

SANTA FE COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
September 29, 2020

Henry Roybal, Chair - District 1
Anna Hansen, Vice Chair - District 2
Rudy Garcia - District 3
Anna T. Hamilton - District 4
Hank Hughes - 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 2:35 p.m. by Chair Henry Roybal.

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

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

B. Roll Call

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

Members Present:

Commissioner Henry Roybal, Chair
Commissioner Anna Hansen, Vice Chair
Commissioner Rudy Garcia [3:05 arrival]
Commissioner Anna Hamilton
Commissioner Hank Hughes

Members Excused:

None

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. State Pledge

E. Moment of Reflection

The Pledge of Allegiance and the State Pledge were led by Commissioner Roybal, and the Moment of Reflection was led by Ryan Ward of the Public Works Department.

A moment of silence was requested for Luke Spangenberg, Paljor Thondup, and Teresina "Betty" Naranjo.

1. F. **Approval of Agenda**

1. **Amendments**

2. **Tabled or Withdrawn Items**

CHAIR ROYBAL: Were there any requests for agenda items to be moved

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around? If not, I'd like to see if we could go to Manager Miller to see if we have any changes in our agenda. Manager Miller.

KATHERINE MILLER (County Manager): Mr. Chair, Commissioners, so we posted the agenda last Tuesday per resolution and then amended it on last Friday at 5:15 pm. The only items that were added to the agenda are under Section 8, Matters from the County Attorney, and that is items 8. A. 1 and 1 were added to the original agenda. Other than that there are no other changes.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you, Manager Miller. One more time, is there any Board members that have any changes to the agenda? If not, what's the pleasure of the Board?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I would like to move to approve the agenda with the changes mentioned by Manager Miller.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

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

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

G. Approval of Minutes: August 25, 2020 Regular Commission Meeting

CHAIR ROYBAL: Are there any changes? Commissioner Hansen, did you have changes?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Yes, I have changes and I will give them to the stenographer. So I move to approve with changes.

CHAIR ROYBAL: We have a motion from Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Second.

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

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

H. Approval of Minutes: September 3, 2020 Canvassing

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Hansen, did you have any changes?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: No, I have no changes and I move for approval of the September 3, 2020 Canvassing Board meeting minutes.

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

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Second.

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CHAIR ROYBAL: And seconds from Commissioners Hamilton and Hughes. You guys are chiming in at almost exactly the same time.

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

1. I. Approval of Minutes: September 8, 2020 Regular Commission Meeting

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Mr. Chair, I would like to – I have changes, so I move to approve with changes to the September 8th Board of County Commissioners regular meeting minutes.

CHAIR ROYBAL: And you have turned those in to the stenographer?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I will.

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

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

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

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

1. J. Recognition of New Hires in August 2020

MANAGER MILLER: Yes, Mr. Chair. Good afternoon, and yes, we have new hires. We recognized those who started between August 1st and August 31st, but I'd like to say actually Commissioner Hughes is on the list, even though I think it was official on September 1st. So welcome, Commissioner Hughes, to the County and you're now in our email system so you're treated like an employee. So welcome aboard.

And also in the Assessor's Office we have a new administrative assistant, Emma Felt. In ITT, Richard Jimenez, who's helping out Jason over at the RECC and Public Safety. In Corrections we had four new hires: Luis Sanchez Paredez, Fernando Garcia, Wanda Travis, and Cheryl Duran. And then in our Fire Department, Isaac Roybal, and in Utilities, Justine Francisco, who I'd like to say is a rehire, so welcome Justine back.

And those are all our new hires and I just want to welcome them to the County. I know it's a challenging time to change jobs and start at a new organization, but we're really happy that they applied and that they've joined our team.

CHAIR ROYBAL: I would ditto those sentiments. Thank you, Manager Miller. I'm really happy to see that we're still able to bring on new employees and of course these are employees that we need, so I'm really grateful that we're able to bring them on. I want to welcome them aboard. I'm very pleased. Are there any other comments from Commissioners? Okay. Thank you.

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1. K. Recognition of Years of Service for Santa Fe County Employees for September, 2020

MANAGER MILLER: So, Mr. Chair, Commissioners, it's shockingly been about six years ago we started recognizing employees that completed years of service in a five-year consistent segments, increments, so if you leave and come back it doesn't count but you start the count all over again. So some of these people may have been with the County more than what's reflected but this is continuous years of service in five-year increments. And our point of doing this is just to make sure we recognize employees who stay with Santa Fe County. We provide a lot of training opportunities and do a lot to build up and educate our workforce and we're really glad that they stay. And we have a lot of employees who stay for not just five or ten years but their whole career in public service. Commissioner Garcia was here 28 years in total. So that institutional knowledge is really valuable and we just want to recognize those employees who have stayed with us.

So on our list of people who hit a milestone this September, in our fleet services in Public Works we have Mario Alcaez with five years. In our Sheriff's Department, Animal Control officer Justine Clinton, five years of service. In Corrections, Daniel Pina, five years of service at our adult facility, and in GIS, Rob Jackson, also with five years of service.

And lo and behold, there's my name, September 2nd I hit my ten-year anniversary with the County as the County Manager, and I know that you all know that I also had been at the County before for 5 ½ year as the Purchasing Manager and the Finance Director, I actually have 15+ year with Santa Fe County and it's been an incredible place to work, so thank you for keeping me here as Manager for ten years.

And then in HR, Elsa Ornelas-Segura hit 15 years, and in Land Use/Building and Development, Miguel Romero hit 15 years.

And then I think next month we'll be honoring those employees that hit a 20-year or 25 or more increment with the County. So there's probably some that aren't on here. We do those on a quarterly basis. But I just want to thank those employees for staying with Santa Fe County and keeping that institutional knowledge here and staying a part of our team.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Manager Miller, and congratulations to you for ten years as the County Manager. I do want to thank all the individuals that have really stayed with the County for this amount of years. We have five, ten, fifteen years. It's just their dedication and loyalty and hard work for the County is just really admired and we really appreciate that as elected officials. You guys are the ones that represent the County where the rubber hits the road so we really appreciate all your dedication. Any other comments from Commissioners? Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: We did really want to thank everybody and recognize everybody who's been here for so many years. I can't help but want to thank also specifically thank Manager Miller for staying with us for so long. That's truly part of what makes the County a fabulous place to work is great leadership. So thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hamilton. Any other Commissioners? Commissioner Hansen.

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COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I too want to congratulate everyone for their service to the County, all the people for five, ten, fifteen years and also especially Katherine for being our County Manager. It's an honor to work and be a Commissioner here with having you as our Manager and I'm grateful for your hard work and dedication to the County and making it a better place every single day. So I just want to say thank you.

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

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: I'll just quickly echo the sentiments of the other two Commissioners. Thank you for your service. It's great to see that we have people willing to stay at the County for so long and I'm really looking forward to working with Manager Miller and the other folks as I get started. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hughes.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Resolution No. 2020-64, a Resolution Requesting an Increase to the Law Enforcement Operations Fund (246) to Budget a US Department of Justice Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program Grant in the Amount of \$58,008 (Finance Division / Yvonne S. Herrera)**
- B. Resolution No. 2020-65, a Resolution Requesting a Decrease in the Amount of \$35,209 to the Local DWI Grant #21-D-D-27 in the Alcohol Programs Fund (241) to Correct the Adopted Budget (Finance Division / Yvonne S. Herrera)**
- C. Resolution No. 2020-66, a Resolution Requesting an Increase to the Behavioral Health Program Fund (223) to Budget Additional Funds for the Behavioral Health Building Renovation in the Amount of \$250,000 (Finance Division / Yvonne S. Herrera)**
- D. Resolution No. 2020-67, a Resolution Requesting an Increase to the Regional Emergency Communications Operations Fund (245) in the Amount of \$88,183 (Finance Division / Yvonne S. Herrera)**

CHAIR ROYBAL: Is there anything on the Consent Agenda that we would like to pull off for more information on; or what is the pleasure of the Board? Commissioner Hamilton, did I see your hand up?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Yes, sir. I move to approve the Consent Agenda.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I second.

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

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

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3. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

A. Appointment to the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) for Districts 5

CHAIR ROYBAL: From Growth Management we have Mr. Brett Clavio.

BRETT CLAVIO (Transportation Planner): Good afternoon, Chair Roybal, Commissioners. The item before you is an appointment to the Transportation Advisory Committee from the Commission District #5. Staff received two letters of interest and résumés, which have been included in your packet. After careful review staff recommends appointing Mr. Nolan Zisman to represent Commission District #5. And I stand for any questions.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay, do we have any questions from the Board? As Commission from this district I'd like to hear from you first.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I think we're lucky to have a very qualified candidate in Mr. Nolan Zisman. We actually had two very good applications. Mr. Zisman has been on the Eldorado Road Committee and was a director with Santa Fe Southern Pacific Railroad so he knows a lot about transportation and I think he'll be a great asset to the committee.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hughes. Would you like to make the motion, sir?

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Yes. I make a motion that we appoint Mr. Nolan Zisman to a three-year term on the Transportation Advisory Committee.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Hansen, would you like to second?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I would like to second. I think it's a great choice and welcome, Mr. Zisman to the TAC. And I want to thank Brett for all you're doing. Thank you, Mr. Clavio. We appreciate everything and all your hard work.

MS. CLAVIO: Thank you, Commissioner.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen. Under discussion – we have a motion and a second and under discussion I basically just do want to thank Mr. Clavio for his hard work in assessing who we thought would be the best candidate. A lot of times that's not an easy decision so we do appreciate you guys making sure we do put the best candidate forward. So with that being said I do want to congratulate and welcome Mr. Nolan Zisman to the TAC Board. So we have a motion and a second. Are there any other comments from Commissioners? If not, I'm going to go ahead and go to a roll call vote.

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

4. MISCELLANEOUS ACTION ITEMS

A. Resolution No. 2020-68, a Resolution Approving Grant SAP 20-E2218-STB for the Agua Fria Water & Utility Expansion and Designating an Official Representative as a Point of Contact; Confirming and Ratifying the County Manager's Authority to Approve and Sign Grant SAP 20-E2214-STB for the Chupadero

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Water System Improvement and Designating an Official Representative as a Point of Contact for Such Grant

CHAIR ROYBAL: From the Finance Division we have Ms. Yvonne Herrera.

YVONNE HERRERA (Finance Director): Thank you, Chair Roybal, Commissioners. I am here before you to request approval of two New Mexico Environment Department severance tax bond grants. One, grant #20-E2218-STB for the Agua Fria Water and Utility expansion project, and the grant # 20-E2214-STB for the Chupadero Water System improvement.

The grant for the Agua Fria water utility expansion project in the amount of \$835,000 is to plan, design, and construct a wastewater system expansion including the relocation of other utilities within the corridor in the Village of Agua Fria in Santa Fe County. And with this grant we are requesting that the Board approve the grant and design County Manager Miller authority to sign all documents including any amendments to the grant, as well as myself authority to sign for the reimbursements on this specific grant.

The second grant for the Chupadero water system improvement project in the amount of \$400,000 is to plan, design and construct improvements to the water system of the Chupadero Water and Sewer Corporation. This grant has already been accepted by County Manager Miller. We just need the Board's approval to designate her as the representative to sign any additional documents related to the grant, including any amendments, as well as myself for the reimbursement for these grants. And with that I stand for any questions.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Do we have any questions from the Board? I believe these two projects are located I think in Commissioner Hansen's district and one's in my district. So I'm going to go to Commissioner Hansen first. Commissioner Hansen, would you like to make a motion? Or do you have questions?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I want to thank you, Mr. Chair and thank the Count for accepting these grants. I want to thank the legislature, the Speaker, and the entire Santa Fe delegation for taking the time to make sure that we had money for the Agua Fria Village and for Chupadero. Both of these are important water projects throughout the county and as we had talked about earlier in the Housing meeting, it is still shocking to know that we have cess pools in the Village of Agua Fria so it is really important that we are able to get this money and to start to put sewers and wastewater in the Village of Agua Fria and improve the quality of life for those citizens.

So with that I move that we approve the resolution approving grant SAP 20-E2218-STB for the Agua Fria Water & Utility Expansion and designating an official representative as a point of contact; confirming and ratifying the County Manager's authority to approve and sign grant SAP 20-E2214-STB for the Chupadero Water System Improvement and designating an official representative as a point of contact for such grant. So thank you, Yvonne, for all your work on this also, and County Manager Miller. That's my motion.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen, and I'll second that motion and under discussion I just want to congratulate the community members in

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these two communities, both in Agua Fria and in Chupadero. It's been a long road. I think the first meetings when I first became a Commissioner six years ago in meeting with the people in Chupadero we were trying to get this water system going and the support for them. We hit some bumps along the road but we finally got to this point and so we're one step closer today. So I'm really excited and happy for the people out in Chupadero because I have been working with them for some time on this so I'm glad to see it finally come to fruition, and also very happy for the folks out at the Agua Fria area. So congratulations to those community members and congratulation to Commissioner Hansen.

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

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

4. B. Resolution 2020-69, a Resolution Adopting Projects for Inclusion in Santa Fe County's Senior Services Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Years 2022-2026; Authorizing Submittal of Plan to the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration; and Replacing Resolution 2019-115

ANNA WAR (Community Services): Good afternoon, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. Today I'm bringing forth a resolution to prioritize our recommendations for the top three projects for the submittal of the 2020 Senior Services ICIP plan. We are required by DFA to submit a separate Senior Services ICIP plan. We can submit up to five projects. Last year we submitted five projects. However, some of the projects that we submitted last year were actually funded. One of those was Santa Fe County senior vehicles. We got capital outlay money for two hot shots, a Dodge Caravan and two of the larger vans that we use to transport seniors to medical appointments, the larger vans are used for those who have wheel chairs or those sort of things that we need a bigger area for.

We also had requested a water system for our Edgewood Senior Center which we did get, so we did take that off of the plan. And then there was some ADA upgrades for several of the facilities and P.J. Montano did get some funding and is currently working on a plan for those ADA upgrades to some of our centers.

So this year we are bringing three projects to you. The first one is for the Abedon Lopez Senior Center that's located in Santa Cruz in the Santa Cruz housing area. The funding that we are requesting is \$2,041,441 to rebuild the Abedon Lopez Senior Center. We have already received \$1.3 million from a capital outlay request from the state. This additional money would complete the total that is needed for that facility.

The second project is funding in the amount of \$500,000 to expand the Bennie J. Chavez Senior Center that is located in Chimayo. The expansion would allow for additional dining and exercise space for the seniors. Currently that space fits about 40 seniors for the dining room and we are actually getting to where we are about 35, 38 in the non-COVID world, so we are starting to outgrow that area. So that's what that funding would be for.

The third project is funding in the amount of \$2,382,490 for the East Mountain

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Wellness Senior Center. This would be a new senior center in Edgewood that would include space for nutrition, exercise and socialization, and it would be an addition to the East Mountain Wellness Center that's currently out there.

The first two items were included in last year's ICIP; the third one is a new addition. That is the request that we have and we are bringing forth a resolution that would actually replace last year's resolution. So with that I stand for any questions.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you, Ms. War. These are really great projects that have been long in coming as well and I'm really glad to see them coming forward. I think that the seniors that use these facilities are really excited to be able to use these new facilities. So I think this is going to be a really great project to really serve the community. So I would like to make a motion to approve this resolution. Do I hear a second?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

CHAIR ROYBAL: And we have a second from Commissioner Hamilton. Under discussion, is there anything under discussion?

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, I have a question.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Garcia, go ahead please.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Really quick, Mr. Chair, thank you. Anna, I want to make sure we have enough funding for the State Road 14 Senior Center in Cerrillos, correct?

MS. WAR: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Garcia, for the senior center portion, my understanding is, yes, we do have enough funding. I'm not sure if P.J. is on the Webex, however, they decided to go ahead and they're going to go ahead and build the senior center with the fire station, and I know they were searching for some additional funding for the fire station portion. I'm not sure if P.J. or Gary would like to speak to that.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Ms. War. And also, I guess P.J. or Gary, they don't have to bring it up today, but I just needed an update as to where we are with that project. Because we had it there for a little while. I know we're going to build the senior center as well as the fire department next door to each other and now we're combining them to get a better deal for our money. So if somebody's not there, that's fine, but I just need to know where it's at. Because if we need additional money then it should be on the ICIP for Agency on Agency.

P.J. MONTANO (Public Works): Mr. Chair, Commissioner Garcia, we are actually under negotiations with the contractor for design-build right now. We're waiting for a design solution from the designer. The project is fully funded and under design right now with the contractor.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Really quick, Mr. Montano, so we are in negotiations with the contractor-designer, or we're negotiating with them, or are we under design. Just really quick, thank you.

MR. MONTANO: We are currently right now waiting for a design solution from the contractor. We're under contract with them already for a design-build for the senior center and the fire station out in Cerrillos.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Awesome. Thank you, sir. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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

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

4. C. **Request (1) Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 2020-0001-CMO/KE Between Santa Fe County and Griffin & Associates Marketing, dba Sunny 505 to Provide Advertising and Promotional Services Related to Tourism, Extending the Term an Additional Year and Increasing the Compensation by \$315,000 for a Total Contract Sum of \$640,000, Inclusive of NM GRT; and (2) Authorizing the County Manager to Sign the Purchasing Order(s)**

BILL TAYLOR (Purchasing Director): Good afternoon, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. Thank you. The subject contract 2020-001 with Sunny 505 is due to expire October 8, 2020, and the County does wish to continue services with the contractor. The original contract amount was \$325,000 after they were selected through a competitive civil proposal RFP, and due to the increase of the competition it requires BCC approval, and we're also asking that the County Manager be authorized to sign the purchase order. And with that, Mr. Chair, I'll stand for any questions.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Mr. Taylor. Are there any questions from the Board for Mr. Taylor? I see Commissioner Hughes, I'll go to him first, and then I'll go to Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'm wondering, since people aren't really traveling now, but we do want people to come visit Santa Fe once the pandemic is under control, how is that being taken account of in terms of our advertising? It seems like we would want to hold off on advertising until such time as we really are going to attract tourists and want to attract tourists.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, just on that note, if I may.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Go ahead, Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: I definitely agree with Commissioner Hughes. It's like we have this stuff going on throughout the world, so very good question, Commissioner. But I would like to be able to ask why and how we're spending money on this stuff if we have this COVID happening. Great question, Commissioner. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia. Mr. Taylor.

MR. TAYLOR: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Hughes and Commissioner Garcia, the purpose of the contract is obviously to promote tourism to the community with the understanding that under the COVID-19 conditions businesses are struggling and that we do want to still try to encourage some tourism to stimulate the economy. There has been some reduction in the revenues for the lodgers tax that's used for this purpose but it's not that great of a – we're surprisingly – and maybe Lisa is present where she can address it more directly regarding their services. But we need to be prepared to advertise New Mexico or at least Santa Fe for tourism in preparation of things opening up. Lisa, are you available to provide an additional response to the question?

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LISA KATONAK (Manager's Office): County Commission, Mr. Chair, I am the marketing coordinator for Santa Fe County and I oversee the Santa Fe County lodgers tax. Some of the points that Mr. Taylor was speaking of are absolutely correct. Right now people may say that people are not traveling during this time of COVID. When the data that we have been shown from the State of New Mexico Department of Tourism and our nationwide data is showing completely opposite information. People are still traveling. And right now is a very critical time for Santa Fe County and for the constituents that have lodging properties or restaurants in Santa Fe County and the small mom and pop businesses, shopping and retail, to get the assistance they need.

We need to continue to market Santa Fe County in this vital time, because this is the point where these businesses will either thrive or they may close. So it's really critical that we get them the assistance they need, either through financial support or if they are able to apply for assistance through SBA. But also that we provide them with the assistance via advertising, as Santa Fe County is a tourist destination.

So giving you just a couple of statistics from the department, I was on a call last week with the Department of Tourism, they are seeing a great number of travelers coming through the state. Target markets – they're coming from – they're traveling throughout the state. They're a young demographic. They're RV-ing. They're camping. They're using the resorts, the lodging, the bed and breakfasts. They're also eating in the restaurants.

Some of the statistics that we have seen are that 45 percent of Americans already know exactly where they're going to go on vacation. Forty-two percent will travel in their personal car. Eighty-four percent will stay in the United States with the average trip distance being 539 miles. So they want a road trip, something that's easy access. They want to know that they're safe, so that is why we are marketing ourselves in Santa Fe County as COVID-safe practices. They want to know they're safe. Forty-four percent will visit a park on their trip, be it a national park, a monument or a state park. Santa Fe County is very rich in its proximity to national parks and monuments as well as state monuments and parks. Fifty-five percent will stay in a hotel or a hotel-resort, and so while the hotels have been able to increase their capacity and occupancy at 75 percent if they are a COVID-safe practice lodging property, that is good for the county and that is good for these properties. Good for GRT, good for lodgers tax and good for the properties so that they can continue to survive.

Seventy-five percent will go to restaurants. Seventy-nine percent will research how their destination is managing the COVID-19 situation. So right now is a critical time for our constituents, all of our retail and our lodging properties to be able to survive through this COVID-19, but also that we realistically look at promoting ourselves for the future. So many times our marketing efforts are sometimes the placement of advertising, sometimes four to six months lead time. So that is the reason why we're always working far ahead with our marketing plan.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you for that information. Commissioner Hughes, did you have a follow-up question? Did that satisfy your question, sir?

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Yes, please. Just a quick follow-up. If we're advertising ourselves as a COVID-safe destination, are we also encouraging people to be COVID-safe when they get here? When I walk around the plaza I see a lot of people

not wearing masks and I'm not sure why.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, also, just on that note if I may.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Go ahead, Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Just very good question, Commissioner Hughes. So Lisa, how are we marketing it's a safe place? Are we telling everybody they have to wear masks? Of if we're down to 50 percent are we within the governor's – what her call is? And another thing is, there's \$300,000 and some, what else could it be spent on other than advertisement for Santa Fe County?

MS. KATONAK: Thank you so much, Commissioner Hughes and Commissioner Garcia for your questions. Right now, the way we are advertising is we are working in conjunction with the State of New Mexico Department of Tourism in their efforts. And so at times in relation to the governor's call and some of the changes that do occur as far as the COVID numbers we have worked to market ourselves statewide. We have also worked to provide that information via our website, our social media, our newsletters and some of our promotion in regard to COVID-safe practices and wearing masks.

Right now we are currently working on a project with the Department of Tourism where we received what I would call a cooperative grant where they are allowing us to work in conjunction with them on some of the photography and video of our Santa Fe County assets. And so part of that program is filming in a COVID-safe environment with masks to indicate that Santa Fe County is a safe place to visit, that we are practicing COVID-safe practices in our lodging properties, and also in our community.

I believe the jurisdiction of the downtown area, it is the City of Santa Fe limits and so I can't completely speak to what's occurring downtown but I know that as far as speaking with our lodging properties throughout the county they have indicated that their guests are complying with the COVID-safe practices. For example, Four Seasons Resort/Rancho Encantado, they are a COVID-safe practice lodging property. They have complied with the state's program, and so they are at 75 percent occupancy. So they have been providing COVID-safe practices.

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

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay, go ahead, Commissioner Garcia, but I know Commissioners Hamilton and Hansen have been very patient, so I'm going to Commissioner Hansen after this.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: I'm sorry. I apologize, Mr. Chair. Really quick, so we've been advertising Rancho de Chimayo, Madrid, Cerrillos, some Edgewood stuff, the equestrian facility, so how much more can we advertise for Santa Fe County or do we need to work with the City of Santa Fe? And you say we're advertising statewide? We're not nationwide? And honestly, I'd like to see one of those pamphlets or how the advertising is before it actually goes out, because that's just what I'm interested in. Yes, we can approve this \$300,000 but what is the pamphlet and who is it going to and where is it going? Is it in Southwest Airlines magazine or it's nationwide? Because you said it was just statewide. Those are just some of the questions I have in my head. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia. Ms. Katonak, did you have a response?

MS. KATONAK: Thank you so much, Chairman Roybal, Commissioner Garcia, with me on the screen – I failed to introduce him earlier, is Mr. David Haduk with Sunny 505. David, if you can wave to the crowd. I'd like for Mr. Haduk to provide some comments.

DAVID HAYDUK: Thank you, Lisa. Mr. Chair, Commissioners, good afternoon. First I'd like to say to Commissioner Hughes, welcome to the Commission. I'm an Eldorado resident and have been for 35 years. We're glad to see you represent Eldorado on the Commission and I look forward to our community gathering Thursday night on our little Zoom out here, so welcome.

To address a number of thoughts here, and Lisa's done a really good job of touching on a number of things. We look at the data on a weekly basis on what's happening with travel. We know travelers are traveling today and so what we're able to do is adjust our messaging, adjust our target, on a regular basis as we see what happens with travel. I was on the phone with the Cabinet Secretary of Tourism, Jen Schroer, just last Monday and she and I were talking about strategy, and the Department has just started to tweak their strategy messaging to inspire New Mexicans to travel New Mexico, because as we know we have some limits to those in the red states, and so we have to adjust our messaging and our target markets as that becomes apparent.

And so one of the things, in answering Commissioner Roybal's questioning, a lot of our placement today is all digitally placed. In other words, we know that travelers today are looking for content. They're looking for a place they want to travel and visit. So a lot of times through our digital placement we can directly serve up messages to those on their mobile phones, on their websites, when they're searching that they want to travel and where they're looking to travel. So it's a very targeted approach and a very pin-pointed approach so our dollars are right on the mark to those that we know have an interest in Santa Fe County.

So it's not a national push but it's all targeted to those – that is the low-hanging fruit of those that we know want to come to Santa Fe County. And I'll stand for any other questions.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Mr. Hayduk. Are there any other questions? I'm going to go to Commissioner Hansen next and then I'll go to Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Lisa. Thank you, Bill. Thank you, David. It's good to see you all even though it's virtually. I want to thank Sunny 505 for all the work that they have done. I think they have done an excellent job for us in the past, and I believe that they are doing a good job under this COVID situation. \$325,000 in the advertising world is not a big market compared to even what the City spends on advertising and I think we are lucky to have people who are committed to our county and who are working hard to promote us. And with that I want to make a motion to approve this resolution, this amendment #1 to agreement 2020-001 between Santa Fe County and Griffin and Associates Marketing doing business as Sunny 505 to provide advertising and promotional service related to tourism, extending the term an additional year and increasing the compensation to \$315,000 for a total contract of \$640,000, inclusive of New Mexico GRT.

So I want to thank you all for your service in the hard work that you're doing

because promoting Santa Fe County in this COVID time, people are definitely traveling and we want them to be COVID-safe. We want them to know that New Mexico is COVID-safe and that they can come here and especially enjoy our beautiful open space and climate. The weather is exceptional right now. So with that, I've made my motion.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay, so thank you, Commissioner Hansen.

Commissioner Hamilton, I'm going to go to you next. I know you had your hand up for comment.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Yes. Thanks. And first of all I'll second the motion, and second of all, Commissioner Garcia asked is there other stuff this money could be used for. I just wanted to point out – I was going to earlier that this comes from lodgers tax, so this is what it has to be used for. So it's not like this could be spent on other discretionary items. If anybody, Mr. Hayduk or Lisa, want to expand on that.

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: I'm going to go to Manager Miller.

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioners, Commissioner Garcia asked what this money could be spent on. Statutorily we're allowed to impose – the Board of County Commissioners is allowed to impose up to five percent. We currently have four percent on a room night and 2.5 percent of that must be spent on advertising and advertising those lodging facilities and our resources for tourism to attract people here and to stay in our lodging facilities. And that money must be spent within two years of collection. The other 1.5 percent or half of the first three percent goes into another fund which must be spent on advertising or can be spent on facilities related to tourism, like a visitors center – something we don't have – or our fairgrounds. And we have spent that funding on our fairgrounds. As you know, we redid the cooperative extension offices and a good portion of that project was paid for out of the that facilities funding.

So there's not – it's not a lot of other things that we can spend it on but that is a case where we accumulated some funds in good years to spend on getting our oldest facility, the cooperative extension office rebuilt. Otherwise, all of the money goes to advertising and specifically this type of contract, or helping entities advertise a tourist-related event. We put money into Zozobra, the Buffalo Thunder Marathon, some of the festivities – the Folk Art Market, things like that. None of those – most of those events are not happening this year so we haven't been funding that type of thing unless we could fund something virtual, but that is what the fund is for. That's all that we can spend it on. We do not spend it on salaries. We don't spend it on benefits or any of our operating costs. It's goes specifically back into advertising those lodging facilities and our business that help create tourism in Santa Fe County.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you, Manager Miller. Commissioner Garcia, did you have an additional question?

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Just really quick, Mr. Chair. The reason why I was asking that is because it's not only can be spent on tourism but like they said the fairgrounds and different other things. One of the things that the Department of Transportation is spending their money on, it's not tourism-related. However, whenever you see the ads on TV right now, it's all virtual now. Because it costs too much money to film people and this COVID is actually – it causes a challenge for people to be filmed live.

But so \$600,000 on a contract that – everybody knows about Santa Fe in New Mexico, in the world. It's almost like – so my question is I get the whole funding as into let's advertise Santa Fe, Santa Fe, Santa Fe, Santa Fe. But that's a lot of dollars that is being spent to advertise something that – you go across the nation, across the world – where are you from? New Mexico. Where's that? Well, I'm from Santa Fe. Oh. Santa Fe. So everyone in the world knows Santa Fe. So those are just kind of the questions that I have on it in regards to what we're doing with the \$600,000 some. Those are just concerns I have and I know this money can be spent elsewhere, on the fairgrounds and other items, so that's why I just brought it up. But I appreciate that, Mr. Chair. Thank you, staff. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia. Any other comments or questions from the Board? Okay, hearing none, we do have a motion from Commissioner Hansen and a second from Commissioner Hamilton. I'll be going to a roll call vote.

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

- 4. D. Request (1) Approval of Change Order No. 2 to Agreement No. 2020-0189-PW/KE Between Santa Fe County and A.A.C. Construction, LLC in the Amount of \$ 97,348.53, Exclusive of NM GRT Related to the Antonio Lane Sewer Line Upgrade for a Total Contract Sum of \$324,909.53, Exclusive of NMGRT; and (2) Granting Signature Authority for the County Manager to Sign the Purchase Order**

MR. TAYLOR: Thank you, again. This change order #2 to the agreement, the construction contract with A.A.C. Construction, after award it was discovered when the contractor was onsite that there was primarily the gas line location was not in the correct coordinates as presented by PNM who installed the gas line, which resulted in certain unforeseen conditions with underground utilities within the site. This project site is of course in the Village of Agua Fria, Antonio Lane.

This increase will increase the contract by more than ten percent of the original contract and requires BCC approval and authorizes the County Manager to sign the purchase order. With that, Mr. Chair, I'll stand for any questions regarding the procurement process and I know that Public Works is on line to address any issues with the change in work.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Taylor. Do we have questions from the Board? Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you for calling on me. I want to make a motion to approve this change order #2 to the agreement No. 2020-0189-PW/KE between Santa Fe County and A.A.C. Construction in the amount of \$ 97,348.53. This is one of the problems of putting in sewers and something that I'm sure that we will run across again in a traditional historic village that is over 300 years old. We come across these kinds of problems because we don't have accurate documents. PNM might have had the documents from a long time ago but it is why in the other agreement that we approved is that it says moving other water and utility lines is because

when you're dealing with such small streets and short areas in a traditional historic village sometimes there are just unknowns that appear. So with that I have made the motion and would wait for any questions.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I'll second.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen. Commissioner Hamilton, under discussion, did you have anything else? We do have a motion and a second.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: No, I just wanted to second it. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: So we have a motion and a second. Are there any additional comments or questions from the Commission?

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Just really quick, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Go ahead, sir.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: What happened to the line locates? We didn't do line locates before we actually went out here to build this sewer line?

MR. TAYLOR: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Garcia, there were line locates for gas lines [inaudible]. Locations were provided by PNM. Public Works may want to address that. I would defer to them on the actual project design and implementation on that.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, that's fine. I just wanted – whenever you go to a project you always have to do line locates, but I just wanted to bring that up for the record. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia. If there's not any other questions we do have a motion from Commissioner Hansen and a second from Commissioner Hamilton. I will go to a roll call vote.

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

4. E. Resolution No. 2020-70, a Resolution Requesting an Increase to the Regional Emergency Communications Operations Fund (245) to Upgrade Additional Radio Recording Channels in the Amount of \$82,000

MS. HERRERA: Thank you, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. Director Marquez and myself stand before you to request this budget increase for the upgrade of additional radio recording channels for the P-25 radio upgrade project that's currently underway. RECC originally presented the request for the additional funding to the RECC Board back in September of 2019, which the RECC Board did approve. However, due to a disagreement between the County and the City of Santa Fe regarding sharing costs for the project the purchase was not done.

In July of 2020 the County and the City agreed to cost-sharing terms for the project, therefore moving the purchase forward. The RECC received a new quote for the recording channels for a total of \$82,000 which will be shared equally between the County and the City. Director Marquez and myself stand for any questions that the Board may have.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Ms. Herrera. Commissioner Hamilton, did you have any questions?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: No, I just actually know this project has had its difficulties as is a long time coming. It's clearly very, very important and I appreciate everybody sort of sticking with this and trying to piece it back together including the ongoing negotiations between the City and County. And so I very much appreciate that and not to foreshorten any other comments I would move to approve this.

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

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Second.

CHAIR ROYBAL: And a second from Commissioner Hughes. Under discussion, I'm going to go to Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you. I am glad that we were able to resolve the differences with the City and that we are able to move forward with this project, and I was just going to second the motion but Commissioner Hughes beat me to it so welcome and I think this is an important project to move forward. So thank you, Yvonne and all your staff for all the work that you've done on this.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen. Any other comments from Board members?

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, just real quick. Are we still on the RECC stuff?

CHAIR ROYBAL: Yes, sir. We just have a motion and a second and we're under discussion now, sir.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: So really quick, Mr. Chair. I just have a question for staff. How does this affect Edgewood or the City of Española?

VANESSA MARQUEZ (RECC Director): Mr. Chair, Commissioner Garcia, this doesn't affect Española at all. These parts of the recordings are for the new upgrade for the P-25 radio project and initially they will just affect the City, since the City is upgrading now in October. And then once the County comes on they will jump on with Edgewood. So we'll have everything in place by the time the County is ready to move forward with their upgrade.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you for that. So really quick, the City of Española as well as the Town of Edgewood will be connected to the RECC once this is approved. That's what I'm asking.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia. Ms. Marquez, can you – would you be able to announce – I know you answered the question earlier, but if you can just announce yourself and your title just for the edification of the public.

MS. MARQUEZ: Mr. Chair, I apologize. This is Vanessa Marquez, the Director of RECC. Commissioner Garcia, this does not affect Española at all. I do believe that we have not entered into negotiations with Española in regard to coming on to our communications center and with Edgewood, it will not affect Edgewood because they are on the County's frequencies and at this point in time the County is not upgrading their radio system.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: So, Mr. Chair, thank you. Vanessa, so once again, whenever I get a call from the Mayor from Edgewood, so they're going to be okay in using our frequency for calls that they get in Edgewood. And the same thing for

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Española. I don't know what Española has, so is that correct? Yes? No?

MS. MARQUEZ: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Garcia, we have nothing to do with Española at this point in time so the answer to your question in regards to Española is no, and we will continue business as usual with Edgewood. So at this point in time, with this P-25 project and the recording channels that are being requested, it will not affect the County frequency, therefore it will not affect Edgewood's frequency.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Madam Director. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia, and thank you Director Vanessa Marquez. I think this might be the first time that you've been on the Commission since you took over this position and so we're glad to have you here today. I do want to also mention that this is something that's been in the works for some time. I know Ken Martinez had been working on it. I've been on the Commission six years now. But I am really glad to have you here today, Director Marquez, so thank you.

MS. MARQUEZ: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay, so we do have a motion and a second. I'll go to a roll call vote.

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

4. F. **Request (1) Approval of Amendment No. 4 to Agreement No. 2018-0349-CSD/MM Between Santa Fe County and Interfaith Community Shelter for Navigation Services Initiatives as Part of the Santa Fe CONNECT Network, Increasing the Compensation by \$210,000, for a Total Contract Sum of \$409,250, Inclusive of NM GRT; and (2) Granting Authorization to the County Manager to Execute Multiple Agreements, Amendments and Purchase Orders Related to Navigation Services Initiatives Utilizing CARES Act Funding Through December 30, 2020**

MR. TAYLOR: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I wanted to explain what we're doing here. We're asking for two actions by the Commission today. The first of course, as you stated, is approval of an amendment #4 to the agreement the County has with Interfaith Community Shelter. As part of the navigation services that CSD, Community Services Department initiated some time back with multiple providers that created the Santa Fe CONNECT Network. The funding that's being used for this amendment is from the CARES Act funding that we the County was awarded as we all have just seen in I believe a previous resolution done today.

At any rate, this is an example of – this is also being provided to the Board to give you an example of the amendments that we intend to go forward with to expedite the encumbrance and expenditures of the CARES Act grant funding that must be expended by December 30, 2020. Our second action item of course is to grant the County Manager's authority to negotiate and execute additional amendments to contracts that we currently have and establish new agreements with providers that are participants of Santa Fe CONNECT Network.

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So with that, Mr. Chair, I'll stand for any questions, but that is the purpose, the two action items that are being presented before the Commission today.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you for that clarification, Mr. Taylor. Do we have comments or questions from the Board? Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you. I am going to move to approve this amendment #4 to agreement #2018-0340 and granting authority to the County Manager to execute multiple agreements. I want to recognize the CONNECT Network and how important it has been in reaching out and how we were able to also reach out to the City and work together to create this larger network. And I think that the Interfaith Community Shelter is incredibly important. I think navigation services are something that really help people in a state of loss, knowing that there is somebody they have to talk to and reach out to, and I found this really important.

And I'd also like to – I see that Patricia Boies' name is also on this and I'd like to see if she wanted to say anything at this moment.

PATRICIA BOIES (Community Services): Thank you. Good afternoon, Mr. Chair and Commissioners. Thank you, Commissioner Hansen, and thank you, Mr. Taylor. Yes, in essence, we are using the CARES grant funds to expand our services with CONNECT both adding to existing contracts and entering into new ones with providers who can help people meet their social determinants of health and behavioral health needs during this difficult period. And I'd also just like to say that all our contractors have navigators. That's what we're paying the providers for, and we also have navigators at CSD who are part of the hub and they assess people's needs. And with our web portal people can initiate and seek assistance directing, initially through us without having to first go through a provider. And I just want to say that during this BCC meeting we received an email from a constituent who said she had just been helped by our navigator, Devin Baldwin, on COVID-related needs, and the subject matter of her email was "The best government assistance in five years." So I want to acknowledge and thank our navigation team which is led by Jennifer Romero and with the December 30th deadline for spending the funds we are anxious to get them into the hands our contractors as soon as possible. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: And with that, Patricia, I also want to just give a shout-out to the great coverage that you got in the newspaper about the program and what Jennifer Romero and the whole department is doing, and Community Services. We are lucky to have such a professional staff providing services to our community.

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

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thank you. First of all I'd like to second the motion. I want to add in addition to agreeing with the comments Commissioner Hansen made and Patricia Boies made, it's amazing to get that kind of great feedback on your program and your navigators. It was said very quietly but it is, I think, it's kind of rare to get that kind of praise for government assistance and I wanted to add, given how critically important this is, and with all the efforts that Community Service and the County Manager and County senior staff made to get the funding in the first place there's still a huge amount of pressure to spend the money effectively by the end of the year and the fact they could get this out this quickly and this is on our agenda at the end of

September, that deserves some recognition also because obviously it's no good sitting somewhere in cyberspace without being utilized. So I just wanted to add that additional thank you to Community Services and the County senior management.

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

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I just wanted to let you know I need to recuse myself from this vote because Española Pathways Shelter is under my agency, the New Mexico Coalition to End Homelessness. We're the fiscal agent and so I think it would present at least a potential conflict of interest, so I won't be voting on this item. Thank you.

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

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Just really quick. I agree with my fellow Commissioners. Being on the school board, Interfaith Community, what they do, not just for the County, the schools, everything else – what a great organization. Awesome. Thank you and I appreciate staff and everybody else. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia, and I would echo the sentiments of my fellow Commissioners. Our Community Services Department does a great job. I know that I've worked with Patricia Boies and also Jennifer Romero and Rachel O'Connor. Just a great group. Great leadership. So I do appreciate all your efforts. This is something that's really needed in Santa Fe County and so I'm really happy to see that we're approving this today. And just to hear the sentiments from all my Commissioners that realize the need and what we are doing today. So I really appreciate that and once again, thank you to staff for doing this.

Okay, with that being said, we do have a motion and a second. I'm going to go to a roll call vote.

The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] roll call vote with Commissioner Hughes having recused himself.

4. G. Resolution No. 2020-71, a Resolution Requesting Budget Adjustments in the Net Amount of \$3,396,775 in Various Funds to Account for Prior Year Transactions Affecting Amounts to be Carried Forward into the FY2021 Budget

MS. HERRERA: Thank you again, Chair Royal, Commissioners. I'm here before you to request a budget adjustment for a total net decrease of \$3,396,775 to the various funds listed within the packet. This is to align the budgets of the various capital projects that are being accounted for within these funds, and request approval to budget New Mexico Department of Transportation capital appropriation grant 19-D3405.

In regards to the realignment of the various capital project budgets, during the preparation for the fiscal year 21 budget Finance estimated what the capital budgets – what would be available on the ongoing capital projects as of June 30, 2020. This is the amount – once we estimate the amount the amount is included in the fiscal year 21 budget but because of the timing between when we estimate that amount versus June 30th

projects are still ongoing. Projects don't stop moving forward just because we had to estimate what was going to be available as of June 30th.

In regards to the various funds most of the activity that occurs between the time that the estimate is calculated to June 30th, most of it is in relation to payments being made to a vendor for services being rendered or adjustment to outstanding purchase orders due to increases or changes in the scope of work or whatnot.

As you can see from the list in the packet most funds, the adjustment to the budget that was included in fiscal year 21 is actually a reduction. This also helps us to ensure that we don't overspend these capital project budgets, and we did have three cases where the adjustments that occurred between the estimated timeframe and June 30th actually did slightly increase the budget for some of our projects.

And then finally, we're requesting to budget the New Mexico Department of Transportation grant 19-D3405 which is to purchase easements and right-of-ways, plan, design, extend and construct Zafarano Drive from Rufina Street to Agua Fria. This grant was actually executed back in February of 2020. However, due to the pandemic the state revisited the approved capital appropriations and decided to claw back these funds on this particular project. Then we were notified by DOT on June 29th that the grant was still actually effective and that we could move forward with this project. The total grant proceeds are \$100,000 and will be budgeted in the special appropriations and other projects fund. And with that I stand for any questions.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you, Ms. Herrera. Questions from the Board? Commissioner Hamilton, did you have any questions?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: No, I don't. I'm happy to make a motion to approve this.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay, so we have a motion from Commissioner Hamilton. Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Yes, I'll be happy to second this and I'm happy to see that we did receive the grant #19-D3405, so thank you for that.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you, Commissioner Hansen. So we have a motion from Commissioner Hamilton, a second from Commissioner Hansen. Under discussion, Commissioner Hughes, did you have anything under discussion?

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: No, sir. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay, Commissioner Garcia, did you have anything under discussion?

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chair. So really quick, Yvonne Herrera, so this is actually a decrease of \$3 million or \$300,000? And also, an increase for the \$100,000 that we received from the grant agreement to do a study from Rufina down the power lines to Agua Fria, correct?

MS. HERRERA: Chair Roybal, Commissioner Garcia, the total net decrease is \$3,396,775. Of that is included \$100,000 for the DOT grant. And then as far as – I was hoping I could find someone to answer your second question. What I have through the grant documents is that the DOT grant was to purchase easements and rights-of-way for the extension of the Zafarano Drive to Rufina to Agua Fria.

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Manager Miller, go ahead.

MANAGER MILLER: So what we – that appropriation for the \$100,000 was what is written in the appropriation as Yvonne read. But we have contracted – we needed to actually get a contract in place in order to keep that appropriation so we did contract with an engineering firm to do a location study. I want to say it was about \$55,000 out of the \$100,000 in order to obligate some of those funds and what they're going to do is determine if the Zafarano were extended through what would the location be so that we would know the right properties we'd need to acquire, etc.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Very good. Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Manager Miller. So the \$3 million in decrease of capital projects, where are these capital projects?

MS. HERRERA: Chair Roybal, Commissioner Garcia, I'm sorry. Did you ask where are the projects?

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Yes. The \$3 million is a lot of money. So where are these projects? Where are we taking money from these capital projects?

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, we're not reducing anything on any projects, Commissioner. This is a true up. When we end the fiscal year we build our budget for the next fiscal year before we know exactly how many bills we will have paid on the project. Projects are multi-year. As Yvonne said, June 30th, every project we have an encumbrance on isn't done. And so we have to estimate how much budget will be remaining and put it into the next fiscal year's budget. But when we close the year then we true it up and determine how much did we actually spend. This is a net budget change. We're just changing budget. We did not take any money away from any projects, and as a matter of fact we only added this \$100,000 for the Zafarano Drive study. So there's no change in any actual funding for any projects; it's just truing up between fiscal year 20 and fiscal year 2021.

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

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia. Any other comments from the Board? Okay, seeing none, I'm going to go to a roll call vote. We have a motion from Commissioner Hamilton and a second from Commissioner Hansen.

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

4. H. Resolution No. 2020-72, a Resolution Requesting Budget Adjustments in Various Funds to Carry Forward FY20 Encumbered Balances of \$26,261,301

MS. HERRERA: Okay, thank you, Chair Roybal, Commissioners. This resolution is requesting a budget increase to various funds in the total of \$26 million for the encumbered balances that were carried over into 2021 from fiscal year 20. As required by the Department of Finance and Administration/Local Government Division, any encumbered and unencumbered balances carried forward into the next fiscal year need to be approved through a budget adjustment resolution.

This is actually only applicable to any amounts that were not already included in the budget request for that fiscal year. So in the previous item we discussed that the

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Finance Division estimates how much unencumbered available budget would be at June 30 for all ongoing capital projects. And that estimate is what was included in the budget request that was presented to the Board for fiscal year 21 and was approved by the Board as well as by DFA.

The amounts that were not included in the budget request for fiscal year 21 were the encumbered amounts for these projects, specifically all the open P.O.s that we have as of June 30th for whatever services were being rendered for those specific projects. And the amount of the encumbrances from fiscal year 20 that were carried forward into fiscal year 21 for these capital projects is \$25,174,082. In addition to the capital projects we also had \$1,087,219 in fiscal year 20 operational encumbrances that were also carried forward into fiscal year 21. And the purpose for carrying over these encumbrances, it really helps to eliminate any disruptions in services and the receipt of goods during the transition between the two fiscal years.

In addition, as we've previously heard, many of the amendments that we've been seeing and those that were occurring before June 30th were related to the COVID, and specifically bringing up Community Services in all the amendments to the existing contracts for the CONNECT program we wanted to make sure there was no potential break in service, and also not inundating the departments or the Purchasing group with a lot of requisitions to prepare new purchase orders in the current year in relation to the capital projects. As County Manager Miller previously mentioned, these are multi-year projects and then with the operational, just really to help with a seamless transition between the two fiscal years. And with that, I don't know if the Commission – we can bring up the two exhibits. The first one would be for the capital projects and the second one would be for the operational. But I stand for any questions regarding this resolution.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Do we have any questions for Ms. Herrera in this resolution, Commissioners? Commissioner Garcia, did you have any questions?

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: No, Mr. Chair. Move for approval.

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

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Second.

CHAIR ROYBAL: A second from Commissioner Hansen. We're going to go to a roll call vote.

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

4. I. **Resolution No. 2020-73, a Resolution Requesting an Increase to the Capital Projects – Federal Fund (305) to Budget a State of New Mexico Local Government Relief Grant in the Total Amount of \$14,306,627**

MS. HERRERA: I promise this is my last one today. Thank you, Chair Roybal, Commissioners. I'm here to request a budget increase in the capital projects/federal funds in the amount of \$14 million. This is in relation to the New Mexico Local Government relief grant and the New Mexico small business continuity grant, which are both components of the CARES Act fund that the State of New Mexico

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received from the federal government.

Santa Fe County was awarded the State of New Mexico local government relief grant #CARES-01000-SFC from DFA in the amount of \$10,506,939, and the money is to be used for any necessary expenditures incurred due to the public hearing emergency, and it's covering the period of March 1st through December 30th. In addition, the County, the City of Santa Fe and the Town of Edgewood were awarded the State of New Mexico local government relief grant #CARES-eus-010000-SFC from DFA in the amount of \$3,799,688, again, for the necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency, but in this specific case it's providing continuity grants to small businesses within the county, with the exception of the City of Española.

The small businesses, once granted can use these funds for non-owner employee payroll, rent, scheduled mortgage payments, insurance, utilities, marketing. They could also use the funding for business redesign activities in reconfiguring their fiscal space to ensure social distancing, as well as installing any kind of Plexiglas barriers or purchasing IT or web-based conferencing to facilitate working from home, and also PPE for employees. The City of Santa Fe is not part of this specific grant because they were awarded a separate grant to the City itself.

The budget for this grant has been broken out by the different categories included in the application that Director O'Connor and her staff prepared for this CARES Act funding. Where it was identifiable, we budgeted those out specifically within those programs such as the CONNECT program, the housing assistance program, and the small businesses, and in other cases where it wasn't very evident it's being budgeted at the highest level within the fund which will give the County some flexibility in moving funds around where we see we have a greater need. And with that I stand for any questions as well as Director Rachel O'Connor from Community Services Department.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Director Herrera. Director O'Connor, did you have any additional information to add?

RACHEL O'CONNOR (Community Services Director): Mr. Chair, members of the Commission, I do not. I think that Director Herrera covered extensively some of the large things that are covered by this grant fund. Santa Fe County has a great team of which Director Herrera was part along with a number of people from various agencies including Growth Management who really did a significant amount of work on this project. So I want to thank everybody, and we are going to move forward with our partners to try to get these funds expended by December 30th.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Director O'Connor. I am really excited and I think we're going to be able to do some wonderful services for our constituents with this CARES Act funds. I'm really looking forward to see how things progress in the next two months so congratulations and let the Commission know if we can help with anything. Any other comments from Commissioners? Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I would just like to move for approval.

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

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I want to second it and I also want to thank Community Service for all of the work that they have been doing and Growth Management, and everyone on this project. I think it is really important that we get

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money out to the community and I also am grateful for any public awareness campaign we've been working on to educate people how important it is to wear a mask because I see all the time people not wearing them. And I think the more we can do to make people aware, the better. So thank you to everybody. And second.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen. So we have a motion from Commissioner Hamilton, a second from Commissioner Hansen. Under discussion, is there anything under discussion? Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: No, I don't have any questions, but I'll vote yes, Mr. Chair.

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

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'm going to recuse myself on this one as well just because the CONNECT program does touch my other agency and I want to be sure I'm not creating a conflict of interest. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you for that, Commissioner Hughes. We're going to go ahead and go to a roll call vote.

The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] roll call vote. [Commissioner Hughes recused himself from this vote.]

4. J. A Request to Enter into an MOU with the Town of Edgewood to Establish a Partnership That Will Promote Activities and Programming Related to Community Development

CHRIS HYER (Economic Development): Thank you, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. There's actually two items that are very similar. They're both MOUs, one with the Town of Edgewood and one with the City of Santa Fe. As Director Herrera mentioned, under the CARES Act grant from the state, Community Development received \$3,799,688. And it is money that is to be used within the boundaries of the County of Santa Fe. That includes the Town of Edgewood and the City of Santa Fe. The City of Española decided to partner with Rio Arriba County so therefore they're not included in this partnership.

This MOU is an MOU that we need to have in place, and same with the City of Santa Fe, in order to do community development projects in general. And the first project we have is under the Small Business and Non-Profit Stabilization Grant program. So it's the CARES Act grants that initiated the fact that these MOUs need to exist, and they will be amended from time to time.

So I request that the MOU with the Town of Edgewood be approved and it will allow a partnership between the County and the Town to promote activities and program related to community development. With that I would stand for any questions and I do believe that there is a Town of Edgewood person on line that is also available to answer questions.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. That individual, can you state your name for the record? Tanya, I believe you're muted. Tessa Jo, can you unmute Tawnya please?

TESSA JO MASCARENAS (County Manager's Office): She is unmuted.

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COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, if I may.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Garcia, go ahead.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: This is great money. I really appreciate it, so I make a motion for approval.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay, so we do have a motion from Commissioner Garcia. And just for the record, it is Tawnya Mortensen with the Town of Edgewood. Is that correct, Mr. Hyer?

MR. HYER: Yes.

CHAIR ROYBAL: So we do have a motion from Commissioner Garcia. This is in his district.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

CHAIR ROYBAL: And we have a second from Commissioner Hamilton. I will go to a roll call vote, but I will say I'm sorry for the technical difficulty for you, Tawnya, but we appreciate you being here today. We can see you nodding your head, so if you can do sign language we might be able to do that. And Chris it was good to see you today. We haven't seen you in a while. We do have a motion and a second. I'm going to go to a roll call vote.

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

4. K. A Request to Enter into an MOU with the City of Santa Fe to Establish a Partnership That Will Promote Activities and Programming Related to Community Development

MR. HYER: Thank you, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. As we did with the previous item, the Town of Edgewood, this is an MOU with the City of Santa Fe. We need this MOU for community development in order to work jointly on projects and the first project of course is the CARES Act grant, the small business and non-profits stabilization grant program. So businesses within the City of Santa Fe, they are in the County of Santa Fe and they will be qualified and can apply for the grant funds. So with that, Mr. Chair, I believe Mr. Rich Brown from the City of Santa Fe is online and he has a few comments, perhaps.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Mr. Brown, if you'd like to announce yourself and your title, sir.

RICH BROWN: Sure. My name is Rich Brown. I'm the Director of Community and Economic Development for the City of Santa Fe. I just want to say Thank you, Commissioner and members of the Commission for allowing us to work forward and go forward with this MOU. We're excited about working together with our County partners. It's amazing how this pandemic has actually nudged us to work together. We find out in our business community, tourists and residents that no one sees a border so this MOU is a beginning for us to work on some programs and initiatives that we think will build resiliency in the city and county. So I'm excited about the vote today. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Mr. Brown. Commissioner Hansen, did you have a comment? And then I'll go to Commissioner Hamilton.

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COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Mr. Brown and thank you, Chris. I see that we have an internal memorandum from the City of Santa Fe, and so I am wondering who will be reviewing – the committee – weekly, and is made of up of one representative from each municipal location. They say Fabian Trujillo. Will you be that person, Chris?

MR. HYER: I will be that person, and Carla Salazar from the Town of Edgewood will be members of the partnership. Plus we have outside third-party vendors and applicants will be going to apply for the grant funding, to make up again our review committee and our review committee will be directed by a grant manager. So the chair has not been selected yet. We'll be staffed to this review committee. But the review committee will make the final decision on who it will provide the grant money.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Okay. Thank you. So there will be an establishment and will this be set up by October 9th also?

MR. HYER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Hansen, yes. October 9th is actually our date to go out and start the program. Tomorrow we plan to set up the marketing and let the community know that the grants are available, and then we will be coming out with a notice of funds availability statement and ask businesses to apply.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: So all pieces of paper, or all documents will have the logo of the City of Santa Fe, the County, and the Town of Edgewood?

MR. HYER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Hansen, that is correct. The County of Santa Fe is the fiscal agent for the other two governmental entities as well.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Yes, I read that and I appreciate that but I just want to make sure that this is recognized as a joint project between the three entities and that it is consistently recognized as not one entity – not Santa Fe County is doing this, but that we are all jointly doing this together. And I agree with Rich that it's a good thing. It has pushed us into working more collaboratively and I hope that this will be extended into other areas where we can also recognize each other's potential contribution, like with the CONNECT program, that is another joint program that we work on together and that I want to make sure that it is recognize that way. The CONNECT program is something that was started in Santa Fe County and the City joined us, so I think it's important that we always make sure that our partners are recognized. And with that I will move to approve.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay, Commissioner Hansen. Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Yes. I'm very glad to see this moving forward and appreciate Rich's comment about being moved to work together. I hope it's the start of many more opportunities like that and I will second the motion.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hamilton, and I couldn't agree more. I think the City and County working together is a huge benefit to our constituents and this pandemic may have pushed us together but I think we all need to work hard to build a relationship and continue to build the relationship and strengthen it as time goes on. So we do have a motion from Commissioner Hansen 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.

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COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Yes, really quick, Mr. Chair. As Rich Brown said, and thank you, Chris and Rich, whenever the taxpayer drives across the city line or Airport Road or whatnot, there's no boundaries for the taxpayer. But it's kind of like we all live in this community together so I appreciate the cooperation with the City and the County because the city is located within the county. And thank you, staff for working together on this stuff. I really, really hope and wish that the money gets spent by December 31st. But, yes, thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia, and I do want to thank your collaborative efforts together, Mr. Hyer, Mr. Brown and also the Town of Edgewood. I think this is going to be a really good way of serving our constituents. So thank you very much.

5. MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN

CHAIR ROYBAL: Tessa Jo, has anybody signed up to address the Commission?

MS. MASCARENAS: Not under Matters of Public Concern, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay, so if we can unmute just for a minute and I just want to remind everybody that we're going to unmute so it's going to get very loud, so if people can try and only speak and if they would like to say their name and that they would like to address the Commission. So when we unmute, if there anybody who would like to address the Commission, if you could just say your name and we'll take down your name and then we'll give you a few minutes to talk to the Commission. So, Tessa Jo, can you unmute please? Okay, I'd like to ask is there anybody from the public that would like to address the Commission? If there is, just state your name please. Okay, I hear voices but there's nobody saying they'd like to address the Commission, so with that being said I'm going to go ahead and close Matters of Public Concern.

6. MATTERS FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER

A. Miscellaneous and COVID-19 Updates

MANAGER MILLER: Thank you, Mr. Chair. So quite a few updates for you. Let's see. The first one is, as you know, Representative Jim Trujillo has resigned a little bit before the end of his term and first of all, I just really want to thank him for his service in the State Legislature. And as you know, his son worked here, his wife worked here, so I think we felt a really close connection to Representative Trujillo as our representative, one of our representatives, but also as kind of part of the family. So I just want to thank him and wish him well.

And I wanted to ask the Commission how they would like to handle reappointment. This is one of the legislative seats that wholly within Santa Fe County so it is much like when Linda Trujillo resigned. It's up to the Board of County Commissioners to appoint a replacement. As you know, we don't have a great deal of time left in the term and there are two candidates that are running for election and there is a Democrat, Linda Serrano, and then there's a Libertarian, Helen Malinski.

I asked the Speaker of the House if it was important that the Commission appoint somebody before the end of the year. He did say that granted, you can't know who's going to get elected but he said it would be helpful if a person is on board prior to the election. He said prior to October 7th so that they could do some interim work. So I thought we could have one of two choices as to how you would like to handle it, or a third if you come up with it, but one was if you wanted to have the two candidates that are running present to you we could try to do either a special meeting prior to the 7th of October or you could just wait till October 13th, our next BCC meeting, have them present and make a selection, and appoint somebody. Or we could wait until the election and the Board could appoint whoever wins the election so that they could at least get some interim work prior to January 1.

So I would stand for suggestions as to how the Board would like to handle that.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Is there any comments or suggestions from the Board? I think one question I did have – and I'll go to Commissioner Garcia next, but just a question. If we appoint somebody prior to the election do they show up on the ballot as the incumbent? Or how does that work?

MANAGER MILLER: No. Mr. Chair, because you're really just appointing till December 31st to fill out the rest of Representative Trujillo's term. People who are on the ballot are the people who are on the ballot and the order of their placement on the ballot has probably already been determined, since the ballots are already done. So that wouldn't change anything. It would just be a matter of whether or not you wanted to appoint somebody prior to the election or you wanted to wait until after the election.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you, Manager Miller. And if we did it on our next scheduled BCC meeting, is that going to be adequate time, going by your discussion with Speaker of the House Egolf?

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, I think it's adequate time. The date that he mentioned to me, that 10/7, could be by 10/7, that would be great because they probably have interim committees that week. But I don't know that it's critical, but that's probably why he gave that date, that they have meetings from the month, committee meetings, from 10/7 on.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you, Manager Miller. I did have – Commissioner Garcia raised his hand earlier. So I'm going to go to Commissioner Garcia and then to Commissioner Hamilton. And then I have Commissioner Hansen as well.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Manager Miller. So the question I have is so if we appoint individual A or B, does the Central Committee automatically have to put their name forward? Or is it just whatever the County Commission votes on? Or how does that work? Because like I said, 90 days is going to happen before the end of the year, and so I just have that question as into so Speaker Egolf, so if we appoint individual A or B, whoever it is, will the Central Committee recommend before October 7th, or how does that work?

MANAGER MILLER: No. Mr. Chair, all that the County Commission is doing is appointing somebody to fill the vacancy until the end of the year. So it has nothing to do with the election. The election is already set. The individuals who are in the election have already run the primary, and the people who are running for election are not

Jim Trujillo. In the case of Linda Trujillo, she withdrew from the position she was in and she withdrew from the ballot. So the Central Committee is responsible for appointing somebody for the election. The County Commission was responsible for appointing someone to fill the rest of her term till the end of December 31st. In this case Jim Trujillo was already not running again, and so the only thing that needs to be done is an appointment of someone to fill the rest of his term till December 31st.

If you so choose to do it. You don't even have to do that. And the other side of it is, technically you could appoint somebody else, but ideally you want to appoint somebody and hopefully the person who actually wins the general election, although you can't know conclusively who that is at this point. So that's why I said, if you wanted to wait until after the election, then you would know that who you're appointing is the person who is going to take office January 1. If you want to appoint somebody to fill out the term through December 31st and you wanted to do it in a timely fashion for the business of the House committees, then the date that I was given was October 7th, prior to October 7th is the ideal date for the House.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, thank you, Manager Miller. So really quick, both of those candidates are actually on the ballot for the November 3rd election. Correct?

MANAGER MILLER: Yes. Mr. Chair, Commissioner Garcia, the two I mentioned, yes.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

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

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I would suggest – I don't think it's that big an ask for us to do even a special meeting, especially given that it's all virtual. It wouldn't be that difficult to fulfill the request of the Speaker to have somebody who is available to do committee work. I think it would be fair to have both candidates present. I think it would be useless to wait until the November election because those election results are not going to be likely to be certified very quickly, given the number of mail-in ballots that are going to be done, and so I suspect that in reality waiting till the election wouldn't be very different than not doing an appointment at all.

So I suggest that we propose a special meeting. I think that three days of notice is required. I don't know what logistically would be possible for everybody. We'd have to figure that out and do this. It would be a fairly quick meeting to have a presentation and do a vote. That's my recommendation.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. And from now until our next BCC meeting is how many days?

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, our next BCC regularly scheduled meeting is the 13th of October. The 7th of October is a week from tomorrow. Since you're typically used to doing Tuesdays, if I were to recommend a special meeting date I would recommend October 6th and that we just have a one-item meeting and it's to do this. That gives us time to put it together, get the information from the two candidates and get it all posted by Friday, and have the meeting properly noticed for the 6th. That would be my recommendation.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Mr. Chair, that would be my

recommendation as well.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I agree with that and that would be my recommendation to hold the meeting on October 6th, I believe is what you were saying.

MANAGER MILLER: Yes, Mr. Chair, Commissioner Hansen. So one week from today.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Okay. I think that would be perfectly adequate. I think we just need to check with the two candidates and make sure we could do this in probably the later afternoon, maybe 3:00 or 4:00 is what I would like to suggest.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay, and a quick question. So we are going to – if we open this up it will only be open to those two individuals. Now, if one of them chooses not to participate that would mean the other one would get the appointment? And also if we – I guess it's that question for now. If it's only open to those individuals and is it okay for us to do that, to only open it to those two individuals, Katherine?

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, I discussed this a little bit with Greg. I think it's up to the Board to make the appointment. I think that the reason I recommended just those two is one of the two is going to be the actual incumbent come January 1. So bringing other people into the picture really, you're just going to be having them at the Capitol for two months, 2 ½ months, three months at best. And so I'm trying to at least narrow it to who are the two potential ones to likely still serve, and at least try to narrow the field so that it's not a waste of an individual's time to basically be a part of the legislative process for just two months. The amount you have to learn anyway is pretty extensive and so I think it's up to you if you wanted to open it up, but that makes it also harder for us to do anything by October 7th.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. I just wanted to make sure we weren't violating anything by doing that. The other thing is – that other question that I have, is if only one chooses to put in for it then does that mean the other one automatically gets it? We would still have to appoint –

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, correct. You still have to make an appointment for it to be a legitimate appointment to the legislature.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you, Katherine. I know I saw Commissioner Garcia's hand up but also Commissioner Hamilton. I think I saw yours first, so go ahead, Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Okay. I was going to say realistically, I would not expect either of those candidates to not participate because they're both actively running for this position. So I don't think we have to be super concerned about that.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you for that comment, Commissioner Hamilton. Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Just really quick. I appreciate Katherine, Manager Miller's opinion on this. As you know, Katherine, back in 2004, whenever Representative Jim Trujillo got appointed, back in those days we went through the entire process. I didn't. I wasn't sitting on the dais up there. I just want to thank Reprehensive

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Jim Trujillo, a guy that took care of his district, the Agua Fria district and he was the vice chairman, chairman of the Tax and Rev Committee, and those of us know hot that Roundhouse works. I forget his name. He was a radio announcer – the merry, merry Roundhouse, right?

Representative Trujillo did an excellent job with the Santa Fe delegation because the Santa Fe delegation – very good individuals and thank you, Jim Trujillo, Representative Trujillo, and your wife as well serving as the Deputy County Clerk for many, many years, and I appreciate the work that you did and the time that you served as up policymakers do as the elected officials. It's not an easy job out there. Representative Trujillo, thank you for what you've done. I appreciate you and I wish you well in your next endeavors. And so I will take the advice of Manager Miller as well as Commissioners Hamilton and Hansen as into where we've got to go next. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia, and I'd like to echo those sentiments. Representative Trujillo's are going to be some huge shoes to fill, not only as a representative. He also was a teacher as a huge part of his career. My mom has told me that he was one of her teachers in school. So he's been serving the community for a very long time so my hat's off to him and I wish the very best for him and his wife, Vicki, and for his whole family. Just enjoy your time. It's time to do what you want to do it instead of what you have to do. So just a huge amount of gratitude for your service, sir. I think I saw Commissioner Hughes; he hasn't gone yet, and then I'll go to Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Jim Trujillo is a good friend of mine as well and the last time I talked to him he said he was really looking forward to retiring and sitting on his couch and reading books. So I hope he can do this. You're right, he is a great servant to the community. He's part of Santa Fe County and all of us as well and we'll miss him. I would go along the suggestion to hold a special meeting next week. I was, however, thinking that when I got appointed I was happy to have a couple weeks in between when I got appointed before when I had to start to put my life in order but I image these two women are probably really anxious to get going and would be happy for us to meet next week and appoint one of them.

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

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you. I have known Jim and Vicki Trujillo for a very, very long time. I think it's been at least 30 years. It could be more, and I wish him all the best in retirement. I also saw that William Mee was on the line and that he was clapping for Jim Trujillo and I want to thank Representative Trujillo for all that he has done for the Village of Agua Fria and for the community, for all of the community. He has been a real trooper in many, many ways and I know that the Village loves him dearly. So I wish him all the best in his retirement. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen. So I think that you have direction from the Board, Manager Miller, for us to have a special meeting, hopefully in the afternoon it sounds like, on next Tuesday, after 3:00 or 3:00. That will work.

MANAGER MILLER: Thank you, Mr. Chair. So we will get on that. So that's item 1.

The next item, and I don't know if Patricia is still on, but I'm really proud of Patricia and Chair Roybal on Santa Fe County hitting our goal on the census. So we were provided a goal of self-response and Santa Fe County achieved that goal and has surpassed that goal. And then yesterday it was announced that instead of, as you know, the original end date for the census was moved to October 31st. Then October 31st was moved up to September 30th, and now it has been moved to October 5th, and who knows if that will get changed again.

But we are still plugging away on increasing our response and I just want to congratulate you, Mr. Chair, as the head of our Complete County Committee, your committee members, and Patricia, and all of the staff and contractors that worked on this. And I don't know if Patricia would like to add anything but I did want to recognize all of you for hitting our goal already and we'll keep going.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Manager Miller. Patricia Boies.

PATRICIA BOIES (Community Services): Thank you, Mr. Chair, Commissioners, and thank you, Manager Miller. Yes. We've exceeded our goal. We go up every day and it's always – every day I wonder what is happening with this litigation, so yesterday, by tweets, the Secretary of Commerce said, okay, now it's October 5th. So we've been always assuming that the sooner the better for people to do this. We had a whole day census session on KSWV yesterday and we'll just keep working on it as long as we're allowed to do so. And I would like to also say thank you so much to Somos un Pueblo Unido and Chainbreaker Collective and St. Elizabeth's Shelter, and all the members of our Complete Count Committee and to Chair Roybal for their work with their constituents as well.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Patricia Boies. I appreciate it but honestly, you guys did all the heavy lifting. I couldn't be prouder of all of our partners. The schools were there. We had Northern New Mexico College. We had Pojoaque High School. We had the Santa Fe Public Schools. We had Santa Fe Community College. We had so many great partners that helped put this all together and so it was really an honor to work with you guys on achieving this goal and a big time thank you to you, Ms. Boies and also to Krista Kelley. She did a great job as our director and coordinator. So I think that it went really well and I'm hoping that the numbers will jump up even more points before the end date does happen. So I'm really happy to see the results we ended up with and I think everybody worked really hard. So thank you so much. I appreciate that. Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Yes. I want to thank you, Mr. Chair, also for your work on this. Good job. I want to thank Patricia and the entire team, the Complete County Committee. Plus yesterday it was really fun to be on KSWV with Estevan and we got to talk about the census and I was just glad to show up and encourage a few more people to sign up. We count. So please, everybody, get your census in because the more we do, the more numbers we have the better we'll do. And the more roads we can build and the more infrastructure we can provide and the more health concerns we can provide. So thank you, everybody, for all your hard work on this.

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

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thank you. The work you all have put

in is amazing. I think it was incredibly thoughtful and well conceived for Manager Miller to bring this up at this point. Frankly, I think you guys have worked through some real hardship, both physical as well as psychological. The shifts in the timing of this, the hardships that have been imposed on getting the census done at all, I just think has been very difficult, and you guys have put in an incredible and well placed, well conceived effort to get us, our county to be able to respond and everybody knows, I'm sure everybody on this call, everybody knows how important these census results are and I can't do more than to thank all of you – Patricia Boies, Mr. Chair, Commissioner Hansen, I know has been very committed to this. I think every Commissioner has done some effort to try to get their particular district constituents aware of what was going on and to promote the effort and you guys have put out so much work. Thank you very much.

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

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

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Hughes.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: No additional comments. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you. And like Commissioner Hamilton mentioned, just the fact that this board adapted and staff adapted to the pandemic and just got acclimated to making a huge difference and making sure that we got the numbers we needed. It was something that we had to be very diverse to make those changes, so just really diverse and flexible and I think we did a great job. I think it all came down to the partners that we had and all the additional help from our Commissioners. I think just about all of us did a commercial on KSWV to bring it directly to our constituents. So I think it made a huge difference. Thank you, again, Patricia. Manager Miller, back to you.

MANAGER MILLER: Yes. The next item I have, as you know, the BCC approved a resolution in July for us to add some general obligation bond questions to the general election ballot. Now that it's election season we wanted to make sure that we put educational information out to the public about what exactly those bond projects are. So the three bond questions that will go to the voter are a question and they all kind of start out the same way and that is that if the voters would like to fund up to a certain amount of dollars. In total we did \$20 million in capital infrastructure projects and they're in three different areas: open space, trails and parks; roads; and water and wastewater.

That's what we will be asking voters if they would approve. And I think, Daniel, in that one, can you go down a little further? So open space and trails, the question on the ballot will be "Shall Santa Fe County issue up to \$4,829,000 in general obligation bonds payable from general taxes or ad valorem taxes to acquire, design, construct, improve, equip and restore open space, trails and parks within the county."

On roads, it's \$11.4 million, or \$11,421,000 in GO bonds to acquire, construct, design, equip, improve, equip roads within the county. And then water and wastewater is \$3,750,000 for acquiring real property and necessary water rights to construct, design, equip, rehabilitate and improve water and wastewater projects within the county.

I'm going to turn this over to Daniel Fresquez and Paul Olafson though. This is the kind of paper information packet that's available, but they have done a great job at putting together an interactive map and additional information about where these projects are located. I don't know if they'll be able to do the video but I'm going to turn it over to

you, Daniel and Paul, to show the Board and the public what we have available for them to access to see what's in our bond questions.

DANIEL FRESQUEZ (Media Coordinator): Mr. Chair, Manager Miller, I'm going to navigate around the story map and request that Paul Olafson kind of give an informational presentation on this.

PAUL OLAFSON (Growth Management): Good afternoon, Commissioners and Manager Miller. So this is our story map that Daniel has up. How it works is you click on one of the items and presents a picture and thumbnail description of the project. It's broken into three groups: open space, roads, and you can see the list of projects underneath the number. Then you can use the priorities across the top of the picture you can select which one you want to look at.

So this was a new tool we put together this year and hopefully it will be very easy for the public to navigate and also very easy to transmit to the public and different interest groups.

So the next item I want to talk about – so all of this material is printable so the public can print it out if they don't have access to a computer. Additionally, we can print out materials and place them at the kiosk at 100 Catron and any other places we'd like to. So this is just a list of all the projects, and again, this is a printable version and contains the same information that is on the story map.

Again, this is a printable map, and I used Commissioner Garcia's example of how will his grandmother be able to see this. So we do have paper copies we can distribute as needed.

This is just the resolution that the Commission approved and it has the same language of the three questions that Manager Miller said earlier. I'd really like to give a special thanks to Manager Miller for helping us put this together, and also to Jacob Stock and Chris Vaisa in Growth Management who helped us put it together as well as Tessa Jo, Daniel, and Carlina in the Manager's Office.

MANAGER MILLER: And Daniel and Paul, I was going to say there's some video – I don't know if it will work. I think that will be great.

MR. FRESQUEZ: So I'm going to attempt to play this video and if it doesn't work I'm going to send the link through the chat feature of Webex and you can watch it later on if this doesn't work.

MR. OLAFSON: So this does have music with it as well, but I'm not hearing it. And this is not every project on the list but it's representative of all the five Commission districts as well as the different types of projects – open space, roads, water/wastewater.

And finally, we will be sending this out to all the Commissioners and their liaisons and we would encourage you to distribute them as you see fit with your newsletters or any other groups you might be with.

MANAGER MILLER: And Mr. Chair, while we can't advertise requesting people to vote in favor of a bond issue, what we want to make sure we always do is provide information about what's in those bond questions so that the public can be well informed on what they would be voting for or against when they have their ballot in front of them.

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

Hansen, did you have a question? And also I'll go to Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Paul and Daniel and Katherine and the whole team. I think this is great. So what I want to know is everything is kind of formatted and ready to send out? Because Sara and I had already started talking about sending this out to constituents about the bonds and then it can be sent from a personal email also to somebody?

MR. OLAFSON: Yes.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: It's all linked to the County website, right?

MR. OLAFSON: Yes.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Okay. So I think this is great. This is exactly what I was looking for and hoping for, because I think it's really important that we share as much information with our constituents as possible and let them know what we want to do. I also find that the more information they have the more likely they are to vote for what we want to do. So thank you once again.

MANAGER MILLER: And Mr. Chair and Commissioner Hansen, I also think if you wanted you could also – so you could have the link, which gives you access to everything that Daniel and Paul just showed you, but you could also attach or copy part of the actual project list and put that right into an email too so they could see that immediately, and then go to a link. And I would suggest both of those things, just because some people don't click on a link, or if it takes too long to load they don't go to it. So for the Commissioners, in your newsletters or in your information documents, to just copy the questions and the list of projects under each question and put that text right into some emails as well as the link so that they can see it the second they open up an email, particularly if they have any kind of internet delays on loading something.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I think that's great. I think it's great that we can have both aspects and of course thank you for making it printable, because if people want to pick it up at the kiosk at the complex or at Public Works or at one of our buildings that we have that they can have access to, I think it's really important that we get the word out. So once again, thank you everybody.

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

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Yes. I wanted to say almost the same things. This is just a brilliant way to summarize information. It's so useful. You can get as much additional information as you want. You can get just the basic summary. It's so well laid out. It's a fabulous way to share information with the constituents. Thank you for the additional suggestion about how to share it in a newsletter, but just knowing that people can get it in a printed version but that they can also go to the County website and go through the story map and understand what they're voting for. This is wonderful and it's really well done. So thank you.

MR. OLAFSON: And again, I just want to thank the project team that I listed before. They did a fabulous job. It is very nice and very clean.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, for that. Any other comments or questions from the Commission?

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Just really quick, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Garcia.

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COMMISSIONER GARCIA: I appreciate you, Paul, sitting on the school board and sitting on the County Commission as into my grandma doesn't have social media. She doesn't have a cell phone, but as long as you can print it out and make it available for her, because she does vote. I take her to vote. She didn't want to vote in last year's but I take her to vote every year – two years ago – so I appreciate that, because there are individuals out there that aren't on social media. So I appreciate you looking out for those individuals. Thank you, Paul and your team.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia. So Manager Miller, did you have any other updates or was that it?

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, I do have more but I think Commissioner Hughes had a comment on this item.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Oh, Commissioner Hughes.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I just wanted to say that I agree. It's a fabulous tool and I hope you'll help us get it out so that people actually look at it. Because I think lots of times you go into the voting booth and that's the first time you see the bond questions and you sort of wonder, what is this? And if we can get that out to people they'll probably be a lot more comfortable voting for them. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: That's very true. The better informed our voters are the better it is for everybody, so thank you, Commissioners for all your comments. Back to you, Manager Miller.

MANAGER MILLER: Thank you, Mr. Chair and I want to thank Daniel Fresquez, Paul Olafson, the staff that worked on that, GIS. It's a really exceptional piece of public information and we haven't had anything quite that sophisticated. We've put maps together before but the video and the interactive map is I think a really nifty tool, particularly now that everybody's doing everything via the internet. So you can find all these things online and take a visit with Daniel Fresquez' amazing photography. So thank you.

So Mr. Chair, the next item, it's kind of three things relative to the COVID update. The other things were my general updates. The next are the COVID updates. As you know we started the public awareness campaign. Commissioner Hansen brought it up. I just want to say our contractors moved really quickly with the production and distribution of those public awareness materials. The three different posters, yard signs – those all have been produced to increase mask use, and then there's one of those that was specifically for businesses. We have also developed a small business card sized handout that provides information about our CONNECT program and we're handing those out at COVID testing sites as one more location where we can provide information on what resources are available through the CARES Act money and CONNECT.

Also, we are focused on a campaign that is going to be used for the northern part of the county and northern New Mexico. We've had a really good response on this campaign from businesses who've requested to put them on display, individuals who've wanted to put up the yard signs, and then we also had some really good coverage on KOB featuring the public information campaign this weekend. So I'd like to recognize Rachel and her staff and our contractor for getting that up and going and quickly distributed and thank you for that.

Also, as you know from the action items that we had on the agenda, Community

Services is in the process of issuing all those new contracts that were going to be out there trying to get as much community support in getting more food and housing opportunities for individuals who've been impacted by the pandemic and you saw the list of all of the contracts that we'll be awarding with quite a bit of funding to St. Elizabeth's, Interfaith and Pathways and Esperanza shelters to try to provide relief for the homeless individuals.

And also we'll have other contracts and behavioral health navigation and other things that support individuals in our community.

And then I'm hoping that Joseph Montoya is on line. Joseph, do you want to give a quick update for the public on the business. I know we talked about it in the Housing meeting but we have a different group of individuals who participate and watch these meetings, if you could give an update on the business opportunity grants and the housing opportunities.

JOSEPH MONTOYA (Housing Director): Sure, I'd be happy to. Thank you, Manager Miller. As you know, on the economic development side we had a joint proposal with the City of Santa Fe and the Town of Edgewood. We did not get all the funds we asked for. We actually asked for \$7 million; we came up with \$3.7 million. However, as was mentioned earlier, if we're successful in getting this money out quickly we may be able to reallocate some funds in this direction, because we know the business community is really hurting.

We will be providing up to \$15,000 per business for each grant. It won't go any higher than that although there's probably several businesses that will receive less than that. To be eligible for the grant itself you need to have a business address and a business license in the County of Santa Fe, the City of Santa Fe or within Edgewood. You can't have more than 50 employees and you have to prove that you had a 25 percent loss of revenue from March of this year to the March of last year. So it's important to be able to show that, so we'll be looking at a lot of financials in order to be able to put those grants in. That's a statutory requirement from the CARES Act itself.

Also, the businesses themselves cannot have more than \$2 million of revenue, as I previously mentioned. In addition, I wanted to say that at the end of our funding cycle, we do have priorities, so we wanted to prioritize even smaller businesses. So those businesses that have less than 25 people, less than \$1 million worth of revenue will be allocated specific funds. If in fact we are starting to run out of funds and we see that there's not going to be any more funds to be allocated. So we do have a priority item in that.

I have talked about businesses but a good portion of Santa Fe's economic is actually based with non-profit organizations, and so we are providing funds to those organizations that have 501(c)(3)s. So I just wanted to make that clear, that we've had several conversations with churches and other entities and 501(c)(4)s. We'll only be providing funds to 501(c)(3) organizations. Of course there are churches that do have 501(c)(3)s as part of their portfolio so in that area they'll be eligible.

Also, it's important to note that we are going to be providing funds to folks that are current on their taxes. You can't use these grant funds to be able to pay your taxes. I just wanted to make that clear; that is a question that had come up earlier, so those who participate, we will be checking whether or not they've paid their taxes or not, and they

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have to of course, their organization has to be in good standing with the state government in order to be allocated funds.

From a marketing perspective, the fact is that you now have approved these funds. Tomorrow morning we will be amending our webpage and letting folks know that these funds are going to be made available and we'll be providing more details as it goes on. We intend to have changes to our webpages on October 2nd, the 5th and the 7th, and then finally on the 9th. So as more information becomes available we will be providing that information. We are coordinating these allocations of information with the City of Santa Fe and the Town of Edgewood. And so we're all saying the same thing as has been previously noted. This is a joint program and we wanted to make sure that the entities that joined in with us also receive the due credit in actually assisting in providing for businesses in Santa Fe.

Both the Town of Edgewood and the City of Santa Fe have already passed the MOUs that you had approved earlier, so we're in good shape there, so we can instantly move forward with our partnerships and we will. And I just wanted to say, also just thanks to Manager Miller for making sure that this was a priority item for her and for us also, so it was very good to have her support in making these kinds of things happen and I think we're going to have a program that we can be proud of in terms of making sure that these funds roll out quickly and effectively. We've designed an internal program so that both our reviews and our allocations of funds will be done as quickly as possible. We know that businesses out there are hurting. And as mentioned earlier, the funds can be used for two areas, one for salaries – not the owners' salaries, but other folks' salaries, rent, mortgages, things of that nature, and of course in order to replaces PPEs or Plexiglas and things of that nature.

So if you have any other questions I'd be happy to answer but we did want to say thank you for your vote. Thank you for your confidence. We've made very good connections with both the City of Santa Fe and the Town of Edgewood. We're already working on new programming and new economic development programs in conjunction with the City. We feel, as was mentioned earlier, I think Commissioner Garcia mentioned, no one knows if you're in the city or county; we all live in the area and money doesn't stop in any one area. So it's vitally important that we continue to work closely with the City on economic development and housing programs.

I did want to also mention on the housing side, we also work very collectively with the City of Santa Fe on the housing site. Now, we did not do a joint application. What we did is a different tack there. We said what the City of Santa Fe would apply for is funds specifically for acquiring a motel. It's very needed. We're highly in support of this. If the purchase goes through these funds will be made available for a third party to be able to purchase a motel and provide needed assistance to the most needy in our community. So we're looking forward to that possibility. The motel is located in an area that I worked on when I was at the City of Santa Fe with the idea behind that particular area was to be the second plaza in accordance with the Law of the Andes, which is the first land use laws that the city and the area was first built on.

So as had been mentioned earlier at a previous meeting we will be providing funds – so the City of Santa Fe is going to be looking to actually acquire through a third party new facilities to be able to assist those in need, and then we will be providing – not

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vouchers, but we'll be providing assistance both for mortgages and for rental assistance, and those will be up to \$7,500 per household. Those two programs will be run through the Santa Fe County Housing Authority. In addition, we've worked closely with the Community Services Department through the CARES Act to be able to provide funding and more assistance to those who are more in need on a deeper level of subsidy and more assistance through human services functions.

So we're looking forward to getting that out. The due date on that program would be the 15th and we will be advertising the CARES Act funding through our partners and also, as you know, we all have many long-term relationships with landlords, right? We have over 300 landlords, effectively, that we deal with. So we're going to be actually contacting them and letting them know that if their folks are having problems they can contact them and contact us to be able to provide rental assistance, because it's not only the renters that are hurting; it's the people who own the buildings that are also not getting those funds. So it's really important for us to be able to make sure that both sides of the equations receive those funds in order so that our economy doesn't fall lower than it can or should. And I think we have a fairly healthy and robust economy. We can do a lot more and I think these funds will go a long way in promoting our ability to continue to support the residents of the City of Santa Fe and the County of Santa Fe and Edgewood.

MANAGER MILLER: Thank you, Joseph. I appreciate you giving that update. So I don't know if the Commissioners have any questions on that. I have two other quick things.

CHAIR ROYBAL: I don't have any questions. Do any of the other Commissioners? No? Okay, if we can move on.

MANAGER MILLER: Okay, so then as we've needed, and I've appreciated the Board's supporting me and the County being flexible during this whole COVID-19 with the CARES Act grant application. Typically we would have time to bring these large grant applications to the Board ahead of time, but we haven't. And there's another one that I want to commend the Clerk for getting, for obtaining, but I wanted to let the Board know that we received and I did accept a grant above my authority yesterday that was for \$667,000, almost \$678,000, to assist in the election, a COVID-safe election.

So the Clerk and Julia Valdez did a great, excellent job in getting this grant. It was one of these things we had to just jump in and apply for, but it's going to be what helps the Clerk fund a safe, COVID-free election. And so I did sign for the grant. I will bring that back to the Board to ratify my signature on that grant because my authority to accept a grant is \$500,000 but I wanted to make sure that we got it. And I did not have time to get it on the County Commission meeting because we literally found out about it, applied, and were awarded within a week to ten days. So I don't know if the Clerk wanted to add to that, but it helps us get equipment for processing absentee ballots, early voting sites, drop off options, the secure drop boxes, hazard pay, outreach materials and personnel that we did not have in our original election budget.

GERALDINE SALAZAR (County Clerk): Chair Roybal, Commissioners, this is the fastest I've ever witnessed in my life of a proposal being accepted and an immediate contract. I really appreciate Julia Valdez who stepped up to the plate to apply for this grant. I, being so busy, have had experience writing grants for this office had no

time at all. We're all very busy but Julia was able to jump in and put this together for us after several reviews with Steve and I, so it worked out to the benefit, I think to the voters in Santa Fe County. We're very happy, and we will utilize the funds. We appreciate the assistance from HR and Finance. It takes a lot of work. And just listening to all the projects and the work that the County employees are doing throughout it is amazing. Our staff, our office is so inundated with this election that this is one positive message that we received the other night that we were granted these funds.

So thank you to all and I will mention more later. Thank you, Manager Miller. We appreciate your assistance and we appreciate all the support that we have been receiving. Many times we feel like we're left alone on an island because of all the work that we have to do and many individual citizens, even other County departments really don't understand what we go through in this office to plan, prepare and implement an election, especially when we're so under the scrutiny of many. But we can't let that get to us at all. We have to keep going and doing what's important, and that is delivering democracy in Santa Fe County. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Madam Clerk. Go ahead, Manager Miller.

MANAGER MILLER: One last update. I know it's a lot but I had a lot of information. A lot has happened in three weeks. So the other thing that's happened in the last three weeks is we finished the move into 102 Grant, or back into 102 Grant. I want to thank the Public Works staff, IT staff and all of those who helped us get in there. The chambers are not complete. We estimate that the chambers will be furnished and equipped closer to the end of the month, but the offices, all the offices – HR, Risk, Finance, Purchasing, Legal, Commissioners, their liaisons, Manager's Office – all of us got in, completed moving in last week and up and running.

The building is not open to the public except by appointment. We do have the courtyard. People can come into the courtyard. They can obviously walk around the building, but hopefully we could, when the chambers are finished, we can find some way to do some kind of ribbon-cutting outside with tours or something to at least show off this beautiful rehabilitation project of 102 Grant. It really turned out amazing. From a 1938 John Gaw Meem building, and like I said, we still have little things to finish up, but I just wanted to let the Board and the public know we are now located back in 102 Grant.

And that concludes, Mr. Chair, my updates, and I stand for any questions that the Board may have.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Manager Miller. That was quite a bit of work, like you said. Definitely a busy couple of weeks that we had before this next meeting. So appreciate the update. I don't have any questions. I don't know if my fellow Commissioners have any questions or comments. Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Yes, I just want to thank the whole team for making the move go smoothly into 102 Grant and that everybody is getting settled into their new location, and I agree the building looks beautiful. And the courtyard is spectacular. So I just want to say thank you to everybody.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen. Thank you once again, Manager Miller for your update.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, I have a question.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Really quick. What if I don't like my office, Manager Miller? What do I do?

MANAGER MILLER: I guess you don't have to come into it.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: I'm just kidding. I can hardly wait till the general public goes in there. It's like an old house that got remodeled and looks awesome. Looks great. It's totally awesome. Great job, staff and Jaynes Construction and everybody else, all the subcontractors. Great job. So I can hardly wait till we open it up to the public. It's beautiful. I like it. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia. I couldn't agree enough. I like the way they opened up the courtyard to bring it back to its original footprint. It's really a beautiful facility and I'm really glad to see us bringing it back to its original footprint. Thank you for that update, Manager Miller.

7. 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: Is there anybody from the Commission? I'm going to go to Commissioner Hamilton and then I'll go to Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I only wanted to mention to anybody who's interested, in particular, obviously, the constituents in my district, this Saturday, October 3rd is the first Saturday of the month and so since we don't have any interfering holidays we will be having Coffee with the Commish from 9:00 to 11:00. I'll be sending out the meeting link to everybody who's on the mailing list and hope that anybody that's interested tunes in and tells me what's on their mind. Thanks, Mr. Chair.

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

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you. So it's actually been a busy three weeks for me. I was invited to participate in an oil and gas a virtual "fly-in" to Washington, DC where we spoke with our congressional delegation about the methane rule and things that are happening in New Mexico and protecting our environment. It was really great to see Senator Udall and Senator Heinrich. The both joined the call and one of the highlights was Kendra from the Diné Nation out near Chaco Canyon went out on the land and we were able to see behind her, so there is a benefit to being virtual to see where people are and it was really quite nice.

Another interesting comment that I got, and I think that it is really good that we started working with the City, is the Resilient Committee that I sit on with NACo it was mentioned that the vaccine might be distributed through the counties. I don't know how they plan to do this. This was something just from the White House. It was announced at this Resilient Committee meeting but I think that it's great that we've started a conversation with the City and the Town of Edgewood if we are going to be responsible and it seemed like an unfunded mandate when maybe the way it needs to be distributed

through the normal processes. That's all to be decided.

One of the things I do want to mention, I've had a number of noise complaints on 599, Via Abajo, that area. People have been constantly calling the office complaining about noise and so I want to just mention that.

I want to give a shout-out to Rachel O'Connor and her staff and all the work they are doing to man the kiosk and I want to thank all of our liaisons for helping with that over the last five months and that Community Service is going to be taking that on and I'm grateful for the work.

I wanted to also mention that I am really interested in possibly having a broadband task force developed. I think this pandemic and COVID have kind of laid us bare in the fact of how uneven and inadequate broadband is in Santa Fe County and of course in northern New Mexico. Even in Albuquerque. It was even slightly shocking on some of the virtual fly-ins with DC staffers that were at their home, which was right outside Washington, DC, that they had lousy broadband also. I think that broadband is one of the real issues that has come out of this pandemic that we all need to really start paying attention to.

Also, I've talked with Manager Miller about an Arts Committee and thinking about how we can get more art in County buildings.

And then – what else do I have on my list that I wanted to share? Oh, one of the wonderful things, and I hope Commissioner Hughes will be happy to hear this, but what I have found is that a number of HOAs in my district – Las Campanas and Rancho Viejo, which is not in my district but in Commissioner Hughes's district, have adopted the Pollinator Resolution and have started sharing it with their constituents. So I want to encourage my other Commissioners to share that resolution with HOAs in your district. Rancho Viejo, I didn't ask to share it with them; they came to me and asked me for a copy, which I was happy to share with them and then just getting it out into the community and making people aware of it and people seem to be incredibly receptive and open to this protection of pollinators and wanting to do things to improve their environment. I've gotten lots of emails from constituents all over the county wanting to know what they can plant and how they can encourage that and I tell them what not to use, also, that's really important.

Then I'm hoping – I mentioned this to Sara and I think I've mentioned it to the County Manager but I'm hoping we can start working on an Earth Day Resolution for 2021 and maybe do some of the planting that we weren't able to do in this last year because of the pandemic.

Then also I sit on the Northern Rio Grande National Heritage board and we had our annual meeting and we have elected Dr. Patricia Trujillo, who is a scholar and professor at Northern New Mexico College as the president and Doris Rivera, who works with the LANL Foundation is our vice president. I was selected secretary, and Councilor John Ricci is our treasurer. So we're very excited to start this new chapter. We've also moved out of the Oñate Center and into the City of Española. We moved into kind of a historic building that has been redone called – it was referred to as Willy's Pool Hall, but it's right in the center of Española, right behind the Chimayo Trading Post, and we're just moving into there. We also hired a new executive director, but that was six months ago, but she has moved us and I feel like the organization is starting to get a new lease on life

and we are seriously working on reauthorization, which is coming up for many of the heritage areas of the United States. I'm always looking for board members for this board. Charlotte Roybal, who is a Santa Fe community member has joined this board, the Northern Rio Grande National Heritage area board, so I was very excited about that.

I'm sure I've left something out but I appreciate everybody's effort and all the things we are doing. I am really grateful to all of Manager Miller's office and the presentation on the bonds and getting us moved back into 102 Grant. I'm very happy with my office and I know Sara is also. I think most of the liaisons are happy. We have a nice building. It's a very intimate space where all of us Commissioners and liaisons will be working side by side, something that since I've been a Commissioner has never actually – I've never had. So I find that great.

If I have more things to share with everyone I will put them in my newsletter and remember them for next time. But in the meantime, thank you everybody. Sara and I are talking about doing a virtual meeting but we haven't quite come up with a date yet so stay tuned and we will be doing a virtual meeting sometime soon. Thank you, really, to all the staff at the County for everything you do. It is impressive. Santa Fe County is doing really good work for the entire community and our constituents. I'm honored to be part of it. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen. Commissioner Hughes, did you have any announcements to share?

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'm glad to hear that District 5 is ahead of the game in terms of pollinators, so that's good to hear and we can challenge all the other homeowners associations to get on board.

I also just want to second the idea that we probably do need a task force to work on broadband. In my short time as Commissioner I've gotten many emails about the need for better broadband service in the county.

And then finally, I just want to announce that the first public meeting that I will be putting on will be October 1st, just in two days, at 5:30. I made the mistake of putting it out to my advisers to name it, because I thought Coffee with the Commish sounded really good and I wanted something equally good. They came up with Hour with Hank. So the first Hour with Hank is October 1st at 5:30 and I'll be happy to talk to my constituents and anybody else that wants to get on about what's of concern to them. Thank you. That's it, Mr. Chair.

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

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Yes, really quick. I'll just be short and sweet and to the point like I always am. So just really quick, Manager Miller and your entire staff, anybody from P.J. to the Finance people, Community Services, everybody, whenever you work the state legislators for many, many years and you have a Class A county – Santa Fe County is a Class A county. We're above the requirement. I used to appreciate it. It's really good whenever you go there. Like Santa Fe County, I miss challenging being a policymaker because there's a lot of individuals out there, being on the school board, a lot of individuals out there. Santa Fe County as a whole, we're doing great.

Piñon Elementary School got 35th in the nation for a great school. But I think our

constituents here in Santa Fe are very generous and we do an excellent job. Thank you for your team, Manager Miller. All your team, because sometimes I may question them or give them a little drilling of some sort but nonetheless, your team does an excellent job under your direction and I appreciate all the – and my office, what do I do with my office? Just joking. I love my office. It's a beautiful place, my new office. I just want to say, Katherine, you and your entire team do an excellent job. We're a Class A, and I appreciate that. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia, and I would echo the sentiments of all my Commissioners, recognizing staff and the accomplishments that we have had during this year, even given the circumstances of the pandemic that we're still in. I think we've done a great job. So I just want to extend my gratitude to staff as my fellow Commissioners have done as well. And even touch a little bit about Hank Hughes said about broadband. It's an issue for all of Santa Fe, at least a lot of the rural areas of Santa Fe County, northern Santa Fe County. We have huge issues with broadband and internet service, especially given the situation that we're in now. We have our school kids working from home and we also have a lot of our parents that are working from home as well. So it's something that I think we need to really focus on and try and get accomplished in the very near future so I appreciate Commissioner Hughes bringing that up.

Also, I did have a constituent that called in the La Puebla area that wanted to ask if there was any way that the County could put dumpsters out at different locations so that they could have a community cleanup day along some of the roads. They indicated they didn't mind doing that. They had a group of people that would want to do that but don't want to use their own punches to throw this trash, so I thought that would be something that we might be able to do as a county and I think it's a great idea throughout the county. There's a lot of areas that do have trash and if we have volunteers from the communities that are willing to go and find a day where they can go and clean up these roads I think that would be awesome to get that kind of community help from the community to keep these roadways as clean as possible.

And then just one more shout-out to the census. I think they've done a great job and I just want to say thank you once again to them. That's all that I have right now.

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

CHAIR ROYBAL: Right now I know we have our County Clerk, Ms .Geraldine Salazar do you have anything to share with the constituents.

CLERK SALAZAR: Yes, Chair Roybal. There's so much going on there's a lot to share. First of all, I'd like to wish Representative Jim Trujillo the best for his retirement. Jim Trujillo and Vicki Trujillo have been incredible allies of the Santa Fe County Clerk's Office for many years and allies of the staff and all the work that we do here. They have always, Vicki especially worked very hard when she was here in the office and was pretty amazing. And Representative Trujillo had always reached out to me and asked me if there was anything that they could do at the legislative level to assist the

County Clerk's Office and there were times when we were able to receive funds and we bought one of our largest copiers, which we call the rocket. And so those funds helped us and we still have the equipment.

In addition to that, after thinking about his retirement, I was reflecting when Manager Miller was mentioning an elected officials and how long they had been with the County, I had never heard that before but I thought, well, this is interesting. I know that I started as Santa Fe County Clerk on January 14, 2008. It's been an incredible adventure. I love what I do. I do get exhausted but the work that we do here is so important and it's really nice when I receive appreciation and acknowledgements from my staff for all the hard work. Yes, I do receive many complaints, but it has to do with the atmosphere and people's concern because they want to vote.

So as I explain to my staff is that people are out there listening to the news, listening to others, very concerned, and so they are going to be upset at times. But what's important for us to understand that it not about us personally, it's about their right to vote. And so it's important that we communicate with all of our customers, with all of the voters that we can. Even though we're inundated we still have to ensure that people's right to vote is exercised.

So reflecting on all these years that I've been here and all the work now that the County is doing with regards to COVID, COVID-19 has really presented to us a lot of the vulnerabilities that we have from broadband to healthcare to mental healthcare, even elections. So I think it's an opportunity for us to perfect what we do as a government. So we can't see everything 100 percent negatively. We have to see that these are opportunities for us to improve what we're doing.

And after that, I'd like to mention to voters in Santa Fe County that voter registration closes Tuesday, October 6th at 5:00 pm. Absentee in person voting will begin Tuesday, October 6th through Saturday, October 31st, and this year we will have it, thank you to the City of Santa Fe who negotiated with us and accepted our request to utilize the convention center across the street. We will be using the lobby area for early voting and we will be using the rooms in the back, E and F, for the absentee board, which will provide us with a much larger space so that we can truly social distance and so that no one is cramped and they can do the work that they need to do. We can better monitor and also open up the doors to those who are challenges and watchers and even the media, but ensure that the safety of the absentee board is also taken care of.

When we were in the warehouse for the 2020 primary it was very difficult, and so now I think we have a great opportunity to do our work and still have people observe, but within a model of what we're under right now, and that is the COVID-19 pandemic. And I feel much better with regards to having this at the Santa Fe Community Convention Center right across the street and absentee and person voting will occur there, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. We will be closed Monday, October 12, 2020, and there will be a Saturday that we will be open, October 31st, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm.

In addition to that, we will be having in person same-day voter registration on Wednesday, October 7th through Saturday, October 31st. Photo ID will be required for in person same-day voter registration. This will be held at the County Clerk's Office. We need to have it at the office because of the equipment we need to get into the voter registration files, and that will occur Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. The

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office will be closed Monday, October 12, 2020, and we will be open Saturday, October 31st, 10:00 to 6:00 pm.

Eventually we will be having alternate early voting convenience centers throughout Santa Fe County. We will have eight, and that will begin October 17th on a Saturday and end October 31st on a Saturday. Those hours of early voting, which I think are excellent hours for our voters in Santa Fe County because people can take off from lunch at 12 or even go home and have a meal with their family, and then vote up until 8:00 pm in the evenings. So those days are Tuesday through Friday, 12 noon to 8:00 pm in the evening, and then also Saturdays 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. And the alternate sites of early voting locations are going to be the Abedon Lopez Community Center in Santa Cruz, the Christian Life Church in Santa Fe, and this is the second time we're using the Town of Edgewood's administrative office in Edgewood. We held the primary election there and also too their very own special election there and it worked out very well. The Town of Edgewood discussed with me that they would guarantee that we could have continuous service, that if the electricity should go down they would have backup generators for us, so I'm looking forward to that. That was exciting news.

We will also have an early voting site at the Max Coll Corridor Community Center in Eldorado. Then the Pojoaque satellite office at the Pojoaque Pueblo Plaza. In addition to that, the Santa Fe County Fair building in Santa Fe, and the new – for the primary, and we will utilize again is the Southside Library in Santa Fe on Jaguar Drive, which is excellent, because we know, when we look at statistics of city elections and county elections that this is the area where there is the least participation. So we're excited to have this again at the Southside Library. The librarian and others, their management have been very supportive of us and have greatly helped us to achieve this new alternate site for early voting.

And as time goes on I will mention more and more information. Thank you all and we appreciate the positive feedback that we do get, although as I mentioned before we are under a lot of scrutiny. There's a lot of stress, and I understand that. But let's concentrate on what the goal is and that is to participate in an election, which is when you participate this is part of the foundation of our democracy. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Madam Clerk, we appreciate the update and I'm sure your constituents appreciate it as well so thank you very much. So I didn't see any other elected officials but I just want to open it up one last time to any of the elected officials that I may have missed. I did scroll through everybody that is currently on line. Is there any other elected officials that would like to make a public announcement to your constituents. Okay, hearing none, I'm going to go ahead and close that item.

I do want to go to Katherine really quick. Manager Miller, can you give the information out for the public meeting that we'll be having on Thursday?

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, let me call on Greg to do that, because he probably knows it off the top of his head. I would have to go pull up the actual press release. Greg, are you available to give that information?

MR. SHAFFER: Yes, I am, Mr. Chair, Manager Miller. The information concerning the Webex meeting which is staff-driven to provide information to the public and get feedback on certain aspects of the road settlement agreements with

the pueblos of Nambe, Pojoaque, Tesuque and San Ildefonso is on the County website, and I believe, if you go to the main page you will see, under recent news, a notice of a meeting – Road settlement agreements with pueblos of Nambe, Pojoaque, San Ildefonso and Tesuque and it includes in that notice a link via which you can join the meeting, which is again scheduled for Thursday, October 1st at 6:00 pm.

With regards to those that do not have internet access I can state for the record what the call-in information is, though again, that is available on line and was also emailed out to District 1 residents. The call-in information for the meeting is 1-408-418-9388. The access code is: 146 321 1183. And the password is: PRxwCtuu665. So again, the password is: PRxwCtuu665. And again, this is a public Webex meeting led by Santa Fe County staff to discuss implementation of the road settlement agreements with the pueblos of Nambe, Pojoaque, Tesuque and San Ildefonso, and the purpose of the meeting is to update the public on the implementation of the road settlement agreements generally, and the interim permits to be issued by the Pueblo de San Ildefonso specifically. This is not a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners but again, is a staff-driven meeting to provide that information to the public and to receive feedback from the public and field questions from the public. Let me know if you'd like me to provide any additional information, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Greg. I think that was adequate. I was wondering if there was any way at the end of this meeting that we can bring it up on the screen so anybody from the public or from the district would be able to see that information and jot it down. I know we did announce it verbally but if there's any way, Mr. Fresquez, maybe you could put it up on the screen just temporarily after the meeting adjourns so that people can actually write down those numbers of they'd like them.

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, when we go into executive session, when we go into another meeting, they could put it on the screen while we're in executive session.

CHAIR ROYBAL: That would be perfect. Thank you, Manager Miller. Commissioner Hansen, did you have a question?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: No, I was just going to suggest that same thing. I think that's a good idea. Isn't it on the website?

CHAIR ROYBAL: Yes, it is on our website as well.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Okay. Good. Thank you everybody. Appreciate it.

7. C. Resolution No. 2020-74, a Resolution Repealing Resolution Nos. 2014-127 and 2017-75 and Declaring Santa Fe County's Intent to Not Acquire the Real Property Described in those Resolutions for the Mt. Chalchihuitl Open Space Project

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair. First I want to acknowledge all the emails that I've received about this issue, and so I want to say unequivocally that I really do appreciate the historical significance of the Mt. Chal site – that's as good as I can get the pronunciation, as I think the County truly does. Accordingly, I feel like the County has put years and years of sincere good faith effort to achieve our original intent of acquiring these properties.

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I'm bringing this resolution forward because after all this long effort we are clearly at an impasse. Since despite all our good faith efforts we can't achieve our original intended goal we need to take this action. The particulars of the impasse we're at are clearly stated in the resolution. They include a very big discrepancy in the dollar value of the properties and the real possibility of not having nearly enough funding to achieve the goals and the associated ongoing contemplated remediations. I think that not moving forward with this resolution is not a neutral option; it has potential impacts. So I respectfully request support in this resolution, and Mr. Chair, I'd like to move to approve the resolution. Thank you.

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

CHAIR ROYBAL: Go ahead, Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Really quick, I respect Commissioner Hamilton bringing the resolution forward and I certainly understand where she's coming from. I'd really like staff for the record to explain – in 2012 we passed a bond. The bond was actually to purchase Mt. Chal – not the property that we're talking about in the resolution but I would like staff to report to the public as into this isn't about purchasing Mt. Chal. It's actually about the Aitken's property, which is about Mt. Chal, and what this resolution did is – correct me if I'm wrong, Katherine, please, Manager Miller – so what we did is the Board back in those days passed a resolution. We're going to condemn this property. Okay? We're going to condemn it. Or we did or didn't.

And so we actually did an appraisal on the property and the appraisal came in at so much, and they did an additional appraisal. The appraisal came in at three or four times as what we felt our certified appraisal was worth. So this isn't about Mt. Chal. It is and it isn't about Mt. Chal. This is actually about the property, Brad Aitken's property, we know it's Brad Aitken's property. And so this is because – and Greg Shaffer, Attorney Shaffer, correct me if I can talk about this or not. So this is actually about a piece of property that we both have done an appraisal on, and their appraisal came in four or five times what our certified appraisal came in at.

So their attorney is actually say, because the County put this resolution together seven years ago, now my property is not worth anything because you guys have this condemn information on my property. So this isn't about Mt. Chal. This is about the property before Mt. Chal that we need access to get to there in order to buy it. So this is – Manager Miller, or Attorney Shaffer, can you please explain that to the general public as to Mr. Aitken's attorneys are saying now my property is not valued at anything because the County passes a resolution eight years ago that –

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Garcia, I think it would be best if Greg actually explains what this resolution does.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: But I think we need a second.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Manager Miller, Commissioner Garcia. Attorney Shaffer, would you like to?

MR. SHAFFER: So Mr. Chair, Commissioners, as set forth in the resolution in front of you today, the Board of County Commissioners had in the past via two separate resolutions authorized the County Manager to acquire two properties related to the Mt. Chal open space project. The first property is, as Commissioner Garcia stated, what we generally refer to as the Aitken property. The second property is the property on

which the Mt. Chal mine is actually located and we often refer to that as the Glockhoff property.

Per the County's plan for the Mt. Chal open space project, it was necessary for the County to acquire adequate real property interests, which we ultimately defined as fee title for both of those properties, and further, in a separate resolution, the Board of County Commissioners authorized the County Attorney to pursue condemnation of the two properties if we were unable to negotiate, or if the County Manager was unable to negotiate their acquisition in a timely manner.

So on top of that, the County's acquisition of the properties was contingent upon the County's successful participation in the voluntary remediation program overseen by the New Mexico Environment Department. So with that by way of background, the County was unable to successfully negotiate for the acquisition of either property. The County Manager was more directly involved in the negotiations relative to the Glockhoff property than I was, but my recollection is that while an agreement was signed to purchase that property various contingencies were not met and could not be met by the property owner.

So again, we've been unable to negotiate the acquisition of either property per the previous direction from the Board, and further, as is set forth in the resolution and explained by Commissioner Hamilton, there is, number one, not a firm estimate on the remediation cost associated with the Mt. Chal property. We don't have a final remediation plan approved by the NMED to the best of my knowledge, and we've never bid out that work, so we don't know what the work we anticipate doing would actually cost. And further, as we know from our previous experience attempting to remediate environmental conditions, your best and good faith estimates can prove pretty far off the mark once you start doing the actual remediation work.

So I think as expressed in the resolution, when you add it all up we haven't been able to negotiate the acquisition of the two necessary properties, and specifically as it relates to the Aitken property there's a sizable difference, in excess of a million dollar difference, in opinion as to the value of his real property. And when you add on to the estimated cost of the remediation, which is not firm, the project is significantly under budget as it currently stands.

So I think it's for all of those reasons, as I understand it, that Commissioner Hamilton brought forward the resolution, and what the resolution would do is repeal the previous resolutions that authorized the County Manager to negotiate for the acquisition of the properties and would repeal the resolution that authorized the County Attorney to initiate condemnation proceedings and affirmatively declare that at this point in time the County does not intend to move forward with the Mt. Chal open space program.

And so it is to, I guess, put the matter bluntly, to get us out of the middle ground that we're currently in where we've been instructed to do certain things but we don't have the resources necessary to do them and declare an end to the project after years of effort to implement it. So again, that's my understanding of what the sponsor of the resolution intended to do and the reasons for it, and what the resolution in my view actually does.

So I would be pleased to answer any specific questions, and again, I would defer to the County Manager to anything that she wants to add relative to the Glockhoff

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transaction that did not materialize.

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

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: So once again, Mr. Chair, I understand what Commissioner Hamilton is bringing forward and I understand it. I was under the impression that it was just the resolution they're bringing forward to take off the requirement to actually buy Brad Aitken's property and not to get rid of the two pieces of property, as not to buy it from the open space bond that we passed in 2012.

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Manager Miller.

MANAGER MILLER: So the two properties, based on the County's approach to remediating Mt. Chal property or the Glockhoff property are tied together. You can't access the Glockhoff property unless you acquire the Aitken property. There is no access to the property at all. It's landlocked. The access and the pit for putting the tailings, which was our proposed way of trying to clean up the property if we acquired it are on Aitken's property. The Aitken property is the one we have been unsuccessful in negotiating any reasonable acquisition.

In addition, as Mr. Shaffer said, we did have a purchase agreement on the Glockhoff property and one of those contingencies was we'd need to acquire the Aitken property. So we can't acquire the Glockhoff property without acquiring the Aitken property and as I said, this is just a 20-year circular issue of trying to acquire both and then on top of it, whatever the unknown cleanup costs could be. It's in the millions and we don't know the extent of that cleanup what we would need to do and what we would be liable for from the point that if we were to acquire it what that liability would be.

So the two properties are, as it stands now, inextricably tied together.

KARLA KNUTSON: May I interrupt? I'm not sure what the protocol is here.

CHAIR ROYBAL: If you're a member of the public you can't speak at this point.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: So really quick, Mr. Chair. Manager Miller, I understand. I get it. I understand. So one of the things is, once again, I do respect the Commissioner bringing this forward. However, so the last meeting we had was about a month ago, whenever we were going to write a letter to the Environment Department or not so see if we could actually – what they would require, that fund that Commissioner Hamilton talked about, what it would potentially cost to clean it up. So did we ever write that letter to the Environment Department?

And I understand the whole middle property with Mr. Aitken's property in the middle, because we need access to his property in order to get to – one of the things against, it's the oldest turquoise mine in northern America, right? So did we write that letter to the Environment Department and where are we at with that?

MR. SHAFFER: Mr. Chair, we have been in communication with the Environment Department since the meeting you arranged, Commissioner, and we did share with them data that we felt we were at liberty to share relative to testing of soils on the Cerrillos Hills Park site. And so we did follow up and have been in communication with them, but there was not a letter addressed to them specifically to any particular funding that they might pursue independently. I don't know if Paul Olafson who is also

on the line would want to add anything additional relative to his understanding of where things stand with the Environment Department and other options they might pursue independent of the County, but I would yield the floor to him, if there is information that he would like to share, including an email that was potentially provided to him yesterday by a member of the community.

MR. OLAFSON: Mr. Chair, Commissioners, Mr. Shaffer, so you're correct. We have reached out to the Environment Department. We did share with them the data we were able to share and they are reviewing it. I know in speaking with staff there they have reached out to EPA and discussed it internally within their organization as well and they are reviewing their options. I don't know if any option is chosen at this point. I was told they need to continue to look at those options to try and explore possibilities. But nothing has been concluded at this point, to my knowledge.

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

CHAIR ROYBAL: Go ahead, Commissioner Garcia, but I do want to – I think Commissioner Hamilton made a motion and I do want to go ahead and second that motion, but go ahead and say your other information you need to bring forward, Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Okay, so we have a motion and a second, obviously. So my – I assumed that this was actually take the resolution that was passed by the Commission six, eight years ago for Mr. Aitken's property to condemn it. I never realized that it was actually for both properties, Mt. Chal as well as Mr. Aitken's property. And so now I guess the resolution, the way it states, the way the Attorney is stating it as so this is we're going to bail out. We're not going to pursue Mt. Chal again. Is that correct?

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Garcia, the resolution – this essentially rescinds the resolution that was passed previously, which is the entire – the two properties. As I said we could sit there with the resolution saying we're going to still continue to try to purchase the Mt. Chal property, the Glockhoff property, but that's the property that also has the contamination. And without the Aitken property we don't have a proposed method to clean it up. So the cost of the cleanup for Mt. Chal is beyond the budget that we have. The cost for the acquisition of the Aitken property is beyond the budget we have.

We have as staff come to a point where we're not able to move forward with the acquisition of either property. So as I said, the resolution that's being put forward basically undoes the authorization that was given to County staff years ago to acquire or condemn both properties.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Hughes, you have a question, sir?

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I think I had the same concern and I did want to make a slight amendment to the resolution that I think addresses my concern and part of Commissioner Garcia's concern, which I did share with Commissioner Hamilton earlier today. Is this an appropriate time to propose my amendment?

CHAIR ROYBAL: The motion and the second have already went through but you can propose it and see if the individuals that made the motion will accept that amendment.

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COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Okay. Thank you. So my amendment would just be to add a number 4 under the "Therefore" that would say: Nothing in this resolution precludes the County or its elected officials from potentially exploring or supporting alternative endeavors by others to remediate and/or protect the Mt. Chalchihuitl mine site and the property on which it is located.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I actually think Commissioner Hansen had her hand up first.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay, Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: So I would like Commissioner Hughes to read it again.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Oh, to read it again,

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Yes.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Okay. Nothing in this resolution precludes the County or its elected officials from potentially exploring or supporting alternative endeavors by others to remediate and/or protect the Mt. Chalchihuitl mine site and the property on which it is located.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Is that okay with you, Commissioner Hansen?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: So are you saying – I just want to be as clear as possible. You're not saying – you are saying that anybody else could possibly buy this property and protect it and that we would not interfere. Is that –

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Yes, Commissioner Hansen. It also says, I think, that we as elected officials or County staff could assist people in that effort. In an effort by others.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I don't totally object to that amendment. For the most part I find it unnecessary. Anybody can propose any project in the future but I disagree. I think the problem I have, the more times you read it, and what Commissioner Hansen took away was that the statement that was made, we would help with that. I actually object to that interpretation and if that's what you're intending to imply, because I don't know what that means. It's very vague. We would help somebody? I don't consider this resolution that was characterized by Commissioner Garcia as that we're bailing on this. I didn't use the word "impasse" lightly. We are unable to move forward with this. There are no viable options to achieve what we intended to achieve. We have tried and tried and no matter how many times we say that, no matter what we've done to try to do this, we have tried to achieve this and can't.

It is now way beyond our current funding capacity and there is no agreement on values. We have no – when we have come across difficulties we have proposed numerous solutions. They have been unsuccessful. We are now in limbo. We can't move forward and the only logical thing to do is to make the break, to rescind those resolutions, and should things change in the future anybody is free to take some additional action. But right now we cannot do that. So to make that simple statement and add it to the resolution, to state the obvious it might be okay, but it doesn't mean that we are going to continue this and help other people to do this project.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: So really quick, Mr. Chair.

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CHAIR ROYBAL: Real quick, Commissioner Garcia. I don't think Commissioner Hansen was quite done and should have probably stuck with her. So Commissioner Hansen, let me just let her finish and then I'll come to you, Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Mr. Shaffer, I would like your comments on this addition to the "Therefore."

MR. SHAFFER: My understanding is that what Commissioner Hughes is suggesting is to add language that says we're not foreclosing the possibility of considering and potentially even supporting the efforts of others to protect and remediate Mt. Chal. Nothing in here precludes that, but we're also not agreeing to do anything. All it's saying is that there is this abstract possibility that could exist, but what it does state that it's not going forward in the direction that was conceived to date, which is the County acquiring the real property and moving forward with an open space project. That's what I understand the language to mean is that there could be other efforts by others to accomplish similar objectives through other means but that we would not be leader on that, but someone could approach the County about potential participation. But again, that would be other-driven, not County-driven, is what I understand the language to mean.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Go ahead, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Commissioner Hughes, is that what your amendment says?

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Yes. Mr. Chair, Commissioner Hansen, that is exactly what it is meant to say.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Okay.

CHAIR ROYBAL: So we probably need clarity if we captured that correctly. If the person that made the motion, the Commissioner that made the motion is willing to accept that amendment. Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Just really quick, Thank you, Mr. Chair. Commissioner Hughes, very well point. But what if you find some individual out there or individuals that say we're going to clean it up. We want to buy it as open space. So there's the opportunity to keep it open and have the opportunity for some other organization or somebody else. So, you know what? We're going to invest money to clean it up. Just like we have the gold mine up there that we're still working on the last many, many years. However, this is actually to remove the condemnation of the purchase of the property for those two properties. So that means, as Commissioner Hughes says, we can still be interested in buying the property and still from somebody else could help us out. We may or may not actually clean it up. However, this resolution just states we're taking the condemnation out of these two properties, and that's what we're doing. And the property could still sit out there and if we find somebody however to clean it up then let it be and they'll do it. So I agree with his amendment. If the motion of the resolution is amenable to that. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia. Any other discussion, comments from the Board? Commissioner Hamilton. Let me go to Commissioner Hughes because I think that you should probably be last at that. Commissioner Hughes.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Yes. I just wanted to add that I wanted to do this amendment because I realize that probably we need to pass this resolution. Whether or not the County buys this property in the near term isn't really affected because that's not going to happen whether or not we pass this. But I think that people who read the resolution took this as a total giving up on ever preserving of an important site and I just want to add something that says we're not – we're realizing that this is important to people and even though we can't do it, we recognize that others may want to pursue this.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you for that comment, Commissioner Hughes. Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: On that basis I am willing to accept that amendment. But this does rescind both of those prior resolutions so that it takes us out of this no man's land of not being able to do anything as originally intended. And so it does stop the County's current effort at pursuing this.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you, Commissioner Hamilton. So I'm assuming that your motion is going to include the extra line item that Commissioner Hughes has recommended.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Yes. And I assume your second does?

CHAIR ROYBAL: Yes. My second will as well.

MR. SHAFFER: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Mr. Shaffer, yes.

MR. SHAFFER: If I could, if you give me a moment I think I might have the capability to broadcast that language, in which case everybody can view it, so that we know that we've got it right. So that when we prepare the final version of the resolution it will include exactly what was read and stated, so bear with me one second.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: In the meantime, Mr. Chair, I believe that we need to vote on the amendment first and at that to the resolution and then vote on the resolution.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Is that acceptable, Attorney Shaffer, for us to vote on it before we have the verbiage?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: No, no. We have to wait for the verbiage. Then we have to vote on the amendment to the resolution and then vote on the final resolution. Is that correct, Mr. Shaffer?

MR. SHAFFER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Hansen, there was a motion to approve the resolution as presented, which was seconded by the Chair. And so there was a friendly amendment proposed by Commissioner Hughes that the motion include additional verbiage and that was accepted by the maker of the motion and was accepted by the seconder. So I don't believe a separate vote is required. That's the motion that's before the Board.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Okay. Thank you. I just wanted to be clear, because I sit on other boards that I have all these issues with so I appreciate you making that clear.

CLERK SALAZAR: County Attorney Shaffer.

MR. SHAFFER: Yes, Madam Clerk.

CLERK SALAZAR: Yes, thank you. So tomorrow, the language that has

been amended, that piece of the document or the resolution could be delivered to the Clerk's Office, for a complete record? Okay?

MR. SHAFFER: Yes. The document that will be delivered will be a revised resolution on brown paper that will include the final language if it's adopted by the Board, and here I'm going to share my screen. Can everyone see the proposed language?

CHAIR ROYBAL: Yes. Do you want me to read it into the record?

MR. SHAFFER: Yes, you can, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: So the fourth bullet on this resolution is going to read: Nothing in this resolution precludes the County or its elected officials from potentially exploring or supporting alternative endeavors by others to remediate and/or protect the Mt. Chalchihuitl mine site and the property on which it is located.

CLERK SALAZAR: Excellent. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: So Mr. Chair, really quick, question.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay, Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: So was that after the "Now, therefore"? Or is that just now, whereas, whereas, whereas? Is that after the "Now, therefore"?

MR. SHAFFER: Mr. Chair, as I understand it, and Commissioner Garcia, it would be paragraph 4 after the "Now, therefore, be it resolved." So again, for the record, the resolution that authorized the County Manager to negotiate for the acquisition of the two properties is repealed. The resolution that authorizes the County Attorney to bring condemnation actions for the two properties is repealed under this resolution, and the resolution states that the Board has no intention to acquire the real property identified in those resolutions or to otherwise move forward with the Mt. Chal open space project. Paragraph 3 provides that although the County is not responsible for the remediation of the property on which the Mt. Chal mine is located nothing in this resolution precludes County staff from providing data to NMED to assist NMED with environmental assessment or remediation of that property, and then the new paragraph 4 is as stated.

So again, this resolution does rescind the authority of staff to move toward voluntary acquisition of the property or to condemn it, and it does state the Board's intent not to move forward with Mt. Chal open space project but as amended it suggests that the County could possibly consider and support efforts by others directed at the Mt. Chal mine and the property on which it sits.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you, Attorney Shaffer. So we do have a motion and a second. I'm going to go to a roll call vote.

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

9. INFORMATION ITEMS/MONTHLY REPORTS

- A. Human Resources Monthly Report**
- B. Public Safety Monthly Report**
- C. Growth Management Department Monthly Report**
- D. Community Services Department Monthly Report – September 2020**
- E. Finance and Purchasing Monthly Report**

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F. Public Works Monthly Report -- August 2020

8. 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. Potential Sustainable Land Development Code Enforcement Actions**
 - 2. *Santa Fe 330 Investments, LLC v. the County of Santa Fe and Board of County Commissioners and Related Litigation***

CHAIR ROYBAL: So now I'll entertain a motion to go into executive session, item #8.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: So moved.

MR. SHAFFER: Mr. Chair, if I could, before we have a second of the motion –

CHAIR ROYBAL: If you could give us a summarization that would be great.

MR. SHAFFER: I'd be happy to, Mr. Chair. The executive session this evening would be for the purposes of discussing 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 the matters to be discussed are potential Sustainable Land Development Code enforcement actions and *Santa Fe 330 Investments, LLC v. the County of Santa Fe and Board of County Commissioners* and related litigation.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you for that summarization, Attorney Shaffer. And I think we're okay with all of the reports this evening unless the Commissioners have any comments. I just want to thank staff for the reports that they gave us and I think that we're okay with letting staff go.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I would be happy to second the motion, assuming it's a motion to go into executive session to discuss the matters as described by Attorney Shaffer.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Yes, that is correct. So we have a motion from

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Commissioner Hughes. Is that okay with you as the motioner, Commissioner Hughes, as going into executive session for the items that were summarized by Attorney Shaffer?

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: That’s correct. That was my motion.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. So we have a motion from Commissioner Hughes and a second from Commissioner Hamilton. I’m going to go to a roll call vote. Clerk Salazar.

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

Commissioner Garcia	Aye
Commissioner Hamilton	Aye
Commissioner Hansen	Aye
Commissioner Hughes	Aye
Commissioner Roybal	Aye

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: So seeing as we have nothing else on the agenda is it possible that we can adjourn from executive session?

CHAIR ROYBAL: That’s exactly what I was going to ask Attorney Shaffer. Nothing that is on our executive session is going to need for us to come out and vote, is that correct?

MR. SHAFFER: That is correct, Mr. Chair, though given the previous request that we broadcast information about the public meeting on the roads settlement agreement while we’re in executive session I might respectfully suggest that we go through the steps of coming back to the open session just to adjourn so that then staff knows when to take that down and that we can announce that meeting again, if that’s okay with everybody.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Sure that’s fine.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you.

[The Commission met in executive session from 6:56 to 7:29.]

CHAIR ROYBAL: Hello, do we have everybody back on the BCC meeting?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Yes, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Yes.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I would like to make a motion to adjourn.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Can you first make a motion to come out of executive session?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I apologize. I would like to make a motion to come out of executive session and the only things that we spoke about were what Attorney Shaffer presented in the presentation at the beginning and the motion.

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

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Second.
CHAIR ROYBAL: And a second from Commissioner Garcia.


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

10. CONCLUDING BUSINESS
- A. Announcements
 - B. Adjournment

Following motion by Commissioner Hansen and second by Commissioner Hamilton, and with no further business to come before this body, Chair Roybal declared this meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.




Approved by:


Board of County Commissioners
Henry Roybal, Chair

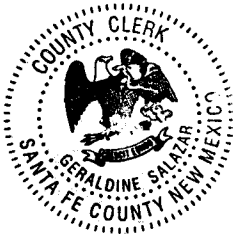
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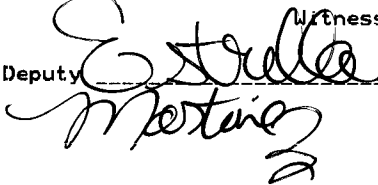
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