

SANTA FE COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING

May 27, 2025

1. A. This special meeting of the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners Board was called to order at approximately 2:00 p.m. by Chair Camilla Bustamante in the County Commission Chambers, 102 Grant Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

B. Roll Call

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

Members Present:

Commissioner Camilla Bustamante, Chair
Commissioner Lisa Cacari Stone, Vice Chair
Commissioner Justin Greene
Commissioner Hank Hughes
Commissioner Adam Johnson

Members Excused:

None

- C. Pledge of Allegiance**
- D. State Pledge**
- E. O'ga P'ogeh Owingeh Land Acknowledgement**
- F. Moment of Reflection**

The Pledge of Allegiance and the State Pledge were led by Chair Bustamante. She acknowledged that this building and Santa Fe County as being in the original homeland of the Tewa people also known as O'ga P'ogeh Owingeh, "White Shell Watering Place." The Moment of Reflection was led by Emma Felt of the County Manager's Office.

G. Approval of Agenda

MANAGER SHAFFER: Thank you, Madam Chair and Commissioners. The only change to the agenda as presented is the withdrawal of item 7A, that presentation will be postponed to a future meeting of the Board of County Commissioners after it is given to the Water Policy Advisory Committee for feedback relative to the presentation and issues that it raises. Otherwise, I'd simply note that the

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initial agenda for today's meeting was posted on Tuesday, May 20th and the amended agenda was posted on Friday, May 23rd at approximately 3 p.m.

Upon motion by Commissioner Hughes and second by Commissioner Johnson, the agenda was unanimously [5-0] approved by voice vote.

H. Years of Service, Retirements, and New Hire Recognitions

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Manager Shaffer.

MANAGER SHAFFER: Thank you, Chair Bustamante and Commissioners. I wanted to take a moment at the beginning of this meeting to recognize both new team members as well as those who are recognizing significant milestones and anniversaries with Santa Fe County.

Starting with those anniversaries, I wanted to acknowledge that Marshall Dean is celebrating his fifth anniversary during the month of May with Santa Fe County. Marshall is employed at our Regional Emergency Communications Center.

We have two employees who are celebrating 10 years of service with the County during the month of May; those are Shane Martinez in the Public Works Department in Project and Facilities Management/Open Space and Kenneth Quintana in the Community Development Department. Congratulations to Marshall, Shane and Kenneth. I appreciate their years of service to the County and our community.

With regard to new hires, there's a month lapse in terms of reporting or delay so I'm giving you information relative to the month of April. We had by my count 11 new County employees as well as two new volunteer firefighters. I'll start with the two volunteer firefighters. First, the volunteer firefighter: Othan Ouenes and Stephanie Sand, both starting the month of April as volunteer firefighters with Santa Fe County. We appreciate their service to our community.

In terms of new employees: Elizabeth Houghton, joined the Community Development Department as a sustainability specialist. In our County Clerk's Department, Pierce Jones began work as an election administrative specialist. In the County Manager's Office in the Finance Division, Margaret Lopez joined our team as an accountant. In the Community Services Department, Rosemary Bailey joined the team as department administrator. In the Administrative Services Division I believe of public Safety, Vanessa Benavidez joined the team as an accountant. We have two new detention officers in the Corrections Division, Nicole Martinez and Luis Sanchez Paredez. In Public Works, Avion Rivera joined the team as a maintenance technician. In the Sheriff's Department, we had two sheriff deputy cadets, Sophia Apodaka Morales and Layla Centron and also a new secretary senior in the Sheriff's Office. Veronica Rivera.

So again congratulations to those who are recognizing significant years of service anniversaries with the County and welcome to our new volunteer firefighters and County employees.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Manager Shaffer. And thank you all to those of you who have just started working with the County and we're grateful to have you. And for those of you who are now celebrating an anniversary, thank you for your committed service to our communities. It matters, thank you. All right.

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I. Recognition of Employees for Awards, Accreditations, Recognitions, and Other Accomplishments.

MANAGER SHAFFER: Thank you, Chair Bustamante and Commissioners. I did want to recognize Daniel E Fresquez and Sara Smith from the County Manager's Office on their successful completion of the 2025 Leadership Santa Fe program. This program spans eight weekends between September and April combining hands-on leadership training with in-depth civic education. Participants gain valuable insights into local government community challenges as well as collaborative problem solving.

I want to acknowledge and congratulate Daniel and Sara both for completing this course as well as for their commitment to professional growth and public service. We make it a point to invest in our employees and always want to encourage employees to seek out and avail themselves of growth opportunities.

It's particularly noteworthy because Daniel and Sara both are incredibly hardworking and busy team members and they still found the time and made the commitment to pursue this program to include again time volunteered on weekends. So congratulations to Daniel and Sara and they also had the mispleasure of sitting through a lunch course offered by a bald county manager that won't be named [laughter] but in any event I wanted to commend them for sticking through that as well. Congratulations Daniel and Sara.

[Applause]

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Do we have any comments from the Commissioners? Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Madam Chair. I just want to give a shout out to Daniel and Sara for taking leadership. I did leadership about a -- not quite a decade six years ago and it was a great experience. I encourage anybody else at Santa Fe County to do it. I think we should have representation from the County in every cohort there because at the end of the day I actually depend on my cohort now nine years later for all sorts of different asks and resources and insights. It is one of the best programs here locally and I encourage somebody to do it next. So please if you need a recommendation or a referral Sara and Daniel could do it but I'll do it too. So it's a it's a great program Thank you and Congratulations.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Commissioner. Anyone else? Commissioner Cacari Stone.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: I just want to congratulate the new employees and thank the volunteer firefighters as you look ahead there's a lot of leadership opportunities and thank Daniel and Sara for their investment in their own growth and development and I think it speaks to being rooted as public servants really to focusing within Santa Fe and why that's so important in terms of longevity and our sustainability of impact together. So thank you.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Commissioner Cacari Stone. Anyone else? I too would like to commend -- these are two hardworking people and who do great work but there is absolutely, and I've said it before from this dais, there is

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absolutely nothing more precious and beautiful, important than a person who shows up to improve themselves. It is the reason I got into the profession I had before this. We are always growing and to see someone take time aside for the improvement of their -- the betterment of themselves in service of our community is unbelievable. It's unbeatable. It's wonderful.

So thank you all. Some people will pass not knowing what kind of difference they made and I will assure you that for those people who are working for Santa Fe County even those who were mentioned earlier they don't have that problem or they won't have that problem. So I'm grateful and thank you for that good work.

Commissioner Hughes.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Yeah, I just want to thank you Sara and Daniel since you've been on staff since my the beginning of my term and you've been supportive of me the whole way along, both of you have. So I really appreciate it. Thank you.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. Commissioner Johnson.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Not to be left out. Thank you, Chair. Daniel, Sara, new employees and old I want to echo what my colleague said I want to particularly acknowledge Sara and Daniel because they are here all the time and I see them in the building every day and throughout the BCC. So you're much appreciated and we really couldn't do it without you.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you all.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A. Request Approval of the May 6, 2025, Board of County Commissioners Special Meeting Minutes.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Move to approve.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: If I may, on page 20 there is a double citation for myself and I think it should be cited for the County Manager but it says that I spoke twice in a row. So I know that I speak a lot but I was referring to myself in the third person so I'm pretty sure it wasn't me. That was on page 20.

But I'll second if that was a friendly amendment.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Okay. We have a motion to approve the minutes; do you still hold that motion with a correction?

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Move to approve as amended.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: We have a motion to approve as amended. We have a second by Commissioner Greene.

Motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

3. Consideration of Commissioner Proclamations, Resolutions, Recognitions, and/or Other Items – None were presented.

4. Consent Agenda

- A. Resolution No. 2025 REMOVED [See Page 6]
- B. Resolution No. 2025-56, a Resolution Requesting to Budget an Increase to the Law Enforcement Operations Fund (246) in the Amount of \$21,106.
- C. Resolution No. 2025-57, a Resolution Amending Resolution No. 2025-019, Confirming and Ratifying the County Manager's Signature Approving Grant SAP 24-I4215-GFR for the Romero Park Waterline Project and Designating an Official Representative, Designated Agent and Notice of Obligations Contact for Such Grant.
- D. Request (1) Approval of Amendment No. 4 to Memorandum of Agreement No. 2022-0140-CSD with The Life Link, Increasing the Compensation by \$41,120 for a Total Contract Amount of \$254,944, Inclusive of NM GRT; and (2) Delegation of Signature Authority to the County Manager to Sign the Purchase Order.
- E. Request (1) Approval of the 10th Supplemental Addendum to Master Agreement No. 2016-0377-AO/BT Between Santa Fe County and Aumentum Technologies Schedule NM2016-001.01 for Licensed Software, Hardware and Services, Extending the Term through July 1, 2026, and Increasing the Compensation by \$133,795, Exclusive of NMGRT, for a Total Contract Amount of \$1,186,371.81; and (2) Delegation of Authority to the County Manager to Sign the Purchase Order.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Is there anything anyone would like to have move pulled?

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: I'd like to remove item 4 A.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: We will remove item 4A: a resolution requesting a budget increase to road maintenance fund.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: I move to approve the consent agenda except for 4A.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: And I'll second.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: We have a motion to approve the consent agenda with the removal of item A with a second from Commissioner Greene.

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

[The Clerk's Office provided resolution numbers throughout the meeting.]

5. Appointments and Reappointments

- A. Request Appointment of Member from County Commission District 3 to the Health Policy and Planning Commission/HPPC

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Okay and just to reiterate, item A that has been removed will be heard at the beginning of action items.

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Ms. Maiensza, did I butcher your name?

COY MAIENZA (CSD): No, Really good. Thank you, Chair Bustamante and Commissioners I am here to present to the Board to request appointment of a member from County Commission District 3 to the Health Policy and Planning Commission. The Health Policy and Planning Commission and County staff recommends the appointment of Sun W Vega to serve a three-year term from May 27th 2025 to May 27th 2028. Sun did want to be here today; unfortunately, she had a family emergency and is not able to attend.

Our recommended action is the appointment of Sun Vega to the District 3 County Commission to serve on the HPPC.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you and thank you for bringing this forward. This is my district and I was grateful to see a jurist doctor and someone who works in child and family justice. So it's a unique seat that's very different from other people that we have on that commission. So thank you very much and I'm grateful to Sun Vega for expressing interest in being identified. Are there any questions, comments, concerns? Commissioner Johnson.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Thank you, Madam Chair, and just briefly I know Sun Vega well and she is going to be an excellent member of this committee and I was pleased to see her name on this list. And I didn't know about it until I came across the desk. I applaud her for stepping up.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. Who else; Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you. I was very impressed with the with the dual aspects as well and not to raise expectations too high but you know I'm sure she'll do great.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. I'll go ahead since she's in my district to make a motion to accept the recommendation to appoint Sun Vega to serve the County Commission District 3 representative of the HPPC. Do I have support?

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: I second it.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: We have support from Commissioner Cacari Stone.

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

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, and please extend our gratitude to Sun Vega.

[Chair Bustamante read case caption throughout the meeting.]

6. Miscellaneous Action Items

AA. Resolution No. 2025-058, a Resolution Requesting a Budget Increase to the Road Maintenance Fund (204) and Road Projects Fund (311) in the Sum Amount of \$907,583.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Thank you, Chair Bustamante. Not that I'm opposed to this I just wanted to hear a little bit more detail about what you're going to do

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and the timeline for various projects. A lot of these are in my district. Just give us quick review.

RYAN WARD (Public Works): Madam Chair, Commissioner Hughes, the goal would be -- some of these were held over from the prior LGRF -- the goal for us based on materials, so we've been going out with our trying to get POs for material. So our goal is typically we'll do the seal coat projects initially first. So the ones on this list that are that are going to get a chip seal or seal coat are the projects we'll do first. Those move fairly quick. So all the different roads that were identified in these LGRFs for that will be first. Some of them will be a mill and inlay. Typically what we'll do with our roads team is any kind of mill operation where they're grinding the pavement up a certain depth to come back down and put new asphalt on it some of the milling obviously has to be done first. Then we'll come in with the overlay or the inlay. I think Valle Vista is one that's mill and inlay because it's curb and gutter. Typically we don't do a significant amount of mill projects because most of our roads don't have curb and gutter. We'll do an overlay or we'll do a chip seal and then an overlay depending on the structural surface of it. But our goal is -- our paving season ends you know early fall and sometimes it can run into late September -- but our goal is to finish all the projects before that that are in-house which are all the LGRF projects.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: And is Valle Vista one of the ones you're planning to do?

MR. WARD: Valle Vista is.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Are you planning to put in speed bumps?

MR. WARD: That's a great question, Commissioner, thank you. I actually did. So we had some residents submit for a speed hump study I believe it was approximately two years ago somewhere in that time frame. We've met with those constituents and I went back and reviewed the traffic study there was some obviously many parameters that are that are focused in on for speed humps. And so I went back and looked through those just to make sure we there wasn't something overlooked because I know it had been communicated to them this road doesn't meet -- I think there was not confusion but there was some concern because it's an emergency route per se for fire and public safety. We look at those roads a little bit closer but after talking with my counterparts in fire, the Chief, basically there's no stipulation as long as we can build those speed humps to meet the minimum criteria which is what we what we build them off of regardless to make sure that fire trucks can go over them.

So long answer is yes. Our goal is as we do the paving project to have those speed humps placed.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Okay, and basically all of these you're going to do over the summer; all of them listed.

MR. WARD: That that is our goal, materials allowing and obviously weather constraints. If it rains significantly, which we hope we get the rain, sometimes that impacts our time frame. But our goal is to finish these.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Okay, thank you.

MR. WARD: Thank you.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you, Ryan. First off I did notice that Paseo Nopal is on here but I drove Paseo Nopal this weekend and it looks great. So that may just be a glomeration of projects but I hope you don't repave a recently repaved road because it was smooth as silk. It was great.

MR. WARD: Madame Chair, Commissioner Greene, I did note that a few weeks ago since these LGRF projects were submitted in 2024 those actually fell into the IMP. So Paseo Nopal was one of those. So it has been paved. We've reached out also to the to the NM DOT just to make them aware but that road did come in advance of the LGRFs.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Okay, great. Thank you very much.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. Do we have a motion to approve?

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: I move to approve.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Second.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: We have a motion to approve by Commissioner Hughes. We have a second from Commissioner Greene.

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

A. Resolution No. 2025-059, a Resolution Adopting the Interim Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (FY 2026B)

MS. HERRERA: Before you today is the approval of the interim budget. The budget that was presented to the Board earlier in the month is being presented today as the County's Fiscal Year 2026 interim budget with the following changes: the creation of five additional deputy sheriff positions and allocating funds for contract services for trauma-informed training and planning. County management proposes the following changes to fund uh these two requests: we look to use \$845,500 of the grants temporary employees and matching requirements budget cons contingency for the Fiscal Year 2026 and 2027 debt service payments for the GRT Revenue Bond Subordinate 1997A which is the Sheriff's facility. This would free up pledged revenue for these for the 1997 AGRT Bonds which will help fund the deputy positions. In addition to the pledged revenue we recommend the elimination of the account position proposed for the public safety ASD to fully fund the five deputies. The transfer of operational support to the Law Enforcement Operations Fund would increase by \$527,446 as a result of the additional deputies. And the final adjustment would be to fund \$120,000 for the trauma-informed training and planning from, again, the grants temporary employees and matching requirements budget contingency.

The interim budget is required to be submitted to DFA after the Board's approval by June 1st. The next steps uh for the Fiscal Year 2026 budget is to hold capital budget hearings and budget study sessions with the Board in June-July. We will be presenting to the Board a calculation of reserve balances either using the current reserve policy or the successor policy as applicable. We'll also be preparing the Fiscal Year 2025 4th Quarter report for the Board's approval in July with submission to DFA by July 31st and finally prepare and present the final budget to the Board for approval in July for submission to DFA again by July 31st.

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We are requesting the approval of the interim budget as presented in Exhibit A, Budget Summaries by Fund. And with that Madam Chair, I stand or sit for any questions.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Do we have any questions for Yvonne.
Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Not much of a question but mostly a thank you for to the County management, Elias and for Yvonne and the Sheriff's Office for working through the added deputies. This you know is a concern of all of our I'm sure our constituents

I think we all hear it and there was enough time and flexibility and resourcefulness to make this happen and I appreciate them going and making this happen.

So if nobody has anything else I will –

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Commissioner Cacari Stone.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: I just also want to appreciate the addition of the deputies and law enforcement but to also thank the County Manager and the Community Services Department for considering the suggestion for trauma-informed training and consultation. I think it's really going to help us as we design across all our systems. So thank you so much.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Commissioner Cacari Stone and Commissioner Greene. Anyone else? I would like to also for clarification and I'm so grateful for all the good work that staff has done to bring together this budget. I made a misstatement at our last meeting It was the last special meeting regarding the funds for the open space that has just been procured. And I do understand that that is coming out of this current budget and will be coming out of various funds. Manager Shaffer, can you help us clarify?

MANAGER SHAFFER: Thank you, Chair Bustamante and Commissioners, we would actually bring forward to the Board a budget adjustment request when we have the purchase agreement for Bobcat Crossing Ranch. It would be for the Board to ultimately decide which of appropriate and available resources could be or should be used for that purpose. And, again, that purchase is not included in this budget but we would anticipate bringing that budget adjustment to the Board in June at which point the Board would make that decision about which restricted and general resources to utilize. I hope that clarifies.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: That helps, thank you very much, Manager Shaffer. Again, I misspoke saying that that was coming from bond money for open space and I'm clarifying that that was not correct at that time. So thank you and thank you Yvonne.

Do we have a motion to approve?

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I will make the motion to adopt a resolution adopting the interim budget for Fiscal Year 25/26.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Second,

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: We have a motion to approve by Commissioner Greene and a second by Commissioner Cacari Stone.

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

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B. Request Authorization to Publish Title and General Summary of Ordinance No. 2025-____, an Ordinance Approving a Community Energy Efficiency Development (CEED) Block Grant from the New Mexico State Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, Energy Conservation and Management Division Pursuant to the CEED Block Grant Act to Support the Execution of a CEED Program Project, Accepting the Terms and Conditions of the Grant Agreement and Authorizing the Santa Fe County Manager or Designee to Sign All Documents Necessary to Accept the CEED Block Grant

WILLIAM DONAHOO (Sustainability Division): William Donahoo. I'll be providing a short presentation on the Community Energy Efficiency Development Block Grant and we will be requesting authorization to publish title and general summary of an ordinance approving a Community Energy Efficiency Development Block Grant from New Mexico State Energy Minerals and Natural Resources Department Energy Conservation and Management Division to support the execution of the CEED program project and accepting the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and authorizing the County Manager or designate to sign all documents necessary to accept the block grant.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Mr. Donahoo. And I'll just remind you that we do have all of your information in our packet so when the presentation is up you can just summarize the pages, we're grateful, thank you.

MR. DONAHOO: Great, thank you.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: And we'll ask questions if we have them.

MR. DONAHOO: Moving to the PowerPoint; just a yeah a little bit of a background. On December of 2023 we submitted an application to EMNRD for the CEED block grant. We requested a million dollars in funding and on July of 2024 we received word that we were awarded the grant and we rewarded at a 16.5 percent reduction. So that would be 835,000 for the project. And so through the CEED program we'll be installing energy efficiency upgrades at 42 low-income households and really prioritizing homes that are at 80 percent or less of AMI and that are documented as having an energy burden. So the real purpose of the program is reducing utility bills while also reducing energy consumption and by converting HVAC systems from propane or natural gas that would be reducing greenhouse gas emissions as well.

Through the program there's \$16,000 that's allocated per household. That's a kind of average per household through the program. Some can be higher but it's we want 16,000 for all. And just moving on to kind of energy efficiency improvements. These are sort of the scope of items that are going to be within the project on an Exhibit C which is the GSA if you look at the second attachment on there that has a list of all of the approved EMNRD interventions. And so they're kind of broken up into three categories. It would be envelope improvements really focused on door window replacements, air Sealing, insulation that kind of thing. And then building system improvements more focused on smart thermostats, heat pumps, water heaters and appliance replacements with an Energy Star alternative. And just as a note for the heat pumps we have to make sure

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that it would not increase the resident's bill. So it would be focused on sort of inductive electricity or moving from propane to a heat pump alternative. And then kind of the third component is a health and safety. So there's up to \$1,000 for incidental repairs and then up to 3,200 per unit. So about 20 percent for health and safety measures. So that would be anything from mold remediation, electrical safety issues, fuel leaks, code compliance issues, lead paint, air quality and that's non-exhaustive list on sort of what can be done for those. And really when we're looking at deciding which households are going to get what it's really done on a case-by-case basis based on the household need and really what set of these improvements are going to maximize energy savings for the residents.

And so then moving on to impact. We anticipate that you know on average per household we'll see about a 32 percent reduction in household energy use and a 23 percent reduction in household energy costs which equates to about a savings of \$340 per household per year. And that's averaged out and basically in short it's done -- compiled this using the redstock analysis tool looking at similar interventions and adjusting for our housing stock, location, where we're at and so it's a good estimate of sort of what we hope to achieve with these improvements.

And then finally moving to implementation. I think something kind of unique about our implementation of the CEED program is that we'll be doing it hand in hand with the existing Home Rehabilitation and Energy Efficiency Program or HREE. Those will be combined through a single program administrator and households who apply through the HREE program can also have access to CEED capital. So total they can have 50,000 through HREE and then additional 16,000 through CEED.

So this really works well in that some of the more home rehabilitation projects that that work can be done through HREE while more energy efficiency work can be done through CEED. So I think the idea is it'll really stretch that money further and allow kind of more meaningful impacts to low-income households.

Just moving through that again, household appliance through HREE will be screened for participation in CEED. As of two weeks ago there were 67 pending projects approved for income eligibility through HREE and of those about 36 or 54 percent could potentially be eligible for CEED funding as well. So basically, after initiating the project there'll be a home energy assessment which will establish a baseline and also a needs assessment that'll be used to develop the scope of work to figure out what implementation is going to be made and then after the work is done there'll be a second energy audit to really quantify the savings from these programs so we can really be sure of what the value is on this.

And then finally just moving forward per the Community Energy Efficiency Development Block Grant the County needs to and adopt an ordinance approving the CEED Block Grant. So the purpose is, as you can read, just to apply for the approval, provide for the acceptance of the block grant, implementation of the program and adoption of the terms and conditions and those are in the general services agreement in Exhibit 3. Thank you.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. Do we have any questions for William? Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you for clarifying the greenhouse gas aspect. I wonder is there extra prioritization to get people off of propane because not only is propane a greenhouse gas but I think it's trucked in in all cases. So it's like gas moving gas.

MR. DONOHOO: Madam Chair, Commissioner Greene, yes I think there definitely is. Really looking at just cost savings wise, that's going to be the really the great, great move to moving to a heat pump economically feasible. So we really did in the analysis look at that being a kind of high target for really achieving the greenhouse gas emission just energy efficiency and cost savings. That's a really good move to really maximize cost savings. So I think there will be.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Not to cut into the propane business of people up in the mountains but we should reach out to everybody up there to make them aware of this program to get them off of that. And then hopefully when we do start scoring people if it's possible to really put a score on the people that now don't have propane and to measure the fact that there used to be trips in a big old truck up a mountain to deliver propane and that that is an added benefit there It's not just moving them from propane to electric in an epump but it's actually the lack of that transportation so that we get extra bonus points for that. So anyway great, good job. Thank you.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Anyone else? Commissioner Johnson/

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Thank you, Madam Chair. Thanks, Will. this is a great program I think it's important to combine it with HREE seems like we can do a lot of good for low-income households.

One quick question about the energy consultation or evaluation; how much do those typically cost and where do those costs go to/who pays for that?

MR. DONOHOO: Madam Chair, Commissioner Johnson, in this circumstance we'll have a program administrator who will administer both the HREE and the CEED. And so they will in their agreement they'll be doing the energy audits and so it's written into their sort of their fee.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: That clarifies it for me. Thank you.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. Anyone else? I have a question. So in the interest of the Propane, this doesn't seem like it's enough money to be able to put solar on someone's house; is it?

MR. DONOHOO: Madame Chair, no. And actually the CEED program prohibits us from using solar. Initially we had had a solar component and higher values but per the agreement we can't do solar for this project.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. And propane being less expensive than electric it's maybe just helping with the efficiency in the house or whatever the case. Thank you.

Are there any further questions? Do we have a motion to approve?

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: I will to approve.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: And I will second then.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: We have a motion to approve by Commissioner Johnson We have a second by Commissioner Greene.

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

C. Request Approval of the Affordable Housing Agreement for the Esencia Subdivision Phase 3, Sub-Phases 3A & 3B (Case No. 25-5130).

KENNETH QUINTANA (Case Planner): Good afternoon, Madam Chair, Commissioners. Before you today we have the request for the affordable housing agreement for Esencia subphase 3 subphases 3A and 3B. This case was heard on May 13 2025 last approved by the Board for preliminary final subdivision plat; subphase 3A for 68 lots and subphase 3B for 50 lots. Subphase 3A consists of 68 single-family lots with 10 affordable dwellings and subphase 3B 50 single family with eight affordable dwellings. This satisfies the affordable housing obligation and we're here as this was a requirement and condition of approval from the May 13th hearing to be back in front of this Board today to have the agreements approved.

Staff's recommendation is the agreements be approved and I stand for any questions.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Kenneth Quintana. We also celebrated your 10 year anniversary a little earlier -- we recognized it, thank you.

Do we have any questions comments or concerns for Mr. Quintana.
Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Kenneth and congratulations first off because yes you deserve recognition for that. But most important not most important secondly important if it's possible for this and all upcoming agreements like this to sort of track when they are successfully completed because I know this agreement comes forward we sign it but there are cases where they don't get executed on the ground. And so when these get built and the keys turned over to a lucky family or 10 or 18 or that we that we celebrate it here and make sure that we say, this was, you know, we approved this on this date. It took us them two, three, four years to get people into these homes. So that we start to track that that pipeline. It would be great for us to know how that works.

DENISE BENAVIDEZ (Affordable Housing Division): Chair Bustamante, Commissioner Greene, thank you so much. With our new Neighborly software, we're going to do exactly that. They are all going to be put into the Neighborly software to be tracked. Currently today we're going to start tracking the original recorded agreements which we weren't doing before. One of the things we've already done is gone back to see how many missing recorded agreements we have and there are many. So definitely moving forward they will be tracked.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Wonderful. Thank you.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. Further questions; if there are no other questions –

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I'll make the motion to approve item C, request for approval of the Affordable Housing Agreement for the Esencia subdivision phase 3, subphases 3A and 3B.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Second.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: We have a motion to approve from Commissioner Greene a second from Commissioner Hughes.

The motion carried by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: And thank you very much and thanks for making this happen.

D. Request (1) Approval of Project Assignment No. 2 for Agreement No. 2025-0101-A-CMO Between Santa Fe County and Souder, Miller & Associates Inc. in the Amount of \$467,829.50, Exclusive of NM GRT, to Provide the Design Services for the Ojo de la Vaca Road Improvement Project; and (2) Delegation of Authority to the County Manager to Sign the Project Assignment Form and Purchase Order(s).

ERIN FEEHILY (Public Works Department): The Ojo de la Vaca road improvement project is located approximately one mile south of the separate Galisteo Creek crossing that was approved earlier this month. This road project begins at the existing pavement end and continues to Rancho Romero Road. It's unpaved with a single lane in each direction and there are some constraints due to steep topography which limits the ability to perform stormwater management. So that's resulted in some hazardous conditions during heavy rain and also icy conditions.

This budget was approved as part of the 2025 capital budget and it's funded from the Capital Outlay Gross Receipts Tax. The project will have primary investigation and reporting to inform the design of the new asphalt paved road and then move onto preliminary and final plans for the road and then bidding and negotiation services.

In March the project assignment was issued to Souder Miller and Associates for engineering services as part of their on-call agreement. They submitted a cost proposal which we determined to be fair and acceptable and we're seeking to award them this project. Thank you. Any questions?

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. Do we have any questions for Erin? Commissioner Johnson.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Yes, thanks Erin. And I really support this project I have a letter here that's addressed to Chair Bustamante and myself I didn't receive an email I actually got this in the mail from one Mark Murdoch I won't read his address. But he lives in this area and he suggested this plan. I don't think that he knew that it was in the works but I want to sort of applaud the anticipation here for this.

I guess I'm wondering if there are future plans to pave more of CR51 moving south towards Stanley because Mr. Murdoch's concern was that that road is very rough when the pavement ends and we're going to pave some of it but it is you know so bumpy that emergency vehicles may have trouble accessing it. And certainly as in an emergency situation when people are trying to exit we'll have a low water crossing to the north which will be great or improvements to that low water crossing I should say; are there future plans for additional work on CR51 further south towards Stanley?

MS. FEEHILY: Thank you for that question. Commissioner Johnson. Chair Bustamante, I am not sure currently if this is being extended. No, this is the only one that we have budgeted right now. So as budget comes available and with other road

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projects going through the County I'm sure that'll be considered to continue forward.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Okay, well this is a good start. Thank you for your work and I think we should look into a little further south improvements as well in the future. Thank you.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Erin and thank you Commissioner Johnson. Commissioner Hughes.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Yeah, I was surprised by the cost of engineering and I wondered if you were surprised also that it was so expensive to design basically to put a culvert in and a few extra lanes? It doesn't seem like that much trouble but maybe you could tell me what's involved in the engineering?

MS. FEEHILY: For the road project we're talking about or the creek crossing?

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Well for this project, \$467,000.

MS. FEEHILY: Yeah, it's a little over a mile long and I think one of the big constraints we have is that topography issues and the steepness. The drainage is probably a bigger factor in trying to make sure we build the road correctly. So that does add to cost I think we're all surprised by costs as they keep coming up but we found it to be in line with other projects in the same area.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: So is it a half mile on each side of the bridge, basically?

MS. FEEHILY: So it's a mile south from where the bridge is and it's where the pavement ends currently. And it goes for a little over a mile. I think it's 1.15 miles to Rancho Romero Road. So it's a longer piece than some of the other projects that have been about the same cost. And really it is looking the geology. We're going from an unpaved road to a paved road. So there's a lot going in that preliminary investigation portion as well because we don't have a PER for this. It's kind of rolled into the full design.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Yeah, okay. I'm very familiar with that road, thanks.

MS. FEEHILY: Sure.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Commissioner Hughes. Thank you, Erin. Any further questions? Do we have a motion to approve?

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Move to approve.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: We have a motion to approve from Commissioner Johnson.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Second .

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: We have a second from Commissioner Hughes.

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

E. Request (1) Approval of Amendment No. 7 to Agreement No. 2018-0151-HA/MM Between Santa Fe County and the Boys & Girls Club of Santa Fe/Del Norte, Extending the Term an Additional Year, and Increasing the Compensation by \$190,000 for a Total Contract Amount of \$1,190,000,

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Inclusive of NM GRT; and (2) Delegation of Authority to the County Manager to Sign the Purchase Order

ADRIANNA VELASQUEZ (Community Development Department):
Madam Chair, Commissioners, the Santa Fe County Housing Authority is requesting approval of amendment #7 to agreement number 2018-0151/HA-NM between the Santa Fe County and the Boys and Girls Club of Santa Fe de Norte extending the terms and conditions for an additional year to increase the compensation by \$190,000 for a total contract amount of \$1,190,000 inclusive of NMGR and delegating authority to County Manager to sign the purchase order.

These services are for the Boys and Girls Club to ensure after school and summer school programs at various public housing neighborhoods including the La Pueblo Marcos Trujillo Center. That concludes my presentation and I stand for any questions.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. Do we have any questions for Adrianna? We have a question from Commissioner Cacari Stone.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Thank you. Ms. Velasquez. we know Boys and Girls Clubs are really important. Can you educate me on do we collect numbers on the impact annually of the difference we're making with the Boys and Girls Club; numbers served, types of programming, parents involved? Also Boys and Girls Club by name is like the Girl Scouts/ Boy Scouts is very gender binary, do we have any impact or qualitative anecdotal data on the impact on non-gender conforming young people? Just some questions and thank you for helping me with that.

MS. VELASQUEZ: Madam Chair, Commissioner Cacari Stone, we do receive a monthly report from the Boys and Girls Club that has the number of children's services that they provide services to, what they help with, what their plan is for the month. We don't get a report in regards to their gender if they're boys or girls but we do get a report monthly that we would be happy to share with you.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Okay, and I'm just wondering like when we do increase contracts and so forth if it's possible to at that time give updates on some summary impact that we've achieved so far because we're always good at implementing and passing money and these are amazing causes but it's also good to see the impact with our dollars Thank you.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Commissioner. Thank you, Adrianna. Any additional questions? This is a very valuable project I think there are a lot of people who really appreciate it so thank you very much for carrying this through.

Do we have a motion to approve?

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I will make the motion to approve amendment #7 to agreement #2018-0151 HA/MM between Santa Fe County and the Boys and Club Girls Club of Santa Fe del Norte.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: We have a motion by Commissioner Greene. Do we have a second.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Second.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Second by Commissioner Cacari Stone.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: And just to make sure that we have delegation of authority to the County Manager as well.

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CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. And all that falls under item E, thank you very much Commissioner Greene for ensuring that.

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

7. **Presentations** – None were presented
8. **Matters of Public Concern** – [See Page 24]
To Be Heard at 3:45 p.m.
9. **Matters from the County Manager**
 - A. **Miscellaneous Updates.**

MANAGER SHAFFER: Chair Bustamante and Commissioners, I first want to announce that we have two remaining wildfire mitigation community education days over the next two weekends. This Saturday's event will be held from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Nambe Community Center. And, secondly, on June 7th the final event also from 10:00 a.m. to noon will be held at the Hondo fire station. So I encourage the community to come out and learn about defensible space, know your zone, evacuation protocols, hear from the Office of the Superintendent Insurance and others.

In addition, I'm pleased to announce that this past Friday Standard and Poors issued a AAA rating to the County's proposed \$21 million dollars in 2025 General Obligation Bonds and at the same time S&P affirmed its AAA rating on the County's existing general obligation debt that is outstanding. I'll share the ratings direct with you but that is positive news in terms of our ability to borrow funds for these voter approved projects at favorable interest rates and reflects a variety of practices and policies that this Board continues to adhere to year-over-year.

That's all I have. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Manager Shaffer.

10. **Matters from the Commission and Other Elected Officials (Action/Non-Action Items)**
 - A. **Commissioner Issues and Comments, Including but not Limited to Constituent Concerns, Recognitions, and Requests for Updates or Future Presentations. (Non-Action Items)**

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Let's start with Commissioner Cacari Stone.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Thank you, Chair Bustamante and all. I just wanted to give an update focusing particularly on one of the committees I serve on but shout out to the firefighters and our liaison who've been coming out to the fire mitigation days as well as Daniel Fresquez. I think there's been a good turnout and great education. And I especially appreciate the Office of the Superintendent of Insurance holding a table there because a lot of homeowners have questions about the rising costs of their homeowners insurance due to climate change and fires. So I think it's been very successful.

I sit on the Metropolitan Planning Organization as well as the Santa Fe Solid Waste Management Agency. We had those meetings this last week I'll defer to Commissioner Greene or Commissioner Johnson to give those update dates as well. But I want to say regarding the MPO it's really critical and I've seen firsthand in my service so far in collaboration and having these committees where there's joint participation with key experts as well as the City of Santa Fe. I think it really speaks to intergovernmental collaborations and finding solutions together. And there was some interesting discussions about some potential solutions regarding Highway 14 and safety. I'll leave it at that but again just coming together to look deeply across government is important.

Regarding the Northern Rio Grande Heritage Area, we've had our second consultation with the consultants regarding the LANL and the building of the line. And I just want to mention while there has been required tribal consultation there is nothing legally in the books that requires and mandates consultation with traditional Hispanic Land-based communities in northern New Mexico. So this consultation has been important. While it's after the fact there's been some really greater insights across federal government agencies including the Bureau of Land Management and others who came to the table next last week. We're going to be meeting again coming up next week for a final consultation and clarification of opportunities for mitigation. And I just want to just say that this has been possible also through the leadership and listening and while it could become very contentious I think it speaks to the importance of co-learning together and revisiting historical documents, multitude of complex federal laws as it relates to land but also speaks to the long-term intergenerational 100 years of history of collaboration, partnership and mutual bidirectional respect for cultural lands and practices with the pueblos between traditional Hispanic communities.

And finally we did have, I continue the cafesitos and I want to just thank publicly Councilor Cassutt who came and joined me and Kim Vigil who also organized it in the southside. There was some excellent conversations and through those conversations when we meet with our city officials there's opportunity to see the growth as well as the deep commitment to including Santa Fe residents across the entire County and City with local officials. I just want to appreciate that type of also intergovernmental collaboration. Thank you

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Commissioner Cacari Stone.
Commissioner Johnson.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Thank you, Madam Chair. So we, as a Commission, toured the Adult Detention Facility and I want to thank the staff there for especially the Warden and the Deputy Warden for giving us a really robust tour with you know answering all questions. We have recently seen a lot of concern around the situation around walking and I think that the short-term solution and a longer term solution were both discussed at that meeting and I'm optimistic that we can sort some of that out.

I want to thank Growth Management and Public Works who helped Commissioner Cacari Stone and I get sort of oriented to some broader regional Issues. We began with an overview of the Sustainable Growth Management Plan and we talked about water resources and we got an update about the Pojoaque Basin

Regional Water System that was a preview of the presentation that was postponed today but a lot of good information in there and I think we again staff is always great about answering questions that we have and providing updated materials when we request them. And water in this case is an extremely important issue in northern New Mexico and in Santa Fe County and as much information as we can provide about it as good data and analysis is essential for us as a community.

As was mentioned by Commissioner Cacari Stone we had a meeting of the MPO. One of the things that we discussed in that meeting that I think was fruitful is how because we had some visitors from the TAC -- the transit advisory committee, transit advisory board, transit advisory group one of those -- is to have better coordination between transit systems in the region. There is an some concern about the coordination between the North Central Regional Transit District a board that I sit on and the Santa Fe Trails. I look forward to kind of clarifying that for myself and hopefully was hoping to resolve that in coordination with my City counterpart. Another issue that was brought up is an issue on Rabbit Road where there's a disjunction between DOT and the County line as far as maintenance. It's a half mile stretch. This isn't a question it's just information about something that I'll be tracking down in the coming days and weeks. There will be forthcoming an adoption of a Metro Transit Plan through that body. Commissioner Greene probably has a couple things to add to that.

I want to wish everyone a happy Memorial Day a couple days late. And this is a personal note but I was talking with Chair Bustamante before, we were talking about losing pets, and I lost my pet peacock yesterday which is very sad. So I wanted to honor his legacy. His name was Jimothy and he died of an illness. So I just wanted to give him a shout out because I cared about him. Thank you.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Commissioner Johnson, I'm very sorry for your loss. Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: So, thank you very much, Madam Chair. I will this isn't the order that I had my notes in but I will just continue on the MPO thing. I think there is definitely a need for collaboration between our TAC, our MPO, their transit and there's so many of these sort of fragmented groups that all have some somewhere in a Venn diagram they need to be -- they have overlap and we should be coordinating those much more cohesively to be much more effective really is where it is. There's you know there's the opportunity for buses and shuttles that the City is operating to potentially be a shuttle for the jail, right? So these are some of these tools that are not in the County's hands but that the City has access to that we might be able to utilize in a greater partnership between the City and the County. So I want to reiterate that opportunity and to see how we can sort of potentially maybe just have a summit of transit, right, or transportation and transit, right. These are the City-County things but when we talked about having a Board of County Commissioners and a City Council meeting at a joint level, that might even miss the -- that's the first level of this. The second level is when we dig down into specific issues such as transportation and transit and that we make sure that we bring all of those second tier experts to the table so that we can we can coordinate and collaborate with the best ideas and best practices and resources that are there.

So we had -- I want to thank County staff, folks from Public Works, from the Fire Department there were people from the state, Office of the State Engineer, there were

folks from BOR from the Federal Bureau of Reclamation, and the contractors working on the Pojoaque Basin Regional Water System, There were two meet and greets and work tables for helping with well elections and answering lots of questions. The first one in Tesuque was moderately attended but the one in Pojoaque at the middle school the day after was very well attended. And it was great to see people attend get a lot of answers to their questions. And then at the end I was in the parking lot watching people leave and as they left I asked them, Did you get what you wanted? And the reaction was, Oh my you guys are communicating so much better. Thank you so much. You answered my question and if not I know who to talk to at least on the follow-up questions. And so that was great for all of us to hear. It was certainly great for me to hear because that was a sort of a sore spot in my district as I came into office and now we're making some good progress on that at least in the community acceptance of this and the understanding of the project. So that was wonderful.

I met with the leadership of Pojoaque Pueblo, with Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary and Treasurer and we discussed a variety of issues for Pojoaque Pueblo a couple days ago, a couple weeks ago maybe it was at this point and I continue building on that relationship and making sure that they know that they can call on any of us but you know there they do have property in District 3 but their main core of their pueblo is in District 1, and that if there's anything we can do to help them that we are here to help.

Lastly, as we've read or second to last actually, as we've read there's a little bit of a crisis with the Interfaith Shelter in Pete's Place. And I would hope that we have some level of consensus here from this Board to bring County resources to be at the table and so that we are part of the solution and that we're not just sitting hearing about issues and coming late to the decision-making and so that whatever it takes to help this vulnerable community it is definitely important.

On a very related note, Dr Dadzie, who is the head of Health and Human Services for Rio Arriba County, invited me to an hour and a half orientation with service providers and shelter operators in the Española area. And this is led by some funding from Anchorum. And this is a sort of working group to sort of work through how the Española Valley can come to some solutions for their population. And in that case it's two counties, a city and two pueblos. It is definitely a complicated area.

Lastly, I want to give a thank you to the Sheriff's Department and to the Fire Department-- the Sheriff's Office and Fire Department responded unbelievably fast on Saturday night when one of my delivery drivers was in a car accident with a hit and run and somebody came up behind my driver at probably close to 90 miles an hour on a small country lane in District 2 and inches, matter of inches, from possibly killing or severely injuring my driver. And the car is totaled but the driver is fine. We can replace vehicles but we can't replace drivers. But the sort of the lesson of this was you know this was somebody who had major -- the person who perpetrated this was strung out and should have been probably known to our community and provided with the resources to make sure that they weren't on the street with a vehicle at their access and able to get out and to do this. And so, you know, just by the grace of God is my driver

able to walk away from this. He was shaken and in good spirits but boy it was like I can show you some picture. It was it was inches, inches from some severe injury. And I hope that this person gets the help that they need. I think this is a fine line between the criminal justice system and the behavioral health system. But this is a combination that these two systems need to work together. And I hope this person gets the help but also knows that you know they should be responsible for what they did. And thank you to the Sheriff's Office they were phenomenal and to the to the Fire Department for responding. They were there so quickly. It was impressive. So thank you.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Commissioner Greene.
Commissioner Hughes.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Yeah, thank you. We do as Denise mentioned we breaking ground on Cresta Ranch on Thursday at 2:00 and that should be pretty exciting event and that leads into the fact that affordable housing is the answer to homelessness ultimately. And we're working on that I think the first step is this affordable housing that we're building that will prevent some people from becoming homeless as well as house a few of those who are homeless and can get vouchers. And then you know the permanent supportive housing that we want to work on next will house some of the worst off people. People who don't do well in just housing but need lots of support services.

I was disappointed, like everyone, to read about the problem with Pete's Place and the City can't work them out with them. Yeah, I don't know how we can get involved but if there's somebody sees a way. I know Commissioner Greene, you and I, were at a meeting with the Mayor about a year ago and I don't think he listened to anything we said. He wanted to do pallet shelters which I don't think are happening yet except in the you know 10 pallet shelters at Christ Lutheran Church but other than that they haven't had much success with that. It's discouraging. The Interfaith Shelter, you know, started out as a winter shelter and they it was a fine location for that but they kept expanding their mission beyond what that site could handle. But that doesn't mean it's not a mission worth following to take in anybody who needs help anytime. So it'd be nice to find a new location for the interfaith shelter that's bigger and more enclosed so they can contain the problem. Anyway, that's enough on that.

At my town hall meeting on last week on Thursday, a lot of people were concerned about fire and one person had mentioned that she was denied her housing insurance even though she's in a home not in Eldorado but in Dos Greigos which is next door to Eldorado; which seemed weird. She was able to obtain insurance from another company but one company denied her insurance. And others were mentioning the need for fire hydrants. Some parts of the community don't have fire hydrants because there's no public water there. And that's another concern because of course to get good insurance you need to have access to a fire hydrant. So those are I think things we need to work On.

Also it was mentioned, I don't know there's anything we do about it, all the tumbleweeds blowing around but people were hoping that we could clean up along our at least our county trails.

And finally I just want to mention that on Rabbit Road it runs from District 4 into District 5 and part of that road was built by Oshara. But the County is scheduled to take

over that. I don't know if you realize that but so hopefully it'll be where the state maintenance ends the County will begin but right now there's this section that isn't and people complain terribly about that. And not that it will happen in -- I mean you know adopting a road and then maintaining it and building it up to County standards may take a while but at least working on it. I don't know if the same guy communicates with you Commissioner Johnson but I have heard from the same person over and over again and I am sure we will hear from him more because it'll take time to get it fixed. And that's it.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Commissioner Hughes.

And lastly, one road issues never stop. So I want to thank staff especially Ryan for being available and being there to the community members and following up and following through and making sure that people are communicated by a number of community issues. So thank you for that Ryan.

I also want thank Commissioner Cacari Stone for bringing up the question that I believe all of our constituents ask and we see it all the time is: where's the water coming from? So with the WPAC leadership and Commissioner Cacari Stone we have drafted and will be working with staff on the creation of a report of the state of Santa Fe County water and reclamation which is going to include information on and this is the first time it's being stated in public forum, but information on water resources within the Sangre de Cristo basin; where is it coming from; how much is available; etc. etc. etc. Santa Fe County efforts, things that have been done, things being done, and things that are planned to be done, collaboration with the City Santa Fe 2100, etc. Paseo Real Water Reclamation Plant, etc, which may just be opportunities for partnership, collaboration with the Office of the State Engineer. And I just want to say that there are individuals who are on the WPAC who work with these entities often if not actually sit there I believe our vice chair is actually someone who either interfaces or sits at the and I just don't have her resume in front of me again but works with the State Engineers Office. Growth management process for development approvals, well monitoring, you know, have a small dialogue; is it incentive based or is this punitive? How do we make this happen? Because we've had these conversations for a while and it's not easy to say the least And then in the big picture opportunities for improvement, monitoring, budgeting, communication with constituents being the lead on most of this. It's very critical.

So there is an agenda that's been put in place and this will be at the next WPAC meeting. Again, the agenda was drafted with the leadership. At the WPAC meeting the agenda will be reviewed and approved to come to the BCC for I guess adoption of the content. So we'll see what that will look like.

From there we have the, my favorite, the SWMA folks. Don't ask me why I really love going to these issues. These places that talk about what we're going to do with our waste because it drives me just nuts that we have a lot of waste but we have a good system for managing it. So coming up June 1st and 2nd we have free tire days, free green waste days, and free household hazardous and free electronic on June 1st and 2nd. So don't forget. If you've got that old laptop sitting there or the monitor that nobody wants to use ever again anywhere that's what it's there for or the old paint or the pesticide you know you're never going to use that's hazardous waste and it should just go away. So that's what's coming up in the world of SWMA and that's it for my report. Yes, sir.

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COMMISSIONER GREENE: May I request something in your WPAC scheme/thing that you're working on to assess how much pledged water, I know this was something that was talked about, but the difference between pledged water to developments and stuff that hasn't been built and executed so that maybe we can start to see if we're out over our skis or if we -- you know, because we've pledged many much more than we've built.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: It's very much the intention of this process. The dialogue you know the question of water, wet water and paper water rights. And I always recall that big glass of paper water that we used to drink and just doesn't go down as well, I'm just saying. All right.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: So this should be very helpful in answering that -- at least starting to answer that question for our constituents. And, again, this will be dialogue with a lot of leadership but also the community.

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

There were no other elected officials wishing to speak.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: We have 20 minutes until we have our matters from the public that starts at 3:45. I'm going to given that the closed session is going to take a little bit of time and there will be a discussion We have already heard given the published agenda that there are concerns about the closed component of the discussion regarding the Rancho Viejo solar project. And I need to just disclose and say very clearly for the public and anyone who's concerned about what would be discussed today in closed session is simply process and procedure. And the issue of why couldn't we talk about process and procedure in open forum is really that's just not the kind -- there's going to be a bit of talking back and forth and this is how we'd want to do it and make sure that, you know, making sure that everything is done in a way that everyone gets the best opportunity to express their views. We have not had any information provided to us regarding the details of this case. We will not be making any decisions regarding the concerns of the project. We are simply looking at process and procedure and it is just much, much more beneficial to us to have that in closed forum so that we can just work out the particular issues that aren't necessarily of public interest, quite honestly. When it is of public interest it will be specifically how we are conducting the meeting because there is large, and I don't need to even say this, there's large public interest regarding this matter. So we want to make sure that where we do it, how we do it is going to be discussed prior.

At this point I'd like to see from the County Manager and well, given that I think we can actually take a 20 minute break and then we would come back for issues of public concern and then we would go into close session. So let's go ahead and do that and we'll have a 20-minut break and come back and have our public hearing. Thank you very much

[The Board recessed from 3:25-3:45]

8. Matters of Public Concern –To Be Heard at 3:45 p.m. (Subject to Three (3) Minutes or Other Time Limit Imposed by the Chair

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: We are back in session. We will have matters of public concern and three minutes per speaker. People in the Chambers; yes, two, we'll start with the people in the Chambers and then we'll go online. Thank you.

Yes, please.

JULIE BENNETT: Hello, Commissioners. Good afternoon. You all know me, I'm Julie Bennett. I've been working with my husband and the County staff for seven months now actually longer seven years to certify our TDRs.

Seven months after Herbert Foster asked us to revise our qualification report that was already documented by the previous staff Robert Griego, we still have no determination from Legal about our water rights which are registered with the State Engineer and completely legit. We have no response to our new re-revised qualification report.

And this is what Herbert writes, "I will let you know as soon as I have a reply regarding the water rights determination or if there are any further questions on your application." We have received no questions from Legal.

That's all I have to say. It's pushing the limits of absurdity. Thank you.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. Next.

DR. SELMA EIKELNBOOM-SCHIEVELD: I'm Dr. Eilelenboom-Schieveld and I want to react to the email that Ashley Shannauer sent you this morning and I think you were referring to that. And we both oppose, very strongly, the idea that the procedures and the process regarding the Rancho Viejo solar project should be in closed session. I mean, we as a people have a right to know what is going on and both the Hearing Officer and the Planning Committee did those, talked about those procedures and process in open setting and citizens were allowed to react on it and give their input.

So we really think you should postpone this discussion about that and this whole project is surrounded by so much secrecy and redaction and it's really suspicious and I think if it's such a terrific program why is everything so shaded in secrecy and redactions. Thank you.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you.

DANIEL FRESQUEZ (Media Coordinator): Chair Bustamante we did have two users pre-register to speak and to attend virtually: Chris Mechels and Paul White. Unfortunately, I don't see either of those users online.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Okay. It is 3:49, I'll give it one more minute before we move to our next item. [Discussion with Mr. Fresquez regarding additional public speakers] All right, it's 3:50 and we'll close matters of public concern.

11. 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 Administrative Adjudicatory Proceedings, Including Those on the Agenda Tonight for

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Public Hearing, 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) Discussion of Claims and Potential Claims Against Santa Fe County Relating to the Operation of the Santa Fe County Adult Detention Facility; (2) Rancho Viejo, Limited Partnership, Rancho Viejo Solar, LLC, and AES Clean Energy Development, LLC, Applicants, Request for A Conditional Use Permit, Appeal Nos. 24-5201, 24-5202, 24-5203, and 24-52024 from Planning Commission's Final Order; (3) Alleged Violations of the Inspection of Public Records Act and Open Meetings Act; and (4) Performance Evaluation of the County Manager. (Item Nos. 2-4 Added)

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Attorney Boyd.

ATTORNEY BOYD: Thank you, Chair Bustamante. There are several items that I'm seeking a motion for the Commission to go into executive session to discuss. The applicable exceptions to the Open Meetings Act are 1) limited personnel matters under section 10.15 (H)(2); Board deliberations in connection with administrative adjudicatory proceedings pursuant to Section 10-15-1 (H)(3); threatened or pending litigation in which Santa Fe County is or may become a participant as allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(7). And as you know and I know you've already spoken to this before but by way of slight response I'll just note that the Commission has noted a potential action item after close session in which it will conduct in open session any action it chooses to take after deliberating on the administrative judicatory matter that's set forth in the agenda.

So I'm seeking a motion to go into executive session for the reasons just stated.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Attorney Boyd. Can we hear a motion to go into executive session.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: So moved.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: We have a motion to go into executive session from Commissioner Johnson; do we have support?

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I would second it but under discussion, if I may.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Okay, we have a second from Commissioner Greene who wants to talk about it.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: So we've had concern here from the public and we received a letter

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earlier today. Would you please just expand on this their concerns and how you interpret that as not being impactful in our decision to go into speak in private.

ATTORNEY BOYD: Chair Bustamante and Commissioner Greene, under the Open Meetings Act this body in recognition of the role it plays as a judicial body from time to time allows the Commission to go into executive session to engage in deliberations and the language of the statute is that it's deliberations in connection with any adjudicatory proceeding. And so when you're putting your judge hat on you you need to have the space to and time to decide and deliberate on what you're going to do. And that's what the statutory exception recognizes and it's to allow you all to have the space to deliberate on something before returning to open session and taking the action on the proposed item or taking a different action. Again I think that the correspondence that was shared earlier, I think overly narrowly cabins the issue to essentially just address you know only after you've conducted all of your hearing, after you've heard all the testimony, at only that point can you go into closed session But then the question becomes how do you make a decision about how to conduct that hearing. That is core judicial decision-making. That is something that judges do all the time. They retire to their chambers and decide the process they're going to have before they take evidence and before they reach a decision.

So I think that certainly the Commission could elect to do this in open session but I think that there's a very well-grounded basis for this statutory exception and it's very sensible. It's to give you all the chance to deliberate and reach a judicial decision and then announce the decision after deliberating. So that's the purpose of the exception and it applies squarely here because what you're being asked to do is deliberate in connection with a quasi judicial proceeding and it does have anything to do with prejudging the matter as the agenda points out. It is a non-merits order essentially deciding how you're going to further adjudicate this case. I think that it's certainly well within your powers and appropriate in this instance for you all to enter into an executive session to deliberate on the process.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you for explaining that as much for the five of us up here but as for the community for the transparency aspect if people have, if two people have questions, 20 probably have questions and probably 200. So thank you for explaining that.

So I maintain my second.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Okay, I think it's worth saying yet even again that the whole purpose is when I hear the word deliberating and then I think of the public well what are they deliberating without our input the deliberation is specifically how we are going to conduct the hearings and that wouldn't be something that's necessarily amendable to the public input because we have to coordinate those elements among each other and with staff. So I hope that that solves that and is clear. I do trust that there will still be some who would say then why couldn't we have it in open forum and you know the answer is because when we get into that type of consideration that's what a judge would do in the back room but we do it as a Board. So have a motion by Commissioner Johnson. We have a second from Commissioner Greene.

The motion to go into executive session passed by unanimous roll call vote as

follows:

Commissioner Cacari Stone	Aye
Commissioner Greene	Aye
Commissioner Hughes	Aye
Commissioner Johnson	Aye
Chair Bustamante	Aye

[The Commission met in executive session from 3:56 to 5:35.]

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Madam Chair, I'd like to make a motion to come out of executive session stating that the only things that we discussed were the things that we went in and appropriately discussed.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Do we have a second?

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Second.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Second by Commissioner Johnson. So we have a motion to come out of executive session a second by Commissioner Johnson.

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

- 11. B. Rancho Viejo, Limited Partnership, Rancho Viejo Solar, LLC, and AES Clean Energy Development, LLC, Applicants, Request for A Conditional Use Permit, Appeal Nos. 24-5201, 24-5202, 24-5203, and 24-52024 from Planning Commission's Final Order: Non-Merits Order Concerning Preliminary Matters.**

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Now a motion for the item from our executive session.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Madam Chair, thank you very much. Just as a point of just discussion of what we discussed here and in executive session. Just to be clear that part of this is to discuss, part of what we did, is was to discuss procedure and appropriate ways to understand how the process works and how we would like it to go in the most orderly and comprehensive methods possible.

We had some newer Commissioners and some not so newer Commissioners that all had questions about process and making sure that all parties were heard, had appropriate opportunities to understand the process, a little bit of our communication strategy as to make sure that some of the questions that we had might be able to be shared on our website and in different ways so that the community that is concerned about this issue can voice their opinion in the multiple steps that come in the future. And ultimately the order that I will be making a motion to adopt is only an order discussing the first step of this process at this point. And so I'm sure some other folks here might have some comments about what we discussed but I just wanted to open that conversation.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Okay we have a motion to –

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COMMISSIONER GREENE: No, no motion yet I was just doing it under discussion but I'll make the motion when it's appropriate.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Under discussion. So any other statements regarding the order that we are preparing to release? Commissioner Hughes.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Yeah, I'd like to point out that we are giving the public every opportunity to participate. We've named eight parties with standing but also we've allowed other people to apply to be a party with standing, if they feel the need to. But whether or not they are a party with standing, the public will have every opportunity to make their statement at the public hearing which we will schedule at a later date

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. Additional statements, comments, concerns?

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: We need to, Madam Chair, do we need to share the date certain now?

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: We will have a motion to approve the order and provide the date if we will get a more – the motion to do so should include the date.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: So, Madame Chair, if I may, I will make a motion to adopt this order consolidating the appeals: recognizing parties with standing; and scheduling a pre-hearing special meeting.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: And do you want to include the date?

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Yep, so there is if folks would like to add their name to the consolidated appeals and potentially add themselves to an interested party with standing they can do so on or before June 10th by 5:00 p.m. and then we will be having a hearing and special meeting on June 17th at 1:00 p.m. in the BCC chambers right here.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: I second the motion.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: We have a motion to approve the order recognizing the dates of written request for June 10th and the final hearing on the 17th – a special meeting on the 17th and a second by Commissioner Hughes.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Could I just make a clarifying statement. The public hearing on June 17th is not the final hearing which will be considering the merits of the consolidated appeals So it is just the next step. It's not the final.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. Commissioner. Anyone else? We have a motion to approve with the dates and a second – we have a motion to approve by Commissioner Greene a second by Commissioner Hughes.

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

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: No one opposed Okay, thank you. We will have our first step in that process.

12. Public Hearings

A. Case No. 25-5140 Annette Montoya, Variance of Density Appeal

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13. **Informational Items /Reports – April 2025 Monthly Reports**

- A. Community Development Department
- B. Community Services Department
- C. Finance Division.
- D. Growth Management Department (May 2025).
- E. Human Resources and Risk Management Division.
- F. Public Safety Department
- G. Public Works Department

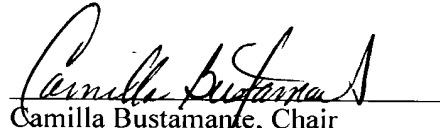
No questions or concerns were raised regarding the reports.

14. **Concluding Business**

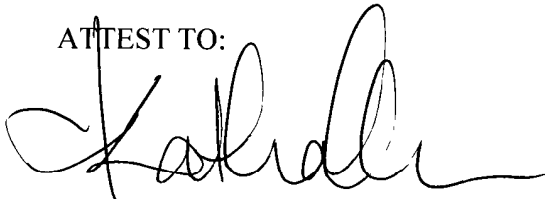
- A. **Announcements** – None were offered.
- B. **Adjournment**

Upon motion to adjourn by Commissioner Greene and second by Commissioner Johnson and with no further business to come before this body, Chair Bustamante declared this meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

Approved by:


Camilla Bustamante, Chair
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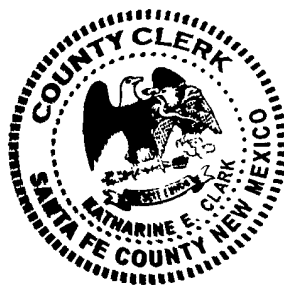
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