to go through all the Commissioners. Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: No, thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Yvonne for working on all of this. I do agree with you that giving us a small cushion is an important part of this transfer and I think that's an excellent idea. So thank you for your hard work on this. I appreciate it.

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

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, I'll go ahead and move for approval.

CHAIR ROYBAL: So we have a motion from Commissioner Garcia. Commissioner Moreno, was you that had a comment or question, sir?

COMMISSIONER MORENO: No. I have no questions.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I'll second it.

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

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

5. MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN

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

TESSA JO MASCARENAS (County Manager's Office): Mr. Chair, at this point nobody has signed up for public comment.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay, and I believe you just unmuted everybody, but if you could unmute everybody one more time – I know it's going to get loud for a

second, but I just want to make sure that once again, I'm going to ask, is there anybody from the public that would like to address the Board? I'm going to go ahead and close Matters of Public Concern.

6. PRESENTATIONS

A. 2020 Census Update

PATRICIA BOIES (Community Services Department): Good afternoon Mr. Chair and Commissioners. The purpose of this presentation is to provide an update to the Commission on the status of the 2020 census in Santa Fe County. The BCC established a Complete Count Committee more than a year ago chaired by Chair Roybal with representatives from many sectors of the county. And we have undertaken a lot of education and outreach, but since the coronavirus pandemic and adjustments made by the US Census we've had to pivot our approach and our outreach.

So let me start with the key census dates, all of which have changed more than once since this began and I will be discussing these in more detail. So self-response to fill out the census questionnaire has been extended to October 31st, that's Halloween. Field operations, which is when census workers actually go out in the field and it's called Update Leave, which I will talk about in a minute, that began in late June. Non-response follow-up begins August 11th, and the final count will be delivered to the president April 30, 2021. So all of these are about four months later than would have been anticipated in a normal year, which 2020 is not.

Update leave field operations, this is when the US Census workers leave forms at every household, especially these are people who have P.O. Boxes or live in rural and tribal areas, and the census workers geo-code the home when delivering the homes. Santa Fe County has almost 12 percent of our households in this category. Now, this update leave began in late June and all update leave is complete except for tribal. But I am still getting calls in the update leave category from people who didn't get a form, and so they don't have a census ID code, and I am now telling people to fill out the form online with their address as best they can, or do it over the phone.

I always give people exactly how they can reach out and do this. This is another pivot because the census was telling us to tell people who hadn't received their code to wait for their paper questionnaire. But now, I just want people to do the best they can and if there's any questions on the part of the census they can get in touch with somebody. We were told at a statewide call by Robert Rattigan who is the New Mexico State Demographer, the main liaison with the US Census and the statewide effort, if we know large areas who haven't received their code to let them know but so far it seems like it's just a series of individual calls and I don't know if others are.

So non-response follow-up: This is when census workers come to the door and interview people, households, who have not yet responded. They are no longer leaving the form as was done during update leave but they're getting responses in person. The census workers have US watermarked census ID badges with a phone number if people want to verify. If nobody's there they will notice of the visit and the phone number and instructions and they will do this up to five times.

Now, we are doing a lot of outreach to encourage people to respond before

somebody comes to their door and once census workers come to the door and get responses directly from homeowners or people who live in the household, they upload them directly.

In terms of outreach activities, some of these we've been implementing from the very beginning, including our website, and I know I put this out and everybody should be using this because it has a direct link to filling out the census including by phone and other information including answers to frequently asked questions. It's in Spanish as well as in English, and we also printed thousands of FAQ brochures in English and Spanish. We launched our campaign on March 6th in Pojoaque and only a few days later the public health emergency order was issued. So overall we've had to pivot from community gatherings and face-to-face interactions to primarily electronic outreach and other efforts.

We've done radio spots with BCC Commissioners, Sheriff Mendoza, other community leaders, those have been up and running for several weeks. We've also done a series of interviews and podcasts on KSWV and these ranged from a census overview, which Chair Roybal and I did, to interviews focusing on the impact of the census, on particular services and communities, including the immigrant community, with Marcela Diaz of Somos un Pueblo Unido. We did one focusing on healthcare that I joined with Kathy Armijo-Etre of Christus and Wendy Johnson of La Familia. We did one on the impact on public education with Veronica Garcia and Pojoaque Superintendent Sandra Adam, and others. And this link that I have here includes all of these interviews.

We launched a social media campaign on Facebook, especially targeting the areas with the lowest self-response rate, many of whom are up north. And from the beginning we've been targeting the hard to count communities as identified with help from Krista Kelley, and we're especially focusing on these while also casting a wide net.

Using funds received through a grant from DFA we've entered into contracts or memoranda of agreement with community organizations and pueblos, because we know that the messengers matter in encouraging people to complete the census. So Somos un Pueblo Unido, Chainbreaker Collective, St. Elizabeth Shelter, and four pueblos. And we've all been figuring out adjustments since, as I said before, many of our planned activities involved community meetings and gatherings, and we're prioritizing the health and safety of the people who work within these organizations, our staff, and our volunteers as to how best engage a wide variety of people during the pandemics. So Somos had already done a lot of door-knocking in previous months, and that is really best, because the peer-to-peer approach where people can say, hey, I filled out the census. I understand your concerns and they can help comfort people as to the confidentiality and the reasons to do the census and they can tailor their message to what the concerns are and for people in Santa Fe County, a lot of them are around healthcare, children's programs, food programs, senior services, and lately Somos has been doing a lot of Facebook live meetings and using the messaging system and phone banking, and also letting people to do this now to avoid a knock on the door.

Chainbreaker Collective – most people I hope know about Chainbreaker. They work toward affordable and accessible transportation and housing and public spaces, and they support low income people throughout northern New Mexico. A lot of people know them from their bicycle program and they're doing work now similar to Somos, and they're focusing on census tracts with over 70 percent people of color, two-thirds

Hispanic. A third of the people in their areas have no internet access so getting people help to do this over the phone is very useful. Most of the people in the census tracts – I shouldn't say most – but about a third are below or near the poverty level. Three-quarters of the people they're reaching out to are renter-occupied and it's known that renters are sometimes less inclined to fill out the census. So they're doing a lot of phone banking, social media, also reaching out to essential business.

St. Elizabeth Shelter – one of the reasons we wanted to contract with St. Elizabeth is they know and are trusted by the homeless population to go out and get them to complete the census.

The pueblos have been having particular difficulty during COVID-19 and they're only beginning to receive their forms because they fall into this update leave category. So we anticipate there will be more of a focus within the pueblos over the next few months. It's very good that the census has been extended. We distributed a Tewa language video to all the pueblos and I've been working with them providing information and resources. And there's also a US Census liaison assigned directly to the Northern Pueblos.

Our Complete Count Committee: So our Santa Fe County Complete Count Committee that Commissioner Roybal chairs, we just met again on Friday, just a couple of days ago, and these members were all approved and appointed by the BCC to include the demographic and geographic hard to count areas and representatives from government, the private sector, health, education, seniors, and all of them are pivoting as well, and they're primarily doing digital, social media, phone banking, email blasts to their communities. They're always including our website, and so among the organizations we're talking about Santa Fe Community College, Northern New Mexico Community College, the public schools, Pojoaque Public Schools, the Santa Fe Chamber of Commerce, AARP, United Way, and some have been providing hard copy materials but as I say, most of this is being done now through phone banking and electronic memes. The City is putting our FAQ brochures into all their library pickup bags. We're working with the Food Depot. They're putting materials into all the food bags that they are providing using some County funds.

So those are primarily the activities that are going on now. Just a few words in terms of where we are in terms of response. So the Santa Fe County self-response goal is 60.7 percent, and that goal is set by the statewide I County New Mexico team. And as of July 27th, that's yesterday, we are at 55.6 percent. So 55.6 percent and our goal is 60.7 percent. Only a handful of counties are doing better than us in terms of the percentage response so far, including Bernalillo, Los Alamos and Sandoval. Our neighboring counties are down in the 20s but Rio Arriba and Taos, they have 90 percent of their households falling into the update leave category. So they just got theirs recently.

Now, there are a few areas within Santa Fe County that are still only at 30 percent or below and those are primarily in the north – Chimayo, Santa Cruz, Pojoaque-Nambe, and in the southern part of the county – Stanley, Golden, White Lakes. So we will be continuing to focus on them, doing phone banking, social media, and just in terms of the City of Santa Fe, the City of Santa Fe is about at 61 percent overall, but many tracts in the city are closer to 50 percent, and again, Somos and Chainbreaker are working closely with those.

So that's where we stand right now and I will stand for any questions.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Ms. Boies, and we really appreciate the update. I want to thank you all for your hard work. It was really impressive to see the way the whole board was able to acclimate to our current conditions as far as the pandemic, once it came in to play, and I know that we still have a ways to go on our complete count, but I think that we've made great headway, but I just want to just express that gratitude and appreciation for the way that we did just change our direction because of our current situation. Thank you for the update but I'm going to give other Commissioners the opportunity to ask some questions. Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you very much, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Patricia, for all your hard work and for the whole committee's work. Obviously, this is incredibly important and necessary for us to get funding. I think under this circumstance it's incredibly difficult, especially for the pueblos to be counted. It's worrisome. It's also worrisome that in the lower – in the same areas that have the 87507, 87505 area where we have high COVID is also where we have, I believe, a huge undercount and it's really important that people have faith and trust in the process and they feel comfortable giving this information. So I think this is really important and I appreciate all the hard work that's been going into this because it is not easy under this COVID-19 to count people in these certain areas where we don't have good data. Sixty percent seems really low to me but if we're within the range I guess that's good. A hundred percent sounds better but I don't know how we get to 100 percent. So thank you once again.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen. Patricia Boies, would you like to –

MS. BOIES: Yes. I just would like to speak to what you just said, Commissioner Hansen, about the – yes, we do want to get to 100 percent. So it's a little bit hard to explain, but this 60.7 percent is the self-response, when people do it themselves. And this was set by the statewide committee, and this is based on how many people or the percentage of people who responded on their own in 2010, with some adjustments, because now we're doing on line, but the non-response follow-up that I mentioned, begins August 11th. When the census workers go to the door, and if they help somebody fill out the questionnaire during the non-response follow-up, it's not counted as self-response. So our self-response rate won't increase no matter how many people respond during the non-response follow-up time when census workers go to the door.

So I discussed this with Robert Rattigan, so the total response rate is the self-response rate plus the non-response follow-up rate, and I asked him will those two together – I would like to get to 100 percent of people responding. And what he said is that nobody ever gets to 100 percent. If they add up the non-response follow-up or they add up the self-response, and they calculate the remainder by what he calls proxy and imputation, using federal records – so basically a total of 100 percent always goes to the census, but it sounds a little bit artificial is explained to me, so I'm really wanting our self-response to be as high as possible, and then it will be augmented by the non-response follow-up and we won't know until we actually get the numbers how many people responded.

So I've hesitated to concentrate on the self-response rate too much except in terms of viewing it as a goal to mark our progress, and I've been watching it rise and we're

doing really well compared to other counties. But, yes. It will be a lot more than 60.7 percent of the households who will ultimately be responding.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you for that clarification, Ms. Boies. Okay, so I'm going to go to our next Commissioner. Commissioner Hamilton, did you have questions?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I did. Part of it was answered by the previous discussion but it's very important to get as much response as possible because the correction up to "full response" is statistical, which means it's biased by the responses you have in hand and any other information you use. Imputation is filling it in based on what you already know. So for underrepresented groups, areas, whatever, that's where your biggest error is in estimating what it should have been. Do you think that the non-self-response follow-up, given all the constraints of contact and frankly other kinds of fears that people have, especially poor and immigrant communities. Not just under the pandemic circumstances but the current national circumstances. Do you have some concerns or some feelings – some sense of how successful that could be?

MS. BOIES: Well, I do share your concerns and certainly Somos un Pueblo Unido has had those concerns from the beginning. Remember back when there was going to be a citizenship question, which ended up not getting on, but already was causing some concern among the community as a whole. And so Somos – I have to say, they are really charged. If anybody can get people to fill out the census it will be Somos and their – I shouldn't use the word army – their whole team of people who have already made contact with people door to door before and now will be following up.

So I don't think there's anything better that we could have to do for that population than Somos, and Chainbreaker is also very good in that respect. The non-response follow-up, I don't really know – the census workers are exempt from the public health emergency. They are going to be using best practices when they go out. They are being trained. There is a lot of focus on them right now, and so I am hoping that the non-response follow-up will yield a good amount of response. But it's now the end of July. We are doing it – it's really good that we met on Friday. The whole committee is really bent on working as hard as possible just over the next two weeks before the non-response follow-up starts. And so I can report then how much our self-response has gone up, but I have been watching it rise recently, and so I'm really counting on that.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thank you. And I would be remiss not to thank you and Chair Roybal and your whole committee for the extraordinary efforts this must take and how important it is. Thank you guys.

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

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, I'd just like to thank you for being on the census stuff that's moving forward. Obviously, during this COVID challenge that the world has into how do we get people counted, because we have to get them counted. Right? I have young individuals that – they don't vote. And it's kind of sad. I give them hassle all the time: you've got to vote, got to vote. Got to get counted. But for the communication, the number one rule in this world is communication. So how do we do it? We just have to communicate, and let's do it.

And thank you for the committee for working with the schools. In my district,

people don't want to get counted. Why? Because they're scared. Why? Because you have the federal marshals coming to Albuquerque and it's hard for individuals in my community, in the south side of town as into coming outside. And I think it's about communication and how do we do that? I don't know. It's hard, because you know what? They get counted. And yet I can see [inaudible] answer the door. Thank you for the committee. Thank you, Patricia Boies as into working on this stuff because it's important. People don't realize. CDBG grants. Money. Federal government money. When it comes down to it. Five or ten years. Katherine Miller taught me this a long time ago, when every one of the former mayors, you know, when you take money from the general fund and you give people raises, it take three to five years for the taxpayer to realize, oh. It's affecting us. Yes it is. Manager Miller, you taught me that years ago.

Unfortunately now, you drive down Cerrillos Road, Airport Road and it going to get worse. Look at the weeds. Because we have furloughs in the City. It gets tough. But the taxpayer doesn't see the tangible stuff for three to five to seven years into it. But people, please get counted. That's what it's about because it's federal money and we need to get counted and that's what we need to do. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia. I couldn't have said it better myself, so I really appreciate that. Commissioner Moreno, did you have any questions or comments, sir?

COMMISSIONER MORENO: Well, I want to commend the team that's working so hard. There's nothing easier than to participate in the census. For all the benefits that come through this process, it's really impressive. There's no 100 percent solution, but I really give it to your team, Patricia, with your team and mustering the energy and the teams that you put up, it's awesome. I'm sure with your efforts we are going to be in the top tier, I'm pretty sure. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Moreno. Any other comments from the Board? Okay, once again, I'd just like to thank you, Patricia for all your hard work as well and please convey our appreciation from the Board to the entire Census Board and I will as well in our next meeting, but thank you for all your hard work.

MS. BOIES: Thank you.

7. MATTERS FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER

A. Presentation on Growth Management Priority Projects and the Sustainable Land Development Code

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, so last week we talked a little bit about the SLDC and updates, and I said that I would have Penny do a presentation on everything that we're working on that is specific in the SLDC, or things that actually support the SLDC, so that you could see what we currently have scheduled to do, and then hopefully you would take a look at that and then give us some input on any other areas that you think are priority areas that you would like us to focus on in the code.

You don't necessarily have to do it today. If you think of it today that would be great. If you don't think of it today, think of it and give us some feedback at a future meeting or directly to me so that we can compile a schedule of how we can address

concerns and issues with the code that the Commission may have. So with that I'll turn it over to Penny.

PENNY ELLIS-GREEN (Growth Management Director): The Sustainable Land Development Code was first approved in 2015 in December, came into effect in January 2016, and the following year we did a comprehensive review and dealt with stakeholders and comments from the public. The 2016 review of the SLDC was extensive. It included public outreach, area-wide meetings, coordination and review from internal departments, divisions, external agencies and stakeholders. The entire SLDC was then restated during that 2016 review.

One difficulty that arose of having the entire SLDC open for review was staff's inability to conduct a really thorough review and analysis of all the changes that were being made. Too many changes were happening at the same time, creating the possibility of further inconsistencies. We also had staff from Planning, Development Review, the Attorney's Office, working almost full time so other priority projects were put on hold during that 2016 review.

As a result of that it was recommended that any additional amendments come forward as single sections of the code for changes. And that happened in 2017. We drafted and restated the entire road section of the SLDC. That was Section 7.11. And then last year we rewrote Chapter 11, which was the developments of countywide impacts. That included our hard rock mining section.

And then last year we were directed by the Board to start working on the short-term rental regulations. We're in the process now of contracting with a consultant to get information about existing short-term rentals. We estimate we will have that data and options available for the BCC to give us direction in the next 60 to 90 days and then we will follow that up with ordinance adoption and procedure.

By taking one section at a time, we were able to focus on a smaller area and still move forward with other department priorities. The Growth Management/Land Use related priority projects that are handled by Planning and Building & Development are identified as the priority project of the short-term rentals. Related to that is the business license ordinance, which will need to be updated as we update the short-term rental regulations.

We are also doing capital planning, including the 20-year CIP, ICIP, impact fees, land use assumptions, the CDBG program. We also have two outdated ordinances that need to be updated to support the County in court cases, and they are the Junked Vehicle Ordinance and the Anti-Litter Ordinance. We are undertaking one new community plan in the La Bajada area. We are updating two community plans at the moment in the San Marcos area and Tesuque. Related to that, we will then have code amendments to include community district overlays for all three of those areas.

We are undertaking the community organization and registered organization program implementation. We need to amend affordable housing regulations to be consistent with the SLDC. We have numerous open space plans and management plans for specific properties, and we are also looking at an invasive species management plan, a pollinator management plan, and a piñon jay conservation plan. We're undertaking a countywide transportation plan. We are running a transfer of development rights program, so our TDR program implementation including qualification reports, TDR

certificates, and TDR bank implementation. We are currently updating the La Bajada Ranch conceptual plan and undertaking the AgriGate implementation.

So in addition to all of these projects, and directly related to the SLDC, we had applications come in through the process staff have identified technical changes that will require multiple sections of the SLDC to be changed. We've been able to identify these sections as projects have come forward. For example, we've had the first application for rezoning and the creation of a Planned Development District. We've also had a first project, both selling and proposing to utilize TDRs. The staff proposes to bring forward individual ordinances to address these technical changes. So far we've identified Chapter 12, which includes our TDR and our PID sections, the Planned Development District in Chapter 8, amending Chapter 13 to require all development over five lots to provide affordable housing, and we've also got some other minor technical changes there.

The Subdivision section, Chapter 5, related to the extension of preliminary plats to be consistent with the statute. Chapter 1 rezoning criteria, we've gone numerous typo and numbering updates that we would bring forward. Chapter 7, we also have the water harvesting section that needs to be updated. We have identified use list table changes in the SLDC, and we need to incorporate language from written advisory opinions that have been created through the SLDC.

A review in relation to the recently approved BCC-approved pollinator resolution to determine if we need to amend the SLDC for that. And also the state approved the 2018 Energy Conservation Code, so we'll need to review the SLDC including the energy efficiency section to see if changes are needed.

So the proposal at this point is to take one section at a time or one chapter at a time and run these projects at the same time as the other major land use projects that we have underway. And Mr. Chair, I'll stand for questions.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Penny. I'm going to go ahead and go to Commissioners for questions. I'll start with Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Penny, for your presentation. So back in the days whenever we adopted the first code, Penny knew us. Mary Helen Follingstad, Judy McGowan was there, in 1981. And that's when the first County code got adopted in 1981. Since then we've done some amendments to the codes. 2015, as Penny stated, you actually helped out, Penny and you did a very good job as into – you and your staff as into adopting the SLDC.

Some of the things that I would like to look at – the SLDC, which is the Rancho Viejo area, got it, which is over there by our Public Works Department off of Caja del Rio, got it. Those are growth areas. I got it. One of the things that I would like to see, Penny, as into your staff is very busy and they do an excellent job, but however – how can we actually help individuals.

I actually went with this gentleman to Rio Rancho the other day and I walked with him, and he got a 25,000 square foot facility. You know what they did? They sat down with him and they said you know what? Sit down, Mr. So-and-so. You want some coffee? You want some donuts? Do you want some pastries? What do you want? And they – we'll fill out the paperwork for you. They gave him a permit. And one thing I guess what I would say, because I say, I get in trouble. But this isn't trouble. However, whatever, I used to go downstairs with the old lady or the old man and get their warranty

deed and fill out their paperwork for them, say sign here. Here's your application.

And recently I had some challenges with some individuals at the County as into me trying to help out the elderly to get a permit. Like I always use this as example. My grandma. She doesn't have a cell phone. My grandma, to get a permit for an addition to her home, she's be lost. She doesn't know how that would work. So a couple things I would like to see. The whole 15 minute thing – I get it. I got a call from Mr. Dalton today from Edgewood. He drove all the way in from Edgewood – you know this, Penny. It took an hour and a half for him to get here. He turned in his paperwork He went back home. Came back. And it's kind of like – I used to talk to Jack Kolkmeier about this. Can we have a satellite office there? Because people from Edgewood come all the way up, an hour and a half for a septic tank permit. Hi and good bye. So now we're actually working with them because the staff is working with them as into okay, when you come back next week, bring your septic tank permit. He got it.

Some of the other things I would just looked at is TDRs. Where are we at with TDRs? That kind of fell off the map. So if can please write this down, Penny: TDRs. And road width. In your district, Commissioner Roybal, there's a lady that had a 20-foot road and the fire truck has gone up and down the road 30 times for her dad, and now he wants to split the property. And now it says you have to have a 50-foot whatever it is. 25-foot driving surface. So just things like that: road width.

Family transfers – I would like for us to look into that. The aggregate stuff. In my district there's a lot of aggregate that's coming up the mountain, and it's not your fault, staff, but when I come up I-25, I see that pit with that aggregate and it's getting larger and larger and larger, and I'm ready to actually say, you know, time out. That aggregate pit was not allowed to do that. Aggregate.

So administrative approval, the health stuff in Commissioner Hamilton's district, some people that actually want to do some mentally challenged drug abuse counseling in that area, in Commissioner Hamilton's area, that's administrative approval. Should it go through the administrative approval or now? If we could look at that.

Junk cars. I see the junk cars in Cerrillos. A lot of junk cars out there that I haven't talked to Manager Miller about it yet but I'm ready to go cite those individuals because they're parked in the County right-of-way.

Working with the constituents, I know it's hard. We're all busy, and we have 15 minutes. I get the whole COVID stuff. When you come from Edgewood and they tell you you have 15 minutes. That's it. We'll take your paperwork. I know it's hard, Penny. You get it. Your staff does an excellent job. Do not get me wrong. Those are just some of the things, Mr. Chair, that I would like to look at as into, like I said, TDRs, the road width, family transfers, aggregate stuff, administrative approvals. You see this huge pipeline coming up from the bottom of La Bajada, all the way up La Bajada. I get it. And that was an administrative approval. I get it. I understand that. So the only concern I have about it is reseeded – how's that going to work? And so on and so forth.

I know you guys work very hard, your staff, to do the code and you guys have done an excellent job. So those are just some of the concerns I have. So if you could just note those done I appreciate that. Maybe we can actually create a committee to work with consultants as to what's working and what's not working, and how we can move forward with that. So those are my concerns, Mr. Chair. Thank you.

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

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Penny, for all of the things that you are working on. I see that on your list you already have the TDRs and I know that we've worked on the road width in the last iteration but I appreciate all the things that you are working on. I appreciate knowing – getting an update. It's really helpful to see everything going on. I think especially during the COVID issues that AgriGate is a really important program to emphasize because that is economic development for the north for sure and for Santa Fe County, all of the Santa Fe County. The AgriGate is really important attracting buyers to customers and customers to producers and whether it's small scale, large scale. So I'm completely supportive of everything and I feel grateful that you took the time to share with us everything you are working on because it is a big undertaking.

I think it's helpful sometimes for some of the things to get administrative approval for us to know what they are. Sometimes they happen without us getting an update so I appreciate any time you could have some time to get updates on that.

So I think you're plenty busy. What I hear Commissioner Garcia saying is customer service and his concerns about customer service. I think that much of Santa Fe County is about customer service. That's what it's about. And I think in many, many ways you do an excellent job in customer service and providing connection during this COVID-19 time, we're limited. We're stressed, and I think we all have to be patient and understand that this is a challenging time, not only for staff, not only for the clients and the customers that come in but for the whole gamut of everything. So I want to recognize you for your extremely hard work. I am grateful that you are there. You are competent and capable and I appreciate everything you do, so thank you.

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

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair,

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Garcia, go ahead.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Just really quick. One of the things that is energy efficiency for the local individuals. I understand, Commissioner Hansen. I agree with you 100 percent as into solar this and that. However, sometimes we have to be careful as into whenever an individual can actually afford a single-wide or a double-wide or whatever else it is, and if we impose more regulations on them, it's hard for that individual – yes, over the next ten, 15 years it's going to help out, but one of our divisions needs to figure out as into how – you can't just put solar on everything. So how do we figure out energy efficiency?

My point is, Penny, we have to look at as into the energy efficiency to the code and how it works, solar and everything. Commissioner Hansen, I understand that. I get it. It's kind of like – what of our new buildings? Do our new buildings actually have energy efficiency, and if so how much do they have? So that's kind of where I'm at. So I just want to – if we can address that as well, Penny. [inaudible] because you do an excellent job, you and your staff. So I just wanted to put that out there.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Mr. Chair, could I please respond?

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Hansen, hold on. I want everybody to

get their thoughts out there. I don't want to keep going back and forth and we haven't gone to other Commissioners. I'm going to go ahead and allow this but let's try and make sure that we're moving along. So go ahead, Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: So just to remind you, the planet is burning up and besides being in the COVID-19 issue we're also facing an incredible climate crisis. A lot of these codes that are being recognized – first of all, a lot of people, first of all, mostly mobile homes are not included in the green energy efficiency code, but by doing the energy efficiency, people can make up all that savings in less than five years. So I'm not going to have that discussion right now because we have it on the agenda later. There are many ways that this can be addressed and I understand your concern about underserved individuals. so with that, Chair Roybal, thank you for allowing a few moments and I really appreciate that but I also recognize that the other Commissioners haven't had an opportunity to say anything. So thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen. Could we go to Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair. First of all, Penny, thank you very much and I'd like to say I very strongly support a rational, portioned approach to addressing problems, doing things sequentially and in a manner that gives it adequate scope of resources to look at the problems that are particular to each area. If you do everything at once you're forced to do everything at a higher level with is part of the way the code was developed in the first place. You have to start there, but you can't then just open and look at everything all at once and expect to be able to get down into the details. That's why the proposal that you guys put forward was to readdress and revise sections as they came up. As we got experience with each section.

So I am still strongly in support of that. My question is, and I'm sorry, but what you laid out gave us a good idea of the things that have already come up to be looked at. So then how are you setting priorities to go through them in some rational sequence?

MS. ELLIS-GREEN: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Hamilton, I think what we're doing is trying to take one area at a time as the issues arise. Some of our first things to look at would be related to Chapter 12 because of the CIP that we're currently working on, to make sure that we've got those sections reading correctly as we go through our whole CIP process. And then prioritizing could be related to the projects that come forward and whether or not there's a couple of sections that can be done at a time that will address the same issue.

So really what we're looking at after short-term rentals is probably looking at Chapter 12 and then possibly the whole combination of the rezoning, planned development districts, and affordable housing, which are kind of three separate sections, either individually or coming forward together because they are interrelated.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thank you. That actually makes quite a bit of sense. Thanks very much. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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

COMMISSIONER MORENO: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Where to start? This is a tall order, Penny. Revising and updating, so I'm just going to give a couple of examples of what I would want to focus on. You mentioned transportation – make sure

you connect with the Blue Bus. The DCI, we have to get a handle on the toxics and the dangerous materials that are just laying out there, and if there's such a thing as a global operation to bite the bullet and just get it done. It might take a lot of money but I'm pretty sure the results would be very good.

Right now we have a problem in the mountains here and nothing is able to happen there until we have a program and fix those DCIs. Those are my top four or five. And an overall recommendation would be more frequent updates of all of the programs, step-wise, not all at one time. Those are my thoughts. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Moreno. And I did want to ask, I'm not sure if you answered this question yet. But I was curious. I know we have the different times and the opportunity to look over different areas of our land development code, or multiple areas to see if there's any areas where we can improve. I also wanted to ask, as far as the community overlay, is that something the community can sort of look at to possibly make an amendment to their community overlay at different times? Or is that something that has to be during certain times? How does that work, if you could kind of give us guidance, Penny?

MS. ELLIS-GREEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. The way a community overlay would work is we would need to establish a community planning committee and address what it is they actually want changed, to see if their community plan needs to be changed first. We are doing that process right now with two communities, with San Marcos and with Tesuque, who wanted changes and therefore they came back through the process to look at their community plan, where those changes needed to take place in that plan, and then they would do an associated overlay district as well. They have one right now so it would be an amendment of their overlay.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Got you. And that can be as long as they contact either you or staff and they can get that ball rolling to make an amendment?

MS. ELLIS-GREEN: Mr. Chair, Commissioners, yes. What we would do is look at staff availability and we would want to finish up some of the projects that we've got going now in order to free time up to work with another community. But certainly, those that are interested would work with our Planning Department and as we have finished up some we would move on to others.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you, Penny. Is there any other questions from any other Commissioners? Okay, and I know that there's going to be some questions and I know spoke with you, Penny, on the phone and I do want to be a little bit more specific to areas that I think we need to possibly look at but that will be for the future. But I do appreciate you updating us on where we're at and all the hard work and good work that you and your staff are doing. I do appreciate that. So thank you very much for this update.

MS. ELLIS-GREEN: Thank you, Commissioner.

7. B. Miscellaneous and COVID-19 Updates

MANAGER MILLER: First of all, just some general updates on the COVID-19 response that the County has. Community Services Department is working with the state to host a testing site for County and City employees on August 7th. The

testing will be a drive through testing held from 10:00 to 3:00 and more details will be forthcoming but that's for City and County employees, and we hope to have that scheduled and available for all County employees, not just those working in the Public Safety area.

Also, on the mental health front, since the beginning of April the mobile crisis response team has received a total of 123 referrals from the Midtown Campus, and that is the City's Midtown Campus that they put together for homeless individuals, and our mobile crisis response team is currently providing case management, therapy, counseling, coaching and de-escalation support to the – and other services along that line to the active members at the Midtown Campus. So that's been a joint City-County effort. While the City has put together the actual campus we've been providing mental health services support.

Also, on the food front, we've distributed a total of 1,560 bags of groceries to large distribution sites in the county and the city and to county individuals who are homebound, and that's in addition to all of our Meals on Wheels that we've been providing to our seniors. We used to do about 250 meals a day and we have pushed up to close to 1,000 meals on given days and I'd say we're probably averaging somewhere between 800 and 900 meals a day that we're delivering to seniors throughout the county.

On Santa Fe CONNECT, we've received a total of 238 CONNECT referral via the public self-referral application that we went live with, and in the last quarter of FY20, 33 percent of those referrals were for housing and shelter. 17 percent for food assistance, and 15 percent for income support. So we're getting more and more self-referrals and activity through our CONNECT program.

Also on contact tracing, we had a phone call with Accenture yesterday, and that's the state's contractor for contact tracing, and we'll be meeting again with them on Friday to have a discussion between Santa Fe County, Accenture and the state to determine if we can move forward with a localized effort for Santa Fe County residents who have tested positive. So we're trying to still partner with the state and assist on contract tracing by offering some of our County and City staff to focus on contact tracing in the Santa Fe County area.

And then public awareness, as you know, we've been working on a public awareness campaign. Councilor Abeyta and Commissioner Hansen, as noted earlier, have been working on public awareness, but we're also working with Procurement, and we have reached out to two of our public information contractors to solicit some proposals for a Spanish language public awareness campaign on COVID-19. And we hope to get something back from them by the end of the week and submit that with our proposal to the state for grant funding for a public awareness campaign to help spread the word on how to not spread COVID-19.

So those are some of the things relative to specific actions Community Services is working on. Also with the recent rains, the Fire Marshal is going to be lifting the open burn ban on Friday the 31st. Our Fire Marshal Blay is on the call if you have any questions for him. We had put that burn ban in place earlier this spring when we were in our driest month and now that the monsoon season has begun and we feel that we have adequate PPE for our staff to respond to any incidents that may arise out of an open burn, we are allowing residents to go back to doing open burns and residents are encouraged to

undertake field maintenance and maintenance of defensible space around their homes and structures, and those who had had a previous permit can utilize their permit and those who are in need of applying, starting on the 31st the burn permits may be applied for online.

And then the last update I have, I did mention at our last BCC meeting that we would be ending the solid waste permit free punch passes that we were allowing people to utilize our transfer stations once a day without punching their permits. We will be resuming punching those permits on August 1st. We've put the word out about that. We've provided tens of thousands of dollars of free services over the last four months for that and we're not at a stage where our budget can't really sustain that and we will be resuming punches. We feel we have COVID-safe practices in order to do that and individuals can resume purchasing their permits in all of the manners that they were able to purchase them previously.

And that's all I have, Mr. Chair and Commissioners.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Manager Miller. Do we have any questions for Manager Miller? I'll look for a show of hands.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: I do, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Manager Miller, a lot of individuals in my community wanted to burn weeds and stuff. Can we burn?

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Garcia, they do have to get a permit through our Fire Marshal, but if they previously had a permit that authorized it, starting July 31st that ban will be lifted and they will be able to do that or they can go on line and apply for a permit if they don't currently have one. So it will be lifted on the 31st.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Mr. Chair, Manager Miller. Can we light fireworks?

MANAGER MILLER: No. I still think the restrictions relative to fireworks are in place. We didn't put our local ban in place on fireworks, so those that are allowed by law I believe are still allowed but the Fire Chief or Fire Marshal might have more to say on that.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you. I'm okay with it. As policymakers we have to have [inaudible] so that's why I asked that. Thank you, Manager Miller. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia. Do we have any other questions? I'm looking for a show of hands from Commissioners. Okay, so I don't see any other Commissioners with questions.

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, real quickly, just to Commissioner Garcia's point. We did not put a local fireworks ban in place this year. Just as a reminder, there's very specific drought requirements we have to have in place or conditions that have to be in place. So we did not put a fireworks ban at the local level but we did put the open burn ban in place, and that's what's being lifted on the 31st by the Fire Marshal.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Manager Miller.

MANAGER MILLER: Thank you.

8. MATTERS FROM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

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

CHAIR ROYBAL: First I'm going to go to County Commissioners and I'm going to go to Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you. I asked Daniel if he could share with all of the other Commissioners the little PSA that Councilor Abeyta and I did, so I believe he's going to try and send it out. If people click on the YouTube link you can actually see it. It's up on YouTube. It's on my Facebook page if you're friends with me on Facebook. It's a 20-second video about wear a mask, social distance, wash your hands, and it was really made for the southern part of the city and county area where we have the largest COVID-19 issues.

Also, I just want to mention along with COVID that my sister and nephew who live in Los Angeles County and my nephew has been tested positive for COVID-19. So I am really concerned. He got it from where he works. I am really happy to hear that we are going to be testing all of our City and County employees. I think that is really important. Social distancing, wearing a mask, washing our hands is really important and I thank Katherine and Rachel and all of our City and County teams that work so hard on these issues because we need to get it under control. Everybody wants their children to go back to school but you can't really send children back to school until we have our numbers going down. So I hope that we'll work on that. I might have some other things to say but at the moment, Mr. Chair, that's all that I'm going to share.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen.

[Mr. Fresquez shared the link for the PSA, which was viewed by the Commission.]

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: It's actually much better than that. There's not duplicates or anything like that, but I hope you will all check it out and see that we're all working on public awareness, which is really important. So thank you, Daniel.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Daniel. Commissioner Garcia, we're going to go to you next. Do you have any announcements or anything for your constituents or Santa Fe County?

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Just really quick. I'd like to thank Commissioner Hansen and Councilor Abeyta and possibly Councilor Chris Rivera. 87507 has the most uprising testing and Commissioner Hansen, thank you for working with Councilor Abeyta and Councilor Chris Rivera, and putting the awareness out there. I appreciate that.

Back to school stuff, being on the school board is a whole different hard thing because it's tough and it's difficult and it's a challenge. But I have the ultimate most respect for Dr. Garcia, her and her staff, they're doing an excellent job. We're ahead of APS and we're doing a good job and we'll do whatever the governor says and whatever we need to do. Just thank you for bringing that forward because everybody be safe and do what we have to do – wear masks, and let's move forward. Thank you, guys.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia, for sharing that.

I'm going to go to Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: We're coming up on the first Saturday of the month and so this Saturday, August 1st I'm going to host another Coffee with the Commish, at 9:00, 9:00 to 11:00. We're sending out the meeting link to everybody in the district. Please call in with whatever thoughts or concerns you have.

And then I just want to in part add my voice to the encouragement to everybody, knowing how hard a time this is with the pandemic, but how important it is to really be compliant and bring everything down. But given some of the recent emergency calls I've been on up in my region as a volunteer firefighter, it's real clear how stressed everybody is becoming under these times and first of all, I'm really proud that the county is doing so much to try to address the needs of all our county constituents as they relate to all the negative and stressful impacts from this pandemic, both direct and indirect, economically and socially.

Please, please, please, if you're having problems, reach out to me or one of your Commissioners. Reach out to the County for the services we provide. Please don't drive drunk and when you're out driving wear your seatbelts because that's no way to solve the stressful problem. The County will do all kinds of things we can to try to help if there are problems coming from having to respond to this pandemic. So thank you and hope to hear from you all on Saturday.

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

COMMISSIONER MORENO: I have nothing to say.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner.

8. B. Other Elected Officials Issues and Comments, Including but not Limited to Constituent Concerns, Recognitions, and Requests for Updates or Future Presentations

GERALDINE SALAZAR (County Clerk): Chair Roybal, thank you. I just would like to encourage residents in Santa Fe County to go to the Clerk's webpage and check on their voter registration file. It's an opportunity to start looking at your voter registration file. See if it needs any updates – an updated address, whatever updates that you feel needs to be on your voter registration file. It's a great opportunity now rather than waiting until later. We'll be very busy this election cycle and the election is coming up in November so now is the time for citizens who are eligible to vote to really look at their voter registration file to ensure that they have their correct address, because we will be sending out automatic absentee applications for all of those who are what they consider mailable under the maintenance list management process that we did a year ago. So all of those that passed that process, they will be issued an automatic absentee application. So I encourage eligible voters to update their voter registration file and just check on it. I have had several hundred calls regarding not receiving their absentee ballots and also too there were issues with addresses and locations and so we would really appreciate it if eligible voters would update now. Thank you so much.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Clerk Salazar. We really appreciate that. We know the importance of making sure that we are registered to vote and have a voice

so I appreciate you bringing that up and letting our voters know. Are there any other elected officials that would like to make an announcement to their constituents that are on the meeting right now? Okay, I'll ask one last time, are there any other elected officials that would like to address their constituents? Okay, I'm going to close that item.

8. C. Request Approval of a Proclamation Proclaiming August 2020 as 'Women's Suffrage Month' in Celebration, Recognition and Honor of the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you very much, everybody for listening to this. I have a couple of my fellow colleagues on the line also with me. Pamelya Herndon and Meredith Machen, who also want to say a few words about the whole statewide effort to celebrate women's suffrage. As I said earlier, my activism began with the civil rights movement, but that was in the 60s and at the same time the women's movement was beginning to gear up with Betty Friedan and *The Feminine Mystique* and Gloria Steinem and Judy Chicago, an artist. There was a lot of movement and things happening in the late 1960s and 70s.

And I became very active. I marched in Washington, DC. I marched in San Francisco. I marched in Berkeley. I marched in Los Angeles. I was very, very active in the women's movement, because a woman's right to vote took 72 years. I'm presenting this resolution on behalf of my constituents and all county constituents in the hope that we can collectively celebrate and honor this historic decision and recognize and honor all those who worked tirelessly to petition our government to make this happen all those years ago.

Unfortunately, many of the celebratory events that local organizers have planned for the next month are no longer feasible due to the COVID-19 pandemic. So however, organizers have found very creative ways to celebrate and honor this event and still abide by the governor's public health order. And I'm going to let Meredith and Pamelya say a few words about the couple events are happening since they are the organizers. So Pamelya or Meredith, which one of you would like to go first. I know you're on the line; I saw you earlier.

MEREDITH MACHEN: I'll say a few words. I'm Meredith Machen and I'm the League of Women Voters New Mexico past president and district chair and work with education and I work with Santa Fe County's League and I just want to say after listening in to this meeting and watching the work of Santa Fe County, that you are so full of service to your constituents and the history is so strong. I hope this is something that we can encapsulate and get into the history books because you have bent over backwards during the pandemic to provide all the safety net programs.

And that's one of the reasons we wanted to recognize women's right to vote and we realized we have some fabulous women who were on the County Commission, but we do have a female County Manager and there are a lot of women, thanks to the efforts of 72 years to get the vote. And you right on the same property where a lot of the activities took place, from 1915 national suffragists came to New Mexico and marched right on Grant Avenue up to the house of Thomas Catron who was obstructing the amendment in

Congress. Nina Otero-Warren lived right across the street in the house that is now going to be renamed the Otero-Bergere House. It's the Georgia O'Keeffe Research Center, and we are just delighted and so appreciative of Commissioner Hansen's leadership on this.

There will be a car parade. Do you want me to tell about that right now, briefly?

CHAIR ROYBAL: Absolutely. Go ahead.

MS. MACHEN: Okay. On August 23rd, which is a Sunday, from 2:00 to 3:00 pm there will be cars going by your new headquarters and also Nina Otero-Warren's house. They will be following the route that the suffragists took in 1915 when they were clamoring for the vote and Thomas Catron would not change his mind. He said women belong in the home taking care of children and washing dishes. And women protested loudly and there have been a lot of different articles written in the *New Mexican* and nationally of course about the suffrage movement. But if you look at the National Park Service, the 19th Amendment and New Mexico, it will show Nina Otero-Warren's house which is right across the street and it tells a little bit about the 19th Amendment. So you are on the – this is the national map for New Mexico's entry is Grant Avenue.

So we will be driving by safely from 2:00 to 3:00. We're going to meet at the capitol and wend our way around, by City Hall and the federal courthouse and so on to come and we will honk in front of your headquarters and also Nina Otero-Warren's house and that will be very safe. And then Pamela Herndon can explain to you about the virtual celebration that we're going to have in Albuquerque on August 26th, which is Women's Equality Day. So I'll turn it over to Pamela.

PAMELYA HERNDON: Thank you, Meredith and good afternoon, Commissioners. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to tell you about the big virtual celebration that we'll be having. Although it's starting in Albuquerque it really is a statewide event. And we are very thankful for Commissioner Hansen for introducing this wonderful proclamation today to recognize the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment.

Within that proclamation she talks about New Mexico being the 32nd state in the union to ratify the 19th Amendment. And in that honor and a part of the virtual event we are asking women from all over the country, the other 49 states to join us on the virtual stage on August 26th as we celebrate this 100th anniversary.

Do you know that also another big event that's happening on that day and time? This is also the 50th anniversary of the year that 18-year-olds got the right to vote. So in that regard we are asking 18-year-olds from all 33 counties to also join us on that platform to stand and to vote for the first time and to commit to voting every single time in the future.

And in honor of the diversity of people that we have right here in New Mexico we will have five women from different cultures on that platform telling the story of what it was like to get ready and to get the opportunity to vote. And then it's going to be highlighted and amplified in song. Our moderator for the day will be none other than Jessica Helen Lopez, who in 2014 was the poet laureate for the City of Albuquerque and she's going to be accompanied also by Mary Oishi, the 2020 poet laureate. She spends a lot of time right here in Santa Fe.

So I do want you to know that this event is going to be broadcast on the City of Albuquerque TV channel so that every person all over the world can join us in this amazing celebration. But not only are we just celebrating the great things that are

happening around the 19th Amendment but we are also making sure that individuals get registered to vote and we had a Generation Z person to create what's called a QR code, and that code can be sent out throughout the state so people can engage in contactless voter registration, and we are so excited about that. We are incredibly excited that Santa Fe County will be one of the sponsors of this even along with the American Association of University Woman, Santa Fe NOW, the KWH Law Center, the League of Women Voters and the Hardin Accounting Firm, one of the few all-women accounting firms in the state of New Mexico.

So we'll not only be registering, making follow-ups after this is over to make sure that individuals are indeed voting after they get registered. So thank you for giving us this opportunity to tell you about this event and Commissioner Hansen, and all the other Commissioners, we look forward to having you join us. We'll be looking forward to a virtual celebration coming on to your platform to bring you back to the virtual platform so that people all over the world can see. Thank you, Commissioner Hansen. We appreciate the work you've done.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I just want to say thank you, Pamelya, so much, and thank you Meredith for joining us. I want you all to know that I have worked with Pamelya for probably the last 15 years on many different projects, but I met her when I was chair of the Acupuncture Board for the state of New Mexico and she was working at RLD as their attorney. We have bonded ever since then and been cohorts in many projects together. And I am honored to continue to work with you, Pamelya, all of these years and many, many years into the future. Pamelya is also one of our Emerge supporters. Commissioner Hamilton and myself are both part of a women's organization and we're honored to be part of that also.

I am honored to have my fellow Commissioner, Anna Hamilton, who most people confuse us constantly. Even our own Commissioners on the Board sometimes forget which one they're talking to. But we are a strong team together at the County and we're honored to have Katherine Miller in County leadership as one of the really strong County women leaders. Before I read the proclamation I also want to remind people that by July 31st you need to send in a picture for the porch parade, and that will also be up on the website and Facebook and you can go to the League of Women Voters and find out information about that.

My mother was born in 1915 and she instilled in me the definite determination and the right to vote. I have voted in every election since I was allowed to vote and I think that our mothers and forbearers before us, they are the ones who brought this forward. My mother believed in the right to vote and I think even from the early age of five she understood how important it was, because of her instilling in me the really important, necessary right to vote. So I think it's fantastic that you're having all these 18-year-olds come up and be representative of the right to vote.

Before I read the proclamation I want to ask Commissioner Hamilton if she also wants to say a few words.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Hansen, real quick, I'd like to see you as the one bringing this forward to make the motion and then also Commissioner Hamilton to second. But go ahead, Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair. That's very

thoughtful. If we're learning nothing from recent years it's how critically important the right to vote is. So we can be nothing but grateful to our forbearers for having sacrificed and struggled and died to give us that right as women, just because everybody should have that right. And I guess I personally feel that now more than ever during my lifetime disenfranchisement is a real threat. Celebrating this is a wonderful way to bring to everybody's attention how valuable voting is and how important it was to give women the right to vote. Everybody, all races, should have equal access and starting at 18 should realize that en masse, if everybody voted, it would be a power that just couldn't be argued with. It couldn't be stopped.

So I hope as we celebrate the success we had years ago, we also commit to working as hard as we possibly can to make sure that under the very unusual circumstances on multiple fronts, not just the pandemic, but that's kind of an obvious thing to call upon, that we work to make sure everybody has access to voting and can do it safely come November. And thank you, Meredith and Pamelya for doing so much work, and Commissioner Hansen, for bringing this forward. It's just endlessly needed. No matter how many times we get the right the work is still needed. And so thank you very much.

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

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: And with that I'm going to read the proclamation. This is Santa Fe County proclamation proclaiming August 2020 as National Women's Suffrage Month, in celebration, recognition and in honor of the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution.

Whereas, the bold, courageous and powerful women who fought for the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution on August 26, 1920, deserve special celebration by Santa Fe County, especially on the 100th anniversary of its ratification in 2020; and

Whereas, the right to vote is the cornerstone of our democracy and the fundamental right upon which all our civil liberties rest; and

Whereas, the United States Constitution, adopted in 1789, left the boundaries of suffrage undefined and voter qualifications were delegated to the individual states and all states, with the exception of New Jersey, adopted constitutions that afforded the right to vote to land-owning white men and denied voting rights to women; and

Whereas, women first organized and collectively fought for suffrage at the national level in July of 1848; the campaign, which lasted over 72 years, is considered by many to be the most significant achievement of women in the Progressive Era; and

Whereas, the state of New Mexico was the 32nd state to ratify the 19th Amendment on February 21, 1920; this act ensured women could more fully participate in the democracy of the United States and fundamentally changed the role of women in the civic life of the nation; and

Whereas, August 26, 2020, marks the centennial of the ratification of the 19th Amendment by $\frac{3}{4}$ of the states, including New Mexico, which ensured that all across the country the right to vote could not be denied based on sex; and

Whereas, the 19th Amendment did not guarantee suffrage for all people. Native American men and women did not gain the right to vote until 1948; for Asian Pacific Islander Americans, men and women, it was 1952; and African-American and Latin American men and women suffered voter suppression until passage of the Voting Rights Acts of 1965 and 1975; and

Whereas, Santa Fe County holds a special place in women's suffrage history as it is home to Nina Otero-Warren, a noted suffragist, educator, and politician, whose suffrage work caught the attention of suffrage leader Alice Paul, who tapped Nina in 1917 to head the New Mexico chapter of the Congressional Union, precursor to the National Woman's Party; and

Whereas, Nina Otero-Warren's home, the Alfred M. Bergere House, which was built in the early 1870s and is located just steps from Santa Fe County's Administrative Complex, was added to the Historic Santa Fe Foundation's Register of Properties Worth of Preservation in 1974, and was recently renamed to become the Otero-Bergere House by the Historic Santa Fe Foundation Board of Directors to honor the Otero family's contributions to the community; and

Whereas, thousands of New Mexican women advocated for the right to vote on the streets, in the newspapers, in the state capital and throughout the state; and

Whereas, the Women's Liberation Movement of the 1960-70s sought equal rights and greater personal freedom for women due in part to the publication of Betty Friedan's 1963 best-selling book, *The Feminine Mystique*, which pointed out the disparities between the sexes at the time including that women held very few positions of power; and

Whereas, on August 26, 1970, 50 years after the passage of the 19th Amendment, 50,000 feminists marched down New York City's Fifth Avenue, and throughout the United States demonstrations were held by the National Organization for Women, NOW, in support of three specific goals: equal opportunity employment and education, free abortion on demand, and establishment of 24/7 childcare centers, with signs that are now famous today: "Sisterhood is Powerful"; and

Whereas, in 1972, Title IX was signed into law forbidding discrimination based on gender in any educational program that received federal funds; and

Whereas, in 1973, after legal strategizing by NOW, the United States Supreme Court legalized abortion in all 50 states; and

Whereas, in January of 2009, President Barack Obama signed into law, the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, protecting the right of workers and clarifying that discrimination based on age, religion, national origin, race, sex and disability shall be recognized and rectified; and

Whereas, on January 21, 2017, the day after the inauguration of the 45th President of the United States and in response to tensions caused by his anti-women remarks, women worldwide organized the Women's March, the largest single-day protest in United States national history, to advocate for legislation and policies regarding human rights and other issues including women's rights, immigration reform, healthcare reform, reproductive rights, climate crisis awareness, LGBTQ rights, workers' rights and tolerance; and

Whereas, the fact that today women are active in local, state and national government and are running for office in unprecedented numbers reminds us that we all follow in the footsteps of these resolute American activist and suffragists; and

Whereas, the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution has played an important role in advancing the rights of women; and

Whereas, the United States Senate passed a resolution on July 2, 2020, designating August 2020 as “National Women's Suffrage Month”; and

Whereas, the United States Congress passed a resolution in 1971 vowing to designate August 26th as “Women’s Equality Day” annually.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County, do hereby proclaim the month of August 2020, as Women’s Suffrage Month. The Board recommends that residents and civic institutions:

1. Celebrate the 100th anniversary of the passage and ratification of the 19th Amendment, providing for women’s suffrage, to the Constitution of the United States by safely participating in locally organized events during the month of August and especially on August 26, 2020, which is largely recognized as “National Equality Day”;
2. Honor the role of the ratification of the 19th Amendment in further promoting the core values of our democracy as promised by the Constitution of the United States;
3. Reaffirm the opportunity for students and adults in the county to learn about and commemorate the efforts of the women's suffrage movement and the role of women in our democracy; and
4. Reaffirm our desire to continue to strengthen democratic participation and to inspire future generations to cherish and preserve the historic precedent established under the 19th Amendment.

I therefore move to approve and adopt and pass on this 28th day of July 2020.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

CHAIR ROYBAL: So we have a motion from Commissioner Hansen and a second from Commissioner Hamilton. Commissioner Hansen, did you have another comment before I go around?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Yes, I do. I especially want to recognize all of the women who work at Santa Fe County and especially the women who work as constituent liaisons to all of the Commissioners: Olivia, Tina, Paulina, Sara, Julia Valdez and Ambra, and all the county managers that are women. These are the people who make Commissioner Hamilton and myself and all of the Commissioners look as good as we look. And it is so important to recognize them for their contributions to making the County so successful. So I just want to make sure that they’re all recognized. I could not do this work without my own constituent liaison, Sara Smith, who I am indebted to for all of her hard work for me.

So with that, Mr. Chair, I will relinquish the floor, even though I don’t want to.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen. I’m going to go to Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thank you for recognizing the other

women who contribute significantly to the County's work. It's incredible. And when you think about it, we have some very key department directors who are women, so it just doesn't stop. Enabling people of all persuasions who have ever in history been kept down, the lesson we learn over and over again is that when people are enabled they make great contributions. I guess I've known a lot of men who've been incredible in my life in being very, very positive enablers. But I've also known very many women who have been and it's wonderful to have that kind of diversity.

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

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, thank you for great messages from the ladies. So thank you Mr. Chair.

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

COMMISSIONER MORENO: Thank you. Good job. You captured hundreds of hours of research and it was very gripping. I was impressed. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Moreno. Great comments. I just want to thank Ms. Herndon and Ms. Machen for being here today. I couldn't be happier to support this proclamation. I think that everybody here has an inspiration as far as a woman in their life and mine would be the people that we work with. Manager Miller does a great job. And my mom, especially. She's a strong woman and a great inspiration. She's always been somebody that I could go to for advice. Her and my dad both had equal say in our family and you really need that. It was basically a partnership to have a healthy household and raise four boys, actually. So I just can't say enough about my mom and other women that I've worked with that are just strong leaders, including my peers that are on the Commission with me, Commissioner Hamilton and Commissioner Hansen.

I always talk to them all the time and see what they think about different issues and I think that we work great and we have a great mix on the Board. I think that we have a well balanced Board, whether it was three men and two women or three women and two men, I think that it's a great balance and I can't relay enough my appreciation to the leadership that women bring to these different Boards and to households and everything else across the United States. And so I'm very happy to support this proclamation, and this is a great part and a great turning point of our American history. So thank you. I appreciate it.

With that we do have a motion and a second. So I'm going to go to a roll call vote.

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

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Hansen. Go ahead.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I want to just ask if Manager Miller has anything she would like to say, being our leader of the County and all of us being so appreciative of such great leadership that you provide.

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Hansen, thank you for that. You said so much in the proclamation and everybody's presentations and comments that I don't have a lot to add except that I feel very, very fortunate that I've been given

the opportunity by this Board and previous Boards. I've been County Manager almost ten years and it's been an honor to be appointed to this position and be supported by all the elected officials at Santa Fe County. I really do think that we have had the opportunity of a really great mix of our Board members, of women.

I remember when I first came to work for the County it was all men, 22 years ago. And it was all men. And I went to the state and I came back and it was really nice to have that mix of women on the Board and at the time there were three women and two men, but it really – I think Commissioner Roybal said it. Having that mix of women and men leadership and having that opportunity and women running for office more and more. Women stepping up to leadership roles is fantastic, because I believe that women bring a different dynamic to the table and it's complementary to leadership that men have provided, and I think watching this change, and particularly in Santa Fe over my 22 years of living here and watching more and more women in leadership roles has really been fascinating to me and I feel very fortunate that I've been given that opportunity and I think we've a great team of men and women at the County and I appreciate that you as a Board have given me the opportunity to be the County Manager for so long. So thank you.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you so much, Katherine. We have a good team at the County and I'm honored to be part of it along with Commissioner Hamilton on the Board. And so with that I want to thank everybody from the bottom of my heart. I am so honored to be an elected official and to be able to work hard and benefit my community and give back because Santa Fe County is one of the most beautiful places in the world. So thank you so much.

CLERK SALAZAR: Chair Roybal.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Yes, Madam Clerk. Glad to hear you chime in. I was just going to call on you.

CLERK SALAZAR: I appreciate your attempt to include me, especially the County Clerk who after women's suffrage, for so many years fighting for the right to vote that your County Clerk runs election in Santa Fe. I would also like to thank Georgellen Burnett, one of my Santa Fe County NOW sisters. I am a lifetime member of the National Organization for Women. I've been on the national board and I am co-president of NOW for the state of New Mexico. I also want to acknowledge what Ms. Machen stated that the obstructionist was Catron, and here we are on the street named after someone who was an obstructionist to women's suffrage.

But we also should acknowledge that Octaviano Ambrosio Larrazolo was one that was convinced by Nina Otero to support women's suffrage, and he was a governor. He was the governor of New Mexico from January 1, 1919 to January 1, 1921, and if we look at the proclamation we'll see that New Mexico became the 32nd state to ratify the 19th amendment on February 21, 1920 during his elected office as governor.

So women have always needed allies to support the work that we do, the fights that we've had. There's a long history of many of the women in the United States, of their mothers who have been activists and supportive of their sons and their daughters – especially their daughters. I would say that my mother is my hero and my role model who conducted voter registration in East Los Angeles. She was very in tune to the politics and always remembered that she needed to vote, she and her sisters and her brother. They

communicated about the importance of elections.

So we need to remember our mothers this day, and also the allies of women such as Octaviano Larrazolo who was the governor at this time. I also mentioned earlier about Georgellen Burnett, who is one of my Santa Fe NOW sisters, who I had attended a meeting in Santa Fe for NOW, and I overheard her speaking that she wanted to ensure that the Mayor of Santa Fe had a proclamation for women's suffrage and I approached and I said, if you will have the City of Santa Fe have a proclamation, I encourage you also to have a proclamation with Santa Fe County. Santa Fe County is many times overlooked and I think this would be very important and I suggest you contact Commissioner Hansen. Her constituent services person is Sara Smith and I think Commissioner Hansen would be appropriate, because I know that Commissioner Hansen is a feminist and she and I have been supported by Lilly Ledbetter when we had our campaigns. Lilly Ledbetter did support me and endorse me for my 2012 and 2016 candidacy, and so I'm very honored by that and all the women, and especially Manager Miller, as we stated earlier. She is the leader of this County. She does a tremendous job. She has incredible finance policy for this County and I think it brings us forward. So never forget that women who are in leadership roles are powerful, are intelligent and can do the work that needs to be done on a daily basis. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Madam Clerk. Comments?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Mr. Chair, I just want to recognize a few other women leaders, and Geraldine, thank you. I by no means meant to leave you out. I am so happy to have you as our County Clerk. You have done an amazing job the last eight years and I am completely grateful for your leadership and hard work that you have given for the County.

I also want to recognize Cordelia Montoya, who is our Probate Judge, and Katherine Clark who will be our next County Clerk, and Jennifer Manzanares will be our new Treasurer. So there will be even more, younger women coming up the ladder. So we all look forward to celebrating in this month, and even though we have to celebrate from home I hope that you will all join us on August 26th for the national celebration out of Albuquerque and also join us for the car parade on August 23rd meeting at the PERA Building before 2:00, probably starting to gather about 1:30.

I'm looking for a convertible, if anybody has one. Just to let you know. And I look forward to having a great parade and please remember to send in your pictures for your porch parade, and I will post that on the my Facebook page where you can send them, and then deadline, I believe, is Thursday. So Meredith, if you could help me with that would be grateful. Thank you, Meredith. Thank you, Pamelya. Thank you, Commissioner Hamilton. Thank you Sara Smith. And thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen. We had a unanimous vote on this proclamation, so once again, I'd like to thank everybody that was here today and thank Commissioner Hansen for bringing this forward.

8. D. Request Approval of a Letter from the Board of County

**Commissioners Expressing Support for Proposed 2020-5-14 2018
Residential and Commercial International Energy Conservation Code
Adoption**

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you very, very much. Once again, I believe I have some people here from the public to support this. Part of the reason I brought this letter forward is that I am a member of the xxx, which is a board that the Santa Fe County supports. These codes, the 2018 codes for green building are also supported by the governor and I thought that it would just be a nice support to her to bring this forward and support her effort with the green building codes. I want to give a moment to – I believe that Hank Hughes and Christian are both on the line and if they wanted to say a few words about why these codes are so important and I would appreciate it.

CHRISTIAN CASILLAS: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen. Thank you, Commissioners for the opportunity to say a few words. My name is Christian Casillas. I'm the director of policy development and research for the Coalition for Sustainable Communities New Mexico. The Coalition is a member-driven organization that currently represents the cities of Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Las Cruces and of course Santa Fe County, accounting for approximately 40 percent of the population of New Mexico.

The mission of the Coalition is to work on behalf of its members to develop and support policies that will increase economic opportunity and well being for their communities as well as future generations. And so we are strongly urging support of the adoption of the state's proposed 2018 New Mexico Residential and Commercial Energy Conservation Codes, which is based on the 2018 IECC.

New Mexico has missed over a decade of energy savings opportunities as its current code is based on the outdated 2009 IECC codes. That's over 11 years of missed savings opportunities. Santa Fe County has shown leadership in requiring a HERS rating of 70 for new residential buildings. However, the new codes will lead to the construction of residential buildings that are significantly more efficient, delivering cost savings to its occupants. The proposed new code will provide builders a choice to build homes and meet an energy rating index, which is a non-proprietary version of a HERS rating and which was introduced in 2015 by the IECC and the code requires an energy rating index of 61, which is significantly lower than a HERS rating of 70 that the County currently requires.

So this updated energy codes for new construction have very important equity impacts and you've already heard earlier today how important that is for many of the economically disadvantaged communities in New Mexico and especially in Santa Fe County. So the codes provide opportunities to reduce utility bills for its poorest occupants. Low income families are more likely to rent and live in multi-family housing units where there is less incentive for developers and owners to invest in energy efficiency since the utility bills are often paid by the tenants. When a jurisdiction has older codes it's more likely that cheaper housing stocks will be the ones built to lower standards.

Unlike wealthier families who can commission the construction of a green building, lower income families are left to choose from housing stock that may be built to

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minimal code requirements. Without updated, stricter codes a lower cost builder might avoid technologies that will provide the future occupants significant long-term benefits.

Study after study has shown that better codes do not result in higher home prices. In fact, updating our energy code will make new homeownership in New Mexico more affordable. Energy bills are the second highest expense of home ownership after a mortgage. The new energy code will pay for itself many times over in lower energy bills. Analysis by the Pacific Northwest National Labs on behalf of the DOE has shown that on average, throughout the state of New Mexico, an update from the current energy codes to the 2018 version will result in lifecycle cost savings of over \$6,000 for homeowners, and that's a simple payback of five years, an annual energy savings of close to \$400 for the new occupants and buildings built to these stricter codes.

And so we are just strongly urging the support, especially in the context right now of climate change and the economic crisis and hardship that many lower income families are facing. How important it is that this next iteration of homes, which have lifetimes between 40 and 80 years are built to a higher energy efficiency standard. And so it's very important, we feel, that this is the right next step for a minimum update of code requirements for New Mexico and for Santa Fe County. Thank you very much.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Christian. Also our Commissioner-elect, Hank Hughes, has joined us and he would like to say a few words about this. Welcome, Commissioner-elect Hughes.

HANK HUGHES: Thank you, Mr. Chair and Commissioner Hansen. I just wanted to say that in my campaign, renewable energy and the environment were at the center of my concerns and what I talked about as I was campaigning and so I know that these issues are important to everybody, in at least District 5 and I assume most of Santa Fe County. We know that to save the planet we have to change the way we do things and I think changing the building code is actually one of the less painful things that we're going to have to face and I think we should obviously support the governor in this effort and support this building code. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Commissioner-elect Hughes. Thank you, Christian. I think you covered a lot of that. The letter is very simple that I have put in the packet. It just states that we as the Santa Fe County Board of Commissioners support the green building codes, but I want to turn it back over to the Chair and let him ask questions or however he would like to continue. Thank you, Mr. Chair, for your time.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen. I'm going to go to all the Commissioners so they can have some discussion, concerns, comments, whatever is on your mind. So I'm going to go to Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I have worked for multiple decades in environmental science and for more than 20 years in climate change science, so I think advancements in energy efficiency and energy conservation are among the multiple things on different scales, definitely on a national scale. Local scales have to support it. It's incredibly important to do. I am very proud of the fact that New Mexico is a leader in that. Our governor is pushing this. That's also very, very important. And I'm proud of the County for being a leader in moving to solar whenever we've been able to do that and pushing to get money for that and committing funds and human

resources to doing the necessary supporting analyses.

And so this is just a step that we have to take. These kinds of steps are always painful, but eventually, like putting in safety codes years and years ago in the building code, we will get used to this and we will reap the benefits of it. I still want to add that at the local level, local government that we represent, some of our obligation is because we're in the position of the interface, the closest interface to individuals. Local government is where people come to when they have problems, and it gives us a responsibility to think of the poorest and the people who will find this most difficult. And so what I want to do is at the same time that I say how important this is and I support this, I want to say that it becomes our obligation to also look for ways to help the poorest people who will have the most difficult time in accepting the additional costs that this would represent, even if those costs are going to be paid back because of lower energy bills, which is true, but it can still be prohibitive.

So to the extent that we have opportunities to find state and federal funding and grants and what not that will ease the way for the lowest income people, I think it is our obligation to do so and I would like to encourage us to do that, because the transition period is what is most difficult for people who have the lowest incomes or are just poor and can't just easily accommodate that higher initial cost.

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

COMMISSIONER MORENO: This is a pretty big deal. I'm not an expert in housing but my successor certainly will be. And code is really important. I think the trick is the materials and policies and all that entails. It's a complex area and I think the future looks good for Santa Fe County in this area because a lot of people invested in making sure that we have sustainable efforts. Thank you.

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

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, thank you, Commissioners, for bringing this forward. Renewable energy – we're all for it here in New Mexico. We're all for it, obviously. That's a no-brainer. And we're all for it. Commissioner-elect Hank, he deals with the homeless individuals and people that actually are [inaudible]. So renewable energy, we all get it. We're all for it. We understand that. We talked about the disadvantaged individuals. You know what? Great. I understand this is just a letter for support for the governor and I'm just a little bit concerned as into the individuals that are low-cost builders. I understand the low-cost builders because there's a lot of low-cost builders out there. So maybe there is. Maybe you can explain it to me, the gentleman that spoke. I get it. I understand that. Tons of contractors. The welfare families. So welfare families, they can't afford to build a house, buy a house, or a double-wide, so I understand that. So the question – it's a letter of support for the governor and I get it. Renewable energy. It's great. And I'm okay with it being a letter for now. However, higher cost builders, it just costs the local individual more money to put renewable energy in their home.

How does it work? I don't know. We passed a code about three, five, seven years ago as into let's put some water catchment systems in every home. A home over 2,000 square foot has to have a water catchment system. It is going to work? I hope it does.

Maybe the last week and a half of it works, because we have water catchment systems in tons of our community centers. Do they work? I don't know. Are they working? I don't know. So once again, it's a letter. I understand it. I get it, Commissioner Hansen. Appreciate you bringing this forward. Commissioner Hamilton, I appreciate that.

But one thing I would like to see – hopefully Penny's on the line is an analysis as into does this energy efficiency work? I get it. Energy efficiency. I understand it. Water catchment systems – does it work or not? Let's pass a water catchment system. Does it work? Energy efficiency – does it work? I don't know. Our new buildings. Should we have more insulation and all this insulation? What does this actually mean? Are you going to put more stucco on the building? Are you going to put more – once again, it's a letter and I just have a little bit of a challenge because the individuals in my district, they can just afford their payment on their home. And so for us to incur additional costs for them – so once again, I understand it's just a letter, but so can we just – so that's – I'm okay with a letter, but as we move forward with this, let's do an analysis and see how it works for six months, eight months, a year. Does it work? Does it not work? Because that's where I'm at, Mr. Chair, and I appreciate Commissioner Hansen bringing this forward and thank you for that.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia, and I think that with any kind of change like this we definitely need to reach out to constituents and get community involvement. I know that – I think renewable energy is the direction we need to go. I do get concerned a little bit about if somebody builds a house and they're required to put a solar system or things of that nature, I just want to make sure that we don't push it to the point where people that may have been able to build a home won't be able to now, so that would be only a concern that I want to make sure that it doesn't affect them in that way, and maybe it won't. We talked about grants and different things like that so maybe it won't, but it's something that I'd like to get more information on definitely, but I'm definitely in support of a letter, but I'd like to in the future see how this would affect some of our residential – our constituents that are trying to achieve the dream of owning their own home and things like that. So that's one thing that I just wanted to say, but I would definitely be in support of this letter.

So is there any other comments from Commissioners? I'm going to go to Commissioner Hamilton then I'll go to Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I think that what you're saying, Mr. Chair, is important, and one of the things – what I was trying to drive at – in other states for example, for the idea of putting solar on their house, other states have implemented programs that would help people who weren't middle or upper income and couldn't just walk into a bank because they had a great relationship and say I want to take out a loan to put solar on my house. So the state could support a program where they could get a loan but it would be through the state, maybe backed by the state. And the program had a name which of course, I'm sorry. I'm forgetting. We had difficulty doing it in New Mexico because there were some legal questions that were brought up about whether it would be a lien on the first mortgage and that sort of thing, and there were just sort of technical difficulties. That's the kind of program I was alluding to, something that would support lower middle and lower income people to implement these kinds of retrofits more easily.

The same could be said for energy efficiency. I don't think it would be that hard for the state and it's something we could help them support. It might even be possible at the County level to support middle and lower income energy efficiency audits. This I think is – and maybe Christian or somebody could speak to it – is related but possibly slightly different because it's speaking to codes which would normally impact new construction. Nevertheless, some thought to how construction at the lowest end, of people who are most disadvantaged might be supported by a similar program, most likely at the state level. So I would support looking for that sort of thing.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hamilton, and yes, I did hear when you mentioned that earlier and I did talk about the grants that you mentioned. So I think it's definitely something that we need to find out more information about. So thank you for bringing that up. Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, everybody, for your comments. We always want to be watching out for our lower income people but at the same time I also want to stress the fact that these energy efficiency codes can also save them money on their utility bills. And I know they might not have the money to have that savings over the first five years, and if there's a way for us to help with that that is a great thing. But as everyone said, this is just a letter supporting the adoption of the proposed 2020 Residential and Commercial International Energy Conservation Code, and I would like to move that we approve this letter and have Commissioner Roybal sign it, and have it delivered to the hearing officer tomorrow morning, or faxed or emailed to the hearing officer. I know that's going to take some coordination between Chair Roybal and the office, but I will leave those details to be worked out. So I would like to make that motion.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

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

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

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: I'll vote for it. Just a couple of comments. One of the things that I wish that our fellow Commissioners would do is actually reach out to the City Council. In Commissioner Hansen's district, in my district, all these apartment complexes that are getting built – are they energy efficient? I don't know. But we hope that we could reach out to the City of Santa Fe saying, what about these apartment complexes. Our big box stores. Whenever you go in a big box store – Loewe's, Home Depot, the doors are wide open. You go to a restaurant, the doors are wide open. How can we get the local guys the local individuals to conserve energy? Why implement something for somebody who's going to buy a single-wide or a double-wide? So those are just some of the concerns I have as in how can we work with the City Council.

Our conservation department, the Nancy Rodriguez Community Center, we have solar panels up there. Great. With all due respect, Commissioner, we have solar panels. So one of the questions I have as into is it working? Is it not working? Just because we put solar panels, are we really saving energy or not? At the schools, we have solar at the schools. Are we really saving energy or not? I don't know. Let's do an analysis and see

how it works. I'm okay with the letter. I understand that. Low income individuals. Our low income individuals, they can't even apply for a grant. Because why? Because they don't qualify for a grant. And so low income individuals, whenever the state legislature passes a law or a bill, people I know, they can't apply for a grant. So it's just hard, that we can all say this, we can do this, but it's a letter. I get it. But let's just see down the road as into how do we get there?

Like I said, you go to a restaurant, the doors are wide open. But I'm okay with it, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Commissioners, for bringing this forward.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, everybody.

10. INFORMATION ITEMS/MONTHLY REPORTS

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

CHAIR ROYBAL: I want to ask the Commission, do you have any questions on the information reports from our directors? If not I'd like to dismiss our directors.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Mr. Chair, I just want to thank everybody for their reports. I appreciate them so much. It helps me stay abreast of everything that's going on at the County. So thank you, Rachel, Penny, Pablo, Sonya, Gary. Thank you for all your work.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen. Is there any other Commissioners that have questions, comments? I just want to thank all the directors for their hard work and for the reports as well, so we can go ahead and dismiss our directors.

9. 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. **BCC Case #19-5241 Dollar General Store BCC Appeal**
- 2. Rights-of-Way for County-Maintained Roads within Exterior Boundaries of Pueblos
- 3. Water Delivery Agreement

GREG SHAFFER (County Attorney): Thank you, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. Given the hour, the only item that staff is recommending that we discuss in executive session would be deliberations and administrative adjudicatory matters as allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(3) NMSA1978, and that would be in conjunction with BCC Case #19-5241, the Dollar General Store BCC appeal. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Attorney Shaffer. Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: So am I to understanding that we are not going to discuss items 2 and 3 on the Matters from the County Attorney? Or are we discussing all of those and you just didn't list them?

MR. SHAFFER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Hansen, no, we would not be discussing items 2 and 3.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Attorney Shaffer. Do I hear a motion to go into executive session?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Mr. Chair, I would move to go into executive session to discuss the item as delineated by Attorney Shaffer.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Second.

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

The motion to go into executive session pursuant to NMSA Section 10-15-1(H) (3) 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 6:16 to 7:28.]

CHAIR ROYBAL: I'll entertain a motion to come out of executive session.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Mr. Chair, I move that we come out of executive session and the only thing that was discussed was item number 1 on the agenda, BCC Case #19-5241. And the only people in the meeting were the five Commissioners County Manager, County Attorney and the Assistant County Attorney, Rachel Brown.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: And Mr. Chair, where no action was taken.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: And no action was taken.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay, do I hear a second?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

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

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

9. B. **Final Order in BCC Case #19-5241 Dollar General Store BCC Appeal.** Pedigo Construction, LLC, Appellant, Joseph Karnes Agent, Requested an Appeal of the Planning Commission Decision for Case 19-5240, Which Overturned the Land Use Administrator's Decision to Approve an Administrative "Permitted-Use" Site Development Plan and Permit (19-541 Dollar General Store in Eldorado NM). The Site is Located at 5 Camino Valle, within a Planned Development District Within the U.S. 285 South Highway Corridor District Overlay, Within Section 9, Township 16 North, Range 9 East, SDA-2 (Commission District 5) (Nathan C. Manzanares, Case Manager)

CHAIR ROYBAL: Right now, we've looked at this application and the applicant has met all the criteria needed for this appeal and staff has already verified that this is a development that is permitted and is allowed in this community or this area of the county. So therefore I'm going to make a motion to approve the appeal, and it will be for the BCC Case 19-5241, Dollar General Store.

MR. SHAFFER: Just to clarify, Mr. Chair, is the motion to approve the final order as uploaded to the agenda, which would be to approve the appeal on the application? Sorry to interrupt. Just wanted to make sure that the clarification was made.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Yes, it was that motion, sir.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Yes, Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Yes. I'm obligated to second this.

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

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, Greg, are we denying the appeal, because the appeal is actually to go against the Planning Commission to approve the development? Because the Planning Commission said no, right? So we're going against the appeal? Is that correct?

MR. SHAFFER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Garcia, you're actually approving the appeal. The appeal was made by the applicant. So you're approving the appeal and with a motion on the final order, you're reversing the Planning Commission and setting aside its order and you're approving the application.

CHAIR ROYBAL: That is correct. So Pedigo Construction was the appellant, correct? And so I am approving their appeal?

MR. SHAFFER: Yes, Mr. Chair. That is correct, and that is what the final order accomplishes.

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CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay so we have a motion and I don't think I've gotten a second yet.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Yes, sir. I seconded.

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

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Yes, are we allowed to make statements?

CHAIR ROYBAL: Under discussion, absolutely. I'll go to Commissioner Hamilton for discussion.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Yes. I just wanted to say for the record that I am entirely sympathetic to the concerns of the constituents in Eldorado and in District 4 with respect to their economic impact and other concerns of having the Dollar Store come into their community. And I really want to thank everybody who made their concerns known, and also remind them that they have other powers that they can utilize, including not frequenting any place that they don't want to frequent and support. But because this is a permitted use, as the Chair said, it's not even a conditional use. It is a permitted use. I really feel that there is absolutely no judgment that can be made other than to approve a rightful development and thereby protect the County and all its constituents against very negative economic impacts of any kind of further actions that would be taken if we denied this. I do want to restate just for emphasis the importance of the County enforcing compliance with the design standards, which are in fact stated in this order, as well as on the plans that were submitted, and I hope that that gives some comfort to people knowing that at least those will be adhered to. Thank you very much. You're not doing the vote yet? These are just comments?

CHAIR ROYBAL: These are just comments. I'll come back around. Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I also want to express my concern for the constituents of Eldorado and the 285 Corridor. I do not believe that the Dollar Store is an appropriate building for that place but I hope that you will all look at this as you will get a building and you have the right to exercise your free will and your beliefs and where you shop and how you shop, and if you don't want a Dollar Store there you do not need to shop there. And I think you have that right. And so I think that should be taken into consideration. If nobody shops there it's likely that that store will not survive and you will have a nice building that hopefully a nice mom and pop shop could be invested in there and that it could be really part of the community, and that is my hope for this community, that you exercise your constitutional right to shop where you want and to not shop where you don't want.

So I will leave it there and I appreciate – I feel very strongly that as a County Commissioner to make sure that we are not wasting taxpayer dollars and this is a permitted use, as Commissioner Hamilton just stated, and that means that it's not a conditional use; it's a permitted use. And we would eventually end up in court and then we would be back here and it would be a waste of County resources and a waste of County money. And that is not something that I also think is the right method and the right path. So thank you for allowing me to make a few comments, Mr. Chair.

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

COMMISSIONER MORENO: Okay. Thank you. I believe a little bit of context. I believe the Planning Commission was within its authority and was correct when it reversed the Land Use Administrator last year. Also, I want to – my constituents have spoken loud and clear. The Dollar General is a bad idea for the 285 Corridor and nationally, these stores are increasingly targets of crime. And closer to home, it would hurt local business in the Eldorado area and the hundreds of people who made their case in a long meeting some time ago, and I thank them all. Thank you.

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

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: I echo my colleagues, what they said. As policymakers it's hard to make some difficult decisions but sometimes you have to make them. Thanks for our Legal Department. I appreciate them and I have no further comments, Commissioner, Mr. Chair, thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia. And I would also recognize all the comments that were made by Commissioners and thank the public that was here to share their thoughts on this item and I just want to say thank you to my Commissioners for all their comments as well. So we're going to move to the vote on this.

The motion passed by majority [4-1] roll call vote with Commissioner Moreno casting the no vote.

11. CONCLUDING BUSINESS

A. Announcements

CHAIR ROYBAL: Are there any announcements from Commissioners that you would like to announce tonight to your constituents? Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Yes. I forgot to mention the Neighbor to Neighbor food drive is about to start, and in these really difficult times I want to remind people that those who can contribute food to people in need please help us so that our Neighbor to Neighbor food drive will, I believe, begin shortly and it ends in the middle of September, so any donation you can make to the food drive in your neighborhood can help support our other neighbors who may be struggling during this very, very difficult time. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: No, I have no concluding business. Thank you so much.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay, and thank you, Commissioner Hansen, for your announcement. Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: No, I'd just like to say that out here in my beautiful backyard of the property we have here, three hummingbirds just flew by. Awesome. As policymakers, sometimes we have to make hard decisions, and I'd like to thank my colleagues as into you have to do what you think is right and whatever the law

calls for, and that's what it's about. And so we did that.

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

COMMISSIONER MORENO: Well, I want to thank you all. In this specific issue I'm happy that we ended up with a good – not the most perfect conclusion, but it will be okay.

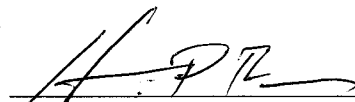
CHAIR ROYBAL: And I don't have any announcements.

11 B. Adjournment

Upon motion by Commissioner Hamilton and second by Commissioner Hansen, and with no further business to come before this body, Chair Roybal declared this meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



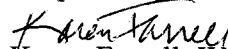
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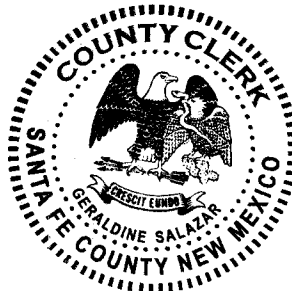
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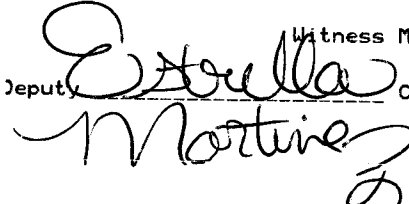

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