

SANTA FE COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR BCC MEETING
June 10, 2025

Camilla Bustamante, Chair - District 3
Lisa Cacari Stone, Vice Chair - District 2 [remotely]
Justin Greene - District 1
Hank Hughes - District 5
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1. A. This regular 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 Celeste Garcia of the County Clerk's Office and indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

Members Present:

Commissioner Camilla Bustamante, Chair
Commissioner Lisa Cacari Stone, Vice Chair [remotely]
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 Lucy Felt of the Manager's Office.

G. Approval of Agenda

MANAGER SHAFFER: Chair Bustamante, Commissioners, no there are no recommended changes to the agenda as presented. I would just note for purposes of our meeting that the initial agenda for today's meeting was posted on Tuesday, June 3rd approximately 8:30 p.m. and the amended agenda was posted on Friday June 6th at approximately 3:30 p.m. Thank you, Madam Chair.

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CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Manager Shaffer. If there are no changes to the agenda, do we have a motion to approve the agenda.

Upon motion by Commissioner Greene and second by Commissioner Johnson, the motion was approved by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes (Action Item)

A. Request Approval of the May 7, 2025, Board of County Commissioners Special Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Hughes moved to approve. Commissioner Johnson seconded and the motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

B. Request Approval of the May 13, 2025, Board of County Commissioners Meeting Minutes.

Upon motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Hughes, the May 13th minutes were unanimously [5-0] approved.

C. Request Approval of the May 15, 2025, Board of County Commissioners Special Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Hughes moved to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

3. Consideration of Commissioner Proclamations, Resolutions, Recognitions, and/or Other Items

A. Request Approval of a Proclamation Proclaiming the Month of June 2025 as "LGBTQIA+ Pride Month: Resilience -Stronger Than Ever."

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Thank you Chair Bustamante. Commissioner Greene and I are pleased to collaborate on this proclamation also understanding many of those in the room support it I wanted to acknowledge and I'm not able to see who's physically in the room but we have Mr. Roger Montoya the executive director of Moving Arts Española and the executive director Kevin Bowen from Human Rights Alliance.

I want to start with a few comments turn it over to Commissioner Greene and leave it open Chair if you want to make comments or any other Commissioners and then have a few reflections from both our guest Mr. Montoya and Mr. Bowen so I will get started.

In many of the countries around the world we have about 120 that celebrate pride outwardly. It is just not a day; it's a day to reflect, acknowledge and take stock in what civil rights and human rights means in this country and globally. We still have 67 countries that ban being out queer LGBTQI plus and actually criminalize it. In some countries, people are put to death still.

We don't take these rights lightly particularly in this contentious time in which hate and fear is rampant. And it doesn't take much to flame the fires of heterosexism and discrimination. I want to acknowledge that my own family, my two brothers and my sister and I are all out queer and identify very differently. We have good lives. We're married. We're good citizens. And we care about our familias, as Chicanos, Xicanx, Mestizos and mixed-status folks. I want to thank all of you who have supported your children. Who have supported a brother, a sister, a parent, a cousin, anybody who was strong enough and courageous enough to be who they truly are because love is love. And in Santa Fe we are very fortunate to live in an environment in a context in which people are accepted. We have many shoulders that we stand on that have fought for our rights. Who have fought for dignity. Yet there are still a context of hate. Even in my own campaign last year I received anti-hate/anti-queer experiences from being an out queer woman. This is not taken lightly. We must stand together. So I'm very proud to stand with all of you and in front of all of you and say today is a proclamation of the month of June with LGBTQIA+ pride where we celebrate resiliency and we stand stronger than ever together.

I'd like to defer to Commissioner Greene for a few comments.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Commissioner Cacari Stone, principally, for taking the lead on this and I want to give thanks to our Chair Bustamante for giving me the opportunity to co-sponsor this.

So the LGBTQIA+ community is blessed to be in a community that is relatively tolerant but it isn't perfect. And so it is in it is an obligation of mine to help show as an ally of this community that we are side by side this community in wherever we need to be. The community is often marginalized in other communities and if we can be a model community of tolerance, good for us and good for us both inside and outside of this community. It is understanding of others and making them appreciated as us as opposed to others. And so when they start from when folks start from the outside and can feel welcomed within with open arms I think that's how we should live our lives. So, thank you once again to Commissioner Cacari Stone.

Just as a little background for myself. I grew up in a household in New York City that was really a safe haven for a bunch of orphans as it may be in New York City who were for the most part were from the arts and architecture spaces. Music, arts and Architecture. But a lot of this group were seeking a tolerant community in New York City at a time when other communities didn't weren't as tolerant as New York. And my mother raised me in a household with a bunch of roommates and friends that came to our home that were was completely normal right. It didn't seem out of line in any way. Everybody came over with their boyfriends their girlfriends and whoever. And it was a wonderful house of love and I really appreciated growing up in that and it has turned me into an ally whenever I can be wherever I can be at this point.

I will defer now to the pass it to the Chair because and whoever else and when it's time we'll read the proclamation.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Does and anyone else have something to say?
Commissioner Hughes.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Yeah I think both Commissioner Cacari Stone and Commissioner Greene expressed it beautifully. I just want to say I strongly

support this and we have to stand up and stand out that we support the LGBTQ community and we don't back down just because the national government is changing its mind. This is a tolerant place and intolerance is important and we love everyone and like she said love is love. So thank you very much.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you Commissioner Hughes.
Commissioner Johnson.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Thank you Madam Chair and thank you Commissioners Cacari Stone and Greene for this proclamation. It's extremely important that we show support for communities who are belittled and demeaned by the federal government who have experienced a targeted campaign especially in the trans community that really questions their right to exist. And that's absolutely unacceptable. And we are as was stated lucky to live in Santa Fe, relatively tolerant community, but it's very important for people all over to acknowledge the existence and the livelihood and the right to be who you are in the public space. I hardily support this proclamation and thank you for bringing it forward.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you Commissioner Johnson. The last two years I've sponsored this particular proclamation for Pride Month and I'm very grateful that we have two other Commissioners who brought it forth and the support that I feel and I have felt from this dais for the community in which I'm from. I'm also from Santa Fe and I will just say coming out in your hometown has to be harder than coming out in Flagstaff. That's where I first realized who I was.

And I want to say something that I learned from Ocean Vuong who is a writer. And he talks about identity and place and the moment in time and how identity is this one thing that we are. And he and he talks about how identity is something like air. It's the air we breathe. It's not always the same piece of air. We are far more everything else and this. And it's very important when we talk about tolerance that we are whole people and that it's not about tolerance it's just about acknowledging our right to exist.

So I'm incredibly grateful for this coming forward. I'm grateful that we have people who are willing to be tolerant. I love even more those who accept the fact that we have a right to breathe on this planet. I also want to say something to face the current federal administration that sounded like if we didn't have children we didn't care about future generations. It's the single most absurd thing I had heard. And it's so important to acknowledge that if love is love, and I get the chance to be who I am and love who I love, then it is about loving everyone and it is about assuring and there's nothing that motivates me more from this dais than assuring that this community is good and safe for future generations.

So with that we'd love to hear the proclamation.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Okay. Thank you. We do have two guests that I believe are with us today asked to make a few comments before the proclamation; Mr. Roger Montoya and Mr. Kevin Bowen. Are they in the Zoom room or in the other in the room?

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: They are here and they will be coming up to the microphone, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Thank you so much. While they're doing that I want to thank my other Commissioners for your support but mostly for your

commitment and dedication and your leadership of including all peoples as part of Santa Fe County and for our County staff who do the same. Thank you, Mr. Bowen.

KEVIN BOWEN: Thank you. Thank you, Commissioners. Thank you, Camilla. I think it's important to note that within the County Commission here there are two queer people and there's also an elected official in the county Katherine Clark who's also on our board who's queer. And it's fabulous that you are making this recognition at such an important time in our history.

So on behalf of myself as the executive director of the Human Rights Alliance and our entire board we're very thankful and we're here to support this community both in the county and in the city. As we just opened a new center and we are continuing to support the community in every way possible.

And just a little funny sidebar if you didn't know this already but back in the day we've been doing a history project they referred to all of us as queers as, Going Santa Fe. I don't know if you knew that or not but it's a little bit of history. Mr. Montoya who does fabulous work too by the way.

ROGER MONTOKYA: Thank you so much Santa Fe and Commissioners for taking this time to honor and start this month in such a beautiful way centered on diversity, equity and inclusion, basic human values. Doesn't matter what any administration may claim those are foundational to being a human being.

I run an organization in northern New Mexico now for 20 years. I'm an out HIV positive man working in rural New Mexico, my chosen and intended community, that struggles in so many ways. The unhoused, the drug addicted, its severe poverty and trauma that is so thick at sometimes it seems almost insurmountable for the general population. My organization is called Moving Arts Española. We've existed for 18 years and our express mission is to heal through the arts. We serve 350 children a week from 3 up to young adults/ 26. We have career technical training in film and culinary arts and a whole array of vital hands-on creative opportunities on the tribal community of Okhay Owingeh.

Pride parades and drag shows, flag waving is very important to many but for me as a 65-year-old man serving in Rio Arriba County what's most important is setting a clear humanistic example of respect, inclusion and opportunities for every single child and family that comes forth. And I speak on behalf of my partner as well. We've served there for 20 years in this beautiful community and we have many young people who are queer, trans struggling and it is more important now than ever to continue the good work of ensuring that every child succeeds and thrives and has the love and supports they deserve. So, muchas gracias a ustedes. This is a beautiful, beautiful honor to be here and thank you for inviting me Lisa and Commissioner Greene, Hughes, Bustamante, Stone and Johnson, you are public servants of high regard. Muchas gracias.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Gracias. Thank you so much Kevin and Roger and to many who aren't in the room who have led and championed organizations. And we definitely have to think about the future.

I want to just start us out before the proclamation to read a quote by Audreya Lorde, You do not have to be me in order for us to fight alongside each other.

And with that Commissioner Greene if you can start us off with a proclamation if you could read page one and I'll end with page two. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I'm honored to do so. Thank you, Commissioner Cacari Stone.

A Santa Fe County proclamation proclaiming the month of June 2025 as LGBTQIA+ pride month: Resilience Stronger Than Ever. Introduced by Commissioner Lisa Cacari Stone and Justin S Greene.

Whereas, our lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning, intersex and asexual communities of Santa Fe are an integral part to our vibrant culture and climate; and, Whereas Santa Fe's history is deeply rooted in the rich traditions of the multicultural communities whose understandings of gender and sexuality have long reflected a fluid and inclusive spectrum predating modern constructs and affirming diverse identities through cultural spiritual and social practices; and, Whereas our diverse LGBTQIA+ community continues to make valuable contributions in academic, economic, artistic, cultural, political and social spheres within and around our community; and, Whereas it is important to recognize that and address the systematic social and political discrimination faced by the LGBTQIA+ community including limited rights, social stigma, barriers to health care and essential services and alarming high rates of violence and hate crimes; and, Whereas in the face of rising national and global hate violence and policies that seek to erase or harm the LGBTQIA plus individuals Pride Month in Santa Fe is not simply a celebration but a living call to action to protect, uplift and commit to the ongoing struggle of human rights, equity and safety for all people regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation; and, Whereas Santa Fe and the state of New Mexico have long been a beacon of for human rights having enacted progressive policies that support dignity, equality and resiliency of the LGBTQIA plus individuals and continues to be shaped by a community that values acceptance, justice and belonging for all. These policies include but are not limited to the following: expansion of the Human Rights Act in 2003 and 2023, including sexual orientation and gender identity in the Human Rights Act that was further expanded in 2023 through House Bill 207 and clarifies anti-discrimination protections and prohibition on conversion therapy Senate Bill 121 from 2017 banning conversion therapy practices on minors safeguarding the LGBTQIA+ youth from harmful and discredited treatments and abolition of the gay and trans panic defense from 2022 and the omnibus crime bill, an omnibus eliminate bill eliminating the use of gay panic and transpanic defenses in criminal cases ensuring that victim's identities cannot be used to justify violent acts. Legalization of same-sex marriage -- hear hear -- in 2023 from the New Mexico Supreme Court ruling of marriage equality making New Mexico the 17th state to legalize same-sex marriage, recognition of a non-binary gender markers 2019 law allowing individuals to select a non-binary exgender marker on birth certificates and state IDs acknowledging and valid and validating non-binary identities and the Safe Schools for All Students Act a 2019 law mandating that schools implement anti-bullying policies inclusive of sexual orientation and gender identity fostering safer educational environments for LGBTQIA plus students and genderneutral restroom requirements from 2019 requiring single occupancy restrooms in public places to be designated as genderneutral promoting inclusivity and accessibility and reproductive and gender affirming health care protections from 2023 in House Bill 7 prohibiting public bodies from discriminating against individuals seeking reproductive or gender affirming health care and the shield law for health for health care

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providers and patients a 2023 law in Senate Bill 13 providing legal protections for health care providers and patients involved in the reproductive and gender affirming care; and

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Whereas Santa Fe County remains committed to nondiscriminatory policies and practices and to safeguarding the civil rights of LGBTQIA+ persons recognizing the crucial role of brave leadership, championing organizations and social movements and assuring inclusive policies including but not limited to LGBTQI plus elected officials and ally leaders, Parents, Family/Friends of Lesbians and Gays/ PFLAG; Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders/ GLAAD; New Mexico Genders and Sexualities Alliance Network, The Mountain Center, casaq, Two Spirit Recognition and Advocacy, Equality New Mexico, Human Rights Alliance, Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico and City of Santa Fe's inclusive policies. And, Whereas the observation of June as Pride Month is a dynamic and continuous reminder of our collective responsibility to defend the civil liberties and human dignity of LGBTQI plus residents and to ensure that Santa Fe remains a safe, affirming and welcoming home for all; and, Whereas, in celebration for diversity and continued protection of human rights for all the LGBTQIA plus communities and allies of Santa Fe have thoughtfully organized a variety of receptions, festivals, concerts, educational events, walking tours, and other activities to promote resilience, and belonging for all during the Pride Month including Pride Santa Fe on June 28th 2025; and, Whereas the active and engaged LGBTQIA plus communities of Santa Fe have an enduring impact on the quality of life in our city and county the Pride Month serves as a reminder to us all to persist in the ongoing fight against prejudice and discrimination wherever it may exist.

Now therefore be it resolved that we the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County do hereby proclaim the month of June 2025 as LGBTQIA plus Pride Month: Resilience stronger than ever.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Commissioners. With that I will offer the sponsors the opportunity to take an action.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Madam Chair, I will make a motion to approve the Santa Fe County proclamation proclaiming the month of June 2025 as LGBTQIA+ Pride Month Resilience Stronger Than Ever.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Motion by Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: I second that.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Second by Commissioner Cacari Stone.

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

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Motion passes. Happy Pride Month.

B. Request Approval of Letter from the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners to Congressional Delegation in Support of the Pecos Watershed Protection Act

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: This is brought forward by me but I will also

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add Commissioner Johnson and I were working on this together and something happened that expedited a letter rather than the resolution. So thank you, Commissioner Johnson for being on top of this issue as well.

I won't read the letter to everyone in the chambers though it's relatively short but what we are asking for is that the Pecos Watershed Protection Act that has been moved and we know that there is mining in Pecos that is big impact on our waterways. And it has impact on the waterways that are also in Santa Fe County as well as Pecos and it's disruptive to just absolutely beautiful part of our state. Mining in that area -- I'm sorry the only words come to mind is grotesque. It's just such a beautiful green lush area and to take and extract what minimal metals or whatever they're looking for there in the interest of contaminating the water and the region. It doesn't even make financial sense. So with that we are sending a letter to Martin Heinrich, Fernandez, Lujan, Gabe Vasquez and Melanie Stansbury in the interest of supporting the Pecos Watershed Protection Act. Commissioner Johnson.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Thank you, Chair. This is an important bill before the Senate. We need to protect our watersheds. We know that water is extremely precious in northern New Mexico and we have experienced -- and throughout the southwest I should say -- and we have experienced in our own community toxic and poisoned water specifically most recently in La Cienega. We need to protect rural communities from large international interests that extract from the land and don't give back to it.

And I wanted to acknowledge the really, really dedicated work of Ralph Anthony Vigil who had asked the Commission to work on protection of the Pecos watershed. Ralph passed away suddenly, May 16th, and we had been communicating back and forth about how we can support our federal legislative team to push this forward. So I want to acknowledge Ralph may he rest in peace. He was a tireless advocate for Pecos and a steward of the land and the water.

So I think in a way I'd like to make this in his honor and when appropriate I'll support your resolution or your letter.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Any other comments? Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Madam Chair and Commissioner Johnson. I am fully in support of this.

I love the Pecos Valley. I spend time up there in the Holy Ghost area as well as in the, which is part of Santa Fe County, as well as in the San Miguel County area in Pecos periodically and have many friends up there who love their river and their valley like no other. It is really impressive the passion they have for this and they've taught me just a fraction of that appreciation that they have.

I ask actually just the potential for a friendly amendment to this and that we address this to also the congressional delegation in Texas that also has part of the Pecos watershed. It continues all the way down into Texas and it might have some level of appreciation and potentially cross the aisle to some Republican members that might also appreciate this that might not quite realize the value that we put on the Pecos River. And so if it would be possible to also send this to those congressional members including the two senators from Texas as well as the representatives that are in that western part of Texas.

I would hope that would be a friendly opportunity to include them in this so that they would know that we love this river potentially as much as they do and that that we're trying to protect the upper watershed for water that runs down into their neck of the woods.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Oh, okay. Commissioner Hughes.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Well I don't know about the friendly amendment. You can decide on that but and I'm sure it's fine. But I just wanted to mention that I have long enjoyed the Pecos wilderness and I followed this for many years, this protection. Many are concerned about the mining. So I fully support this effort. Thank you.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Commissioner. The thought of adding Texas, I think it makes a lot of sense. The Pecos River goes into Texas and as you were making the recommendation I can't see any hazard to for doing that I don't think that anything negative could come up. Does that work for you Commissioner Johnson?

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Agreed.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: So with that and as the other Commissioners have talked about their connection with Pecos – my father actually grew up in Pecos and is buried in Pecos. We have family cabins up in the canyon that is being exploited and very much understand and I think I learned my tradition for appreciating the land and who we are from my father who was raised in Pecos.

So with that we'll have a motion.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: I'd like to propose a motion but I just wanted to thank you for leading This, Commissioner Chair Bustamante and Commissioner Adam Johnson. I think it's a very important letter to make and to work with congressional members on this.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Thank you, Madam Chair. I move to support the Board of County Commissioners or I move to approve the Board of County Commissioners support and approval of the attached letter with the friendly amendment to include both senators from Texas as well as representatives from the western part of the state in our addresses.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: And I'll second that.

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

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

4. Consent Agenda

- A. Resolution No. 2025-60, a Resolution to Authorize Certain Growth Management Department Staff and the Enforcement Officer for the Solid Waste Division to Issue Citations for Violations of County Ordinances, Repealing and Replacing Resolution No. 2024-10.**
- B. Request (1) Approval to Purchase Portable and Mobile Radios for a Total Cost of \$464,995.50, Inclusive of NMGR, Utilizing Statewide Price Agreement No. 10-00000-20-0048 with Code 3 Service; and (2)**

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Delegation of Authority to the County Manager to Sign the Purchase Order(s).

- C. REMOVED by Commissioner Greene
- D. REMOVED by Chair Bustamante
- E. **Request (1) Approval of Amendment No. 10 to Agreement No. 2018-0077-IT/IC Between Santa Fe County and Superion, LLC, and Superion LLC Support Services Agreement No. SAFE-2259LG-00015149 REN2025-2026, Extending the Term to June 30, 2026, and Increasing the Compensation by \$208,955.42, for a Total Contract Sum of \$1,604,741.73, Exclusive of NM GRT, and (2) Delegation of Authority to the County Manager to Sign the Support Service Agreement and the Purchase Order(s).**

Commissioner Greene moved to approve items A, B and E of the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Hughes seconded and the motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

- C. **Request (1) Approval to Purchase Multiple Vehicles for the Sheriff's Office Utilizing the Cooperative Educational Services Agreement with Olathe Ford for a Total Purchase Amount of \$2,023,591, Inclusive of NM GRT; and (2) Delegation of Authority to the County Manager to Sign the Purchase Order(s).**

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Yes, Madam Chair, thank you very much. I'm supportive of refreshing the vehicles for the Sheriff's Department periodically as necessary but as many of us we started a pilot project to start studying the EV adoption. And so I'm wondering if there's any update that can be brought into this and maybe some forward-looking guidance as to whether maybe the next request for vehicles will have some EVs in there. So if the Undersheriff or the fleet management or Sheriff want to speak to that it would be appreciated.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Sheriff.

SHERIFF ADAN MENDOZA: Madam Chair, Commissioner Greene, thanks for the question. And as when we started off with this pilot project with two electric vehicles that we obtained and outfitted it took awhile based on the fact there was the first two I believe law enforcement vehicles in the state of New Mexico. So there was a learning curve in reference to getting those outfitted and on the streets. And then another challenge that we faced was getting the infrastructure at the Sheriff's Office to be able to charge these vehicles. On March 3 of 2025 the chargers were installed and placed and since then we've implemented the electric vehicles on a limited basis.

And I have just a little bit of information in reference to what that looked like. There's two units that were that were put into service with the Sheriff's Office. One of them one of the vehicles is currently being used by our planning and training division our recruiting division which is outfitted with some recruiting decals and that vehicle is taken to recruiting events to show to possible potential cadets or recruits. And I think we've gotten a very positive feedback on the fact that the Sheriff's Office is looking forward in

technology and on the cutting edge of technology as it sits. The other unit we've had a little bit of trouble based on the fact that we haven't been able to put a cage in the back of that because it's different than a regular F-150 patrol vehicle. And so that cage was on back order But we have been using that for our civil process division which is out on the streets every day serving civil paperwork and also it has been rotated through our patrol division and has been used on patrol probably half a dozen times.

There's some things that we've learned from putting that vehicle out onto patrol. We've realized that the a patrol vehicle when it's used for patrol type activities takes about -- it lasts in the field for about 4 to 6 hours from an 8 hour schedule. And so it lasts about half the shift. When we're using the vehicles for recruiting and for civil process that vehicle lasts the whole shift and maybe a little bit more and so we're seeing that it's it seems a little bit more practical that the electric vehicles are used for administrative or not patrol related activities which good because we do have a lot of administrative vehicles but he jury's still out on whether or not these patrol that we these electric vehicles can be used for patrol-type activities based on the fact that there's a lot of miles and a lot of response and different use of the vehicles in emergency situations.

So that's where we stand right now. The budget in the consent agenda isn't specifically for electric vehicles and I think time goes on we'll make a better assessment in reference to if we do order more electric vehicles to place in the fleet that and where we can place those whether it's in administrative functions or civil process functions.

One of the issues or one of the hurdles that we've attempted to get over is the actual infrastructure. As the level two chargers that we use at the Sheriff's Office take about an average of 10 hours to charge these vehicles fully when they're pretty low on the charge. So that takes a while. We can charge two vehicles at this time but as our fleet expands we're going to run into issue of charging and the infrastructure and how many chargers we actually do have. And so if we're using the two level two chargers and we're using those two chargers primarily for the two vehicles that are there we could rotate throughout shifts if possible but most of the administrative and the civil process is within the dayshift arena. So we may run into a resource or infrastructure issue moving forward but we'll assess that a little more clearly if we decide to purchase EV vehicles in the future.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Great Thank you, Sheriff, and thanks for trying this out and studying the issue and seeing where they fit appropriately.

I know that we do have money available to build the infrastructure for level three chargers and finding a way to make sure that your staff know how to access level three chargers out in the wild whether they're here in Santa Fe or I think there's one up in Española and know that they can top off, just like they do at a gas station, to get through an entire shift. There's ways to do that.

So thank you for the update on that I really appreciate that. And I hope that next year that we can be ready to look at maybe all the new vehicles that are fitting for the administrative and the civil service vehicles can be EVs because it seems like those two are the right way to start down that path. So thank you.

SHERIFF MENDOZA: Madam Chair, Commissioner, thank you.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Commissioner. Thank you, Sheriff.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I'll make the motion to approve item C a

request for 1) approval to purchase multiple vehicles for the Sheriff's Office utilizing the cooperative educational services agreement with Olathe Ford for a total purchase amount of 2,023,591 inclusive of NMGR and 2) delegation of authority to the County Manager to sign the purchase orders.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Second.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Motion from Commissioner Greene and second from Commissioner Hughes.

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

D. Resolution No. 2025-061, a Resolution Requesting a Budget Increase to the Utilities Fund (505) in the Amount of \$1,500,000 and an Increase to the Road Projects Fund (311) in the Amount of \$272,508.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Just a quick question and I wanted to thank again the Manager's Office and all of those who supported the quick action on addressing the PFAS issue in La Cieneguilla. My understanding is because we did and we knew we had applied for the funds through the New Mexico Environment Department and we used County General Fund money to do that. This helps us use those funds that we received from NMED to support another project; correct?

YVONNE HERRERA (Finance Director): Madam Chair, I believe we actually used the water, the Utilities Enterprise Fund to fund some of those. What this bill will do is reimburse those funds that we used but the rest of the funds will be used toward any kind of PFAS activities that we noted within the memo.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Great. That was the second part of my question. And then if there is additional money or we are reimbursing and that -- I don't want to call it extra money but the rest of that money, there's no such thing as extra money, the rest of that money will be used to address any PFAS issues that may or may not happen as a result of the work that's being done under contract; correct?

MS. HERRERA: Madam Chair, the rest of the money within the grant agreements?

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: The grant, yes.

MS. HERRERA: Both grant agreements or the extended amount of the one we're up to 1.5 million, the full 1.5 million will be going toward PFAS activities. We're just reimbursing the portion the County used in order to get us to this point in time.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Understood Thank you. I appreciate that, Yvonne. Thank you.

With that I'll make a motion to approve item D, a resolution requesting a budget increase to the utilities fund. Do I have support?

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Second.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: I have support from Commissioner Johnson.

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

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CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Okay we are through our consent agenda.

5. **Santa Fe County Board of Finance Meeting (WITHDRAWN)**

6. **Appointments and Reappointments**

A. **Request Appointment of Candidates to be Members of the Behavioral Health Leadership Council (BHLC)**

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Mr. Dominguez.

ALEX DOMINGUEZ: Thank you. Good afternoon, Madam Chair, Commissioners. My name is Alex Dominguez with the Community Services Department Behavioral Health Services, Program Manager.

I stand before you presenting an item for the Board to request the appointment of six members to the Behavioral Health Leadership Council. These appointments will be for a three-year term commencing on June 10, 2025 through June 10, 2028, of course with your approval.

In 2017 the Community Services Department engaged in a health services need analysis to identify gaps in existing behavioral health services. One recommendation produced in the analysis was for the County to develop a behavioral health strategic plan. Released in July of 2019 the plan recommended and emphasized the need for a leadership body to help guide the County and the larger community in planning and implementing a comprehensive system of services to better meet the needs of Santa Fe County residents with behavioral health issues. The behavioral health leadership team began meeting informally in 2019 but was interrupted by COVID 19 pandemic in March of 2020. They resumed monthly meetings in March of 2021 and in September of 2023 a coordinator was hired to assist CSD in this effort.

On February 13 2024 the Board adopted resolution number 2024-032 which formally established the Behavioral Health Leadership Council as an advisory board to provide recommendations concerning a comprehensive system of behavioral health services to better meet the needs of the residents of Santa Fe County.

Per the resolution, the Behavioral Health Leadership Council shall be comprised of 15 voting members appointed by the Board and should be of diverse backgrounds and representative of varied health care services and experiences and should include providers, government agencies, advocates, and persons with lived experiences. All members shall reside within Santa Fe County or represent an organization that performs services in Santa Fe County.

On August 13, 2024 the BCC appointed 12 council members. Since then three members had to resign from the council due to personal reasons leaving the council with nine current members. Staff solicited letters of interest from the public through a social media release and posting on the County's website. Council members have also been getting the word out for council membership interest. We received six notices of interest. The council and staff recommend the appointment of all six individuals as follows: Henri Hammond-Paul, representing the City of Santa Fe. He is the director of Community Health and Safety. Mr. Brian Serna, he is the executive director for Serna Solutions. Ms Leah Potter-Weight, she's a student working on Masters at New Mexico

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Highlands University. Mr. Mark R. Hayden, he will be our non-voting member, representing both the HPPC and the Behavioral Leadership Council. Mr. Frederick Sandoval, executive director, National Latino Behavioral Health Association. And, Sue O'Brien, executive director of Student Wellness, Santa Fe Public Schools.

With that, Madam Chair, Commissioners, I stand for questions.

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

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Thank you, Madam Chair. I wanted to thank you Alex for really capturing a diverse group of people who have served in many different fields and in their current positions government, social work, counseling, legal field, someone with experience at the adult detention center, Santa Fe public schools. So I think it's important that we have those range of experiences. I just wanted to say thank you for bringing what looks to be a good group to me before us today. Thank you.

MR. DOMINGUEZ: Madam Chair, Commissioner Johnson, thank you.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Commissioner Cacari Stone did you have a question?

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Yes, I do. So I'm going to have a question and a comment, Chair Bustamante at your pleasure.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Okay, go ahead.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Thank you. Mr. Dominguez, thank you for you and the Behavioral Health Council. It was an honor to join you for one of your meetings and I think this is a very timely moment to ramp up the County's behavioral health services as well as representation and planning with the behavioral health reform and the new monies and the regional efforts. I think you've selected a great mix of folks with strong leadership.

My question is where do you see this council going in terms of facilitating some guidance and leadership with the regional efforts under the state new health reform investments?

MR. DOMINGUEZ: Madam Chair, Commissioner Cacari Stone, thank you for that question.

What the Community Services Department has been doing through the leadership of our director is coordinating efforts that align not only with the Community Services Department but with Santa Fe County strategic plan and Senate Bill 3 regarding the goals and objectives that the council will be prioritizing. In this effort we'll have better communication not only between, of course, the Leadership Council, community Services department and the County's strategic plan but also the HPPPC in an effort to have a better understanding of how to leverage the funds available to us. How can we as a County be able to access more of those funds and be able to better support the residents needs in Santa Fe County. Our upcoming our next meeting is scheduled for July 17th and we will be having some representation from BHSD from the state to assist and answer some of the questions that the Leadership Council may have while again prioritizing the goals and objectives outlined in the strategic plan for the Community Services Departments.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Thank you so much, Mr. Dominguez. And at some point I invite you and the Behavioral Health Council as well as

community services to do a presentation to the Board possibly in September or so on when the timing is right and how these efforts are aligning and what things are looking like so we can know what we can look forward to but also what we can help plan and support. Thanks.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Commissioner and thank you Mr. Dominguez. Additional questions? Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Yes. Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you, Alex. I do appreciate the questions that Commissioner Cacari Stone had those follow mine that there's a lot of money coming into the pipeline here and I really hope that we're at the front of the line and helping the State in their rule making and how they're going to put this money into play give them easy to decide on solutions within Santa Fe County because the need is so great and if we're not ready at the door we you never know we could miss the opportunity. So I hope that we're as interactive with them as possible.

Additionally, the six people that are on this list I was intrigued to see that actually I knew a few of them over the past few years I'd met a few and was happy to see the variety that people from the public schools, director Henri-Paul from the City of Santa Fe who I've gotten to meet a few times in the past few months as he's new to the community and also full of energy, ideas and wanting to make our community as strong as possible in the public health arena. And I was very impressed with the list.

I will make the motion. If anybody else has anything to say I will wait.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Commissioner Hughes.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: I just wanted to express my support as well and note that I know the two people that I know that are on this list are very good. But I'll second your motion if that's okay.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Sure. Absolutely.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: We have a motion to support the placement of six candidates on the Behavioral Health Leadership Council by Commissioner Greene. We have a second from Commissioner Hughes.

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

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you all, thank you, Mr. Dominguez.

MR. DOMINGUEZ: Thank you, Commissioners.

7. Miscellaneous Action Items

A. Resolution No. 2025-062, a Resolution Adopting the Santa Fe County 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: And this will be Emergency Manager Brad Call. I understand we have a PowerPoint presentation for this as well.

BRAD CALL: Thank you. Good afternoon, Chairman Bustamante, Santa Fe County Commissioners. I'm very thrilled to be able to present the requesting the approval of the resolution adopting the Santa Fe County 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan. I would like to also at this time recognize the contributions of Mr. Ignacio

Dominguez to this plan. He was instrument instrumental in designing and putting together this in conjunction with our contractor partners H2O. He was with OEM. He is now with Santa Fe County Fire.

Real quickly I'd like to go over some background items about the Hazard Mitigation Plan The Hazard Mitigation Plan was developed by the Office of Emergency Management utilizing the services of a third party consultant, H2O partners, in consultation with Santa Fe County staff, County Commissioners, County elected officials and the general public. Public involvement was encouraged through several virtual and in-person meetings as well as a public comment period during which members of the public could comment on the draft of the plan. This inclusive and proactive approach ensures the County builds resilience while addressing equity in disaster preparedness and risk reduction.

The Hazard Mitigation Plan is reviewed by the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency or FEMA. Board approval is the last step in this approval process. The basic purpose of this plan is to reduce long-term risks to life, property and infrastructure from both natural and human-caused hazards such as wildfires, floods, severe weather events. It serves as a strategic guide for identifying hazards and implementing mitigation action. This plan meets FEMA requirements enabling the County to access key federal funding opportunities.

Without further ado I'd like to present a real quick presentation. Te Hazard Mitigation Plan overview was developed again by the Office of Emergency Management with the support of H2O partners. It was created in consultation with County staff, Commissioners, elected officials, and public involvement through the aforementioned virtual and in-person meetings. The purpose is that it reduces the long-term risk to life, safety, property, infrastructure. It promotes resilience, safety and equity in disaster response. It addresses both natural and specific human cause hazards. It provides a framework for mitigation efforts and it meets FEMA requirements enabling eligibility for federal hood mitigation and disaster recovery funding: this is a key element of this plan.

The approval status of this plan: Began the work in June 28 of 2024. The draft plan was submitted to the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. October 18, 2024 the draft plan was submitted to FEMA Region 6 by New Mexico Department of Homeland Security Emergency Management. And the plan was subsequently approved by FEMA pending adoption of resolution by this body.

Key components of this plan, and I wanted to make mention of these just real quick if I may, dam failure in section five; drought, earthquake, expansive soils, extreme cold, extreme heat, flood, hail, high wind, landslide and rockfall, land subsidence, lightning, tornado, volcano wildfire, winter storm, agricultural incident, hazardous materials and space weather. These were all hazards that were identified for Santa Fe County.

Key components of the plan is a hazard description, the location of the hazards, the extent we might expect the hazards, historical occurrences, probability of future events, vulnerability and impact, and climate change considerations were included in the plan.

Mission strategy section 26 contains 39 mitigation actions across the five following categories: plans regulations; education awareness; natural systems protection; structural; preparedness and response. For each action the report identifies the hazards addressed and assigns a priority including an estimated cost, potential funding sources, the lead agency and potential implementation scheduling.

Stakeholder and public involvement was extensive. Again, January 18, 24 the kickoff meeting and public meeting number one; a risk assessment workshop and public meeting number two in February. Also in February an online survey was released to the public; 261 surveys were complete and returned. March 6, 24 public meeting number three. March 7th mitigation strategy development workshop at public meeting number four. March 14th public meeting number five. In August the 8th of 24 draft Hazard Mitigation Plan was released for public comment and August 22nd public comment period closed.

Key components of the plan use of existing resources This was FEMA, NOAA, and the United States Corps of Engineers and other federal agencies. The plan maintenance: this plan will be reviewed annually or as needed and updated to remain aligned with County planning efforts.

A proactive and equitable approach was chosen when this plan was put together. It builds long-term community resilience. It addresses equity and disaster preparedness; encourages collaboration across departments, agencies and the communities within Santa Fe County and positions Santa Fe County to respond effectively and recover quickly from future hazards. We will have again ongoing annual reviews to ensure continued relevance and alignment with County goals. Adjustments can be made as needed. This incorporates new hazards that may be seen and encountered in the County; data and evolving community needs. These plans have been integrated and aligned with other county plans including the updated Emergency Operations Plan which will be presented to this body at a future date.

Do they have any questions from the Board? I stand for questions and comments.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: We have questions. Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you, Brad for getting this put together in, to get us back in compliance with the feds here.

I think I have really two questions. First off, there might be multiple questions on this related subject, but what sort of assessment and collaborative effort was put with and maybe public input put into the risks surrounding Los Alamos National Laboratories and the work on the hill up there?

MR. CALL: Los Alamos Laboratories had opportunity to respond and they did receive some input from them as one of our very important partners within the region. They did have some input on that for the hazards. It was not stated in the plan per se but the questions did come in from them and they did respond.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: And is there some level of scope or like order of magnitude impact that something that could happen up there even though it isn't happening necessarily in our county, Los Alamos is a small county, and we're downwind of them. So is that in there both in terms of the impact as well as Los Alamos County gets a lot of money for their emergency response and I'm wondering how much they've been able to inform us and to help us prepare from our side of the border.

MR. CALL: Sure. That is a large part of that with the Los Alamos County is the transportation aspect that we see through the bypass that comes through our county. So that was addressed. That is an open communication with that agency and with that section of the state to make sure that we're in compliance with all the federal guidelines, state guidelines, and also to mitigate those risks in our county. That is addressed, yes, sir.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: And of the nuclear work that goes on up there; is that adequately assessed in here in a way that gives us some scope and order of magnitude of what could be? I mean it's a sort of god forbid, knock on wood, situation. this whole plan is all of all of that—

MR. CALL: It does address that, yes. But again the main impetus is that is the transportation issues. There are some issues with, as you mentioned, the downwind effects but that is addressed in the plan, yes, sir.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Okay, I'll look a little further at that I think.

Also we have so many jurisdictions and tribal partners within the county borders of three municipal jurisdictions, I think five tribal/six tribal jurisdictions and are those coordinated and laid out in this plan in a way to make sure that — , some of these some of the pueblos don't have an emergency management ability like we do and so how we can go step in and step up to help our pueblo partners?

MR. CALL: We're definitely going to be in communication with them and have been with those organizations and those jurisdictions with the Office of Emergency Management. Those plans and those contingencies were again addressed in public comment and they were invited to make public comment on that. Again, a lot of that happened before my time but I was assured that that was addressed from those communities and those jurisdictions.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Okay. And I guess since it's in my district I'll ask the one of the one of the my favorite events in Santa Fe County is up in Chimayo and I saw you up there this year. That seems to be like a section that could be in here which is events. And I'm wondering if there's if there's any aspect to large public gatherings that put an outsized risk for an unfortunate situation.

MR. CALL: That wouldn't necessarily be addressed in the Hazard Mitigation Plan. It would be addressed in the Emergency Operations Plan which will be put for this body shortly. But that is something that when you're talking about large public events there are a lot of hazards that are associated with that but is not specifically addressed in the headers or mitigation plan.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Okay, as long as they're covered somewhere that's great. Thank you.

MR. CALL: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Commissioner Greene.
Anyone else? Commissioner Johnson.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Thank you, Director Call. So there was public comment on the draft plan. Did anything substantive come back from the public? We, Santa Fe have a number of retirees from different fields that certainly overlap with hazard mitigation. I know there was initial substantive public comment to sort of what

the plan will do but to the draft did we receive substantive comments from the public?

MR. CALL: There was some response to those drafts proposal but the main comments and impetus of the comments were when the draft document was being drafted during the initial comment phase. Some of them were very minor as in the end of my street floods. Some of them more substantive over a larger issue with wildfire, flooding, different regional hazards, things like that. But, yeah, there was there was substantial input from the communities both in the drafting and in the final proposal.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Was there some sort of expectation that the plan gives explicit directives? We have a framework here did -- I guess I'm trying to ask if the public saw some sort of gap or missing piece for how we actually -- if wildfire is coming down to the west from the mountains, what do we do? Was there concern about that sort of thing?

MR. CALL: Absolutely, absolutely. There was a lot of comments about some of the big hazards that we would expect in Santa Fe County. A lot of those are going to be operational which would not necessarily be addressed in the Hazard Mitigation Plan. That would be the Emergency Operations Plan and again that will be forthcoming before this body in the coming weeks. But, yeah, those questions and comments were taken in and taken in consideration of the drafting of this plan.

Again, this is an update of a previous plan from years past. So a lot of the leg work and initial stuff was done but the changes and updates were current and they were issues that were put forth by those focus groups and by those individuals who were contacted so they can make appropriate recommendations for the plan.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Okay, thank you. That's a help helpful clarification. And if I understand you correctly say if a constituent asks this provides an overall framework for how we understand and assess risk. And an operations plan, a separate document, gives more programmatic response direction.

MR. CALL: Yes.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Okay. It was also reviewed by the New Mexico Department of Emergency Management, did they offer substantive changes or how did they, what was their reaction to the document? I know they approved it so they liked it.

MR. CALL: They did approve it. A lot of those changes were with regional concerns, statewide concerns, that subsequently would affect Santa Fe County. The earthquake information was very key. The space weather was key. The agricultural incidents were very key as well. And New Mexico Department of Homeland Security Emergency Management did address some of those concerns, yes, sir.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: So that's something from their experience of the whole state that we they could kind of siphon into the document and help improve in that area.

MR. CALL: Yes, sir.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Okay. All right, thank you, no more questions.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. Any other questions? I have questions and I do have some concerns.

So the packet that we received was did have some information redacted in the

back with regard to some of this appendices with regard to – and frankly almost all of them if I can get to that were not provided with a statement that we had IPRA concerns over some of the community meeting strategies and such. And I don't agree with those quite frankly. There is no reason respectfully, Attorney Boyd, that this would be an IPRA issue or concern when we have the statements in our packet that stated, that we would not be providing specific information because of the official use only for a capability assessment; for official use only, exempt from public release under Freedom of Information Act. And there is absolutely no reason why that would be redacted.

Now with all due respect I've spent a little bit of time doing this work and this is scant. There is a lot of information that is lacking in this document. I appreciate sincerely the effort that's gone into it but I expect when I see a mitigation plan; I understand what it means to take a template answer the questions that are required by law to get the acceptance and approval to be able to get these federal and state funding and have an up-to-date plan. However, in our plan we don't even if we go back to section 5, under mitigation strategies, we have some goals and objectives stated and we don't have any mitigation strategies for that purpose. And if I go back to the requirements of that we are supposed to actually provide under Section 203 -- I'm not going to remember it. It doesn't matter; it's been a long time. But the reality is I'm quite aware that we have to put, we are expected to put specific strategies to what we would do under specific conditions. As well I'm less than comfortable with the assessment the risk assessment being based on those with expertise getting together and determining that this would be something that because of past practices would likely be high. Which I understand and I've been through that type of exercise. But then when I look at it I know that FEMA provides a tool for a risk assessment strategy and I don't see anything in this document that says that these are actually coded per the risk assessment strategy under FEMA. What is the number? I expected to see that in here and it's not there.

The other thing that is lacking and I expect to see in a mitigation strategy is that we've identified those locations in our community that have specific types of hazards. I understand that we all have concerns about what's happening in Los Alamos but we have buildings right here in Santa Fe that have hazardous materials that if our team was to be the response it should be called out and this is not an IPRA issue to say that this building has hazardous materials. And those buildings would be identified in our mitigation strategy plan and identified with what, and , this is a hazardous material or a HAZMAT issue and that would be identified. Churches are called exempt under this type. So we know that we have all of our buildings identified. We say this is residential and this is how this would be addressed because it's residential. With our public buildings, we have various things that are applied. HAZMAT is the best one example that I can give. But there's nothing in this plan that says. This is the type of hazard, for example, if we have an area which we do in district one that has a whole area where it's I think it's called landslide and rockfall. We don't actually call out the specific locations that have landslide. District one has landslide potential and we don't have this. You give a lot of good examples some definitions of what landslides are, the potential impacts, but we don't have the map that shows – and actually we do have a map that shows a big circle in the state of New Mexico. But what about the map in Santa Fe County that shows the ridge where if the water comes through that's going to slide it into, I don't know,

Cañoncito, name a place. But the fact is those are things that we look for. We do have some good significant events where Santa Fe was declared a disaster area but we have nothing with regard to the specifics because of this particular area being a rock slide hazard under these conditions, and then that's ranked and our response people if they all died tomorrow the new ones would come in -- or they all won the lottery. Let's put it that way. Nobody's dying tomorrow. They all won the lottery. They're not here. Someone has to pick this up and say, This is where the rocks slides happen when it's big rains. We need to be aware.

This is where the hazardous materials are in Santa Fe County. This is what we need to be aware of. This document doesn't say that to us. It doesn't say it. So hopefully all those guys will stay strong and healthy but the reality is this document doesn't provide the mitigation strategies that they're required to.

I'm confident that you could probably push it through get a box checked and we would have an updated plan. But I'm not confident that we have what is expected in a hazard mitigation plan that can be used by our local officials. And I prefer to see the latter. I prefer to see something that's used and is actually reference able to say, Oh, wow , in that particular area there is a higher chance of flood. So that when our newbies come through and they've been trained on the mitigation strategies they know they don't just rush into the swamp. They know that's a place where that happens. This document doesn't do that for us.

And again those areas that were redacted, I think this is more for attorney Boyd, with regard to we don't share this because it's subject to IPRA unless it's personal information but those things aren't and there's no reason why that couldn't have been provided to the community. So I'm concerned about this. I do appreciate that it's updated when necessary and I would say get started right now because it should be updated to provide every single building that has hazardous materials since that seems to be the issue in Santa Fe. We do have buildings with radiological analytes in Santa Fe, New Mexico let people know where they are. And with all due respect to whoever tried to do a word map and spelled nuclear and I don't know if that was a joke or if that's seriously what people think it's spelled but is not. No matter what George Bush, Jr. says it is it's not "nuclear". It's not spelled the way it is in this presentation. It should be spelled correctly. And that tells me that people are paying attention. If it was left that way because somebody spelled it wrong and they only hear it and they've never seen it in writing then it would be incumbent on those who have a background and expertise in this to fix it.

So I do have some sincere concerns with regard to this plan and with that I will hold for anyone who has any other concerns. The other thing and I just say this is in this interest and how much time I spent reviewing this -- and, again, I do have a little bit of time in this area so it's not that hard for me to review -- but when we look at planning potential for and I'm looking for landslides and then it says new and existing buildings or something like that you have to be able to provide what it would do to existing structures. And I'll look for an example of that. In most cases it says NA. That's where we're missing the information to say , no actually if that new work over there at the cancer center at the hospital eroded that is an existing structure that should be noted for a new arroyo and a beautiful bridge that crosses the cancer facility to the main hospital and that should be in a mitigation plan. That would say there's erosion here. Not an NA for potentially affected

buildings. Does that make sense do you have any questions for me?

MR. CALL: Yes, ma'am, thank you very much. I appreciate your input that was a lot of information and I do appreciate that. As far as the redactions, to the best of my knowledge the majority of the redactions and I will refer to Attorney Boyd on most of those we want to make sure that specific areas where a bad actor could employ nefarious purposes and know where those items are and know the specifics on that as I believe is what the majority of the redactions were as to just make sure that the bad actors do not have access, public access to that information. To my best my knowledge that's what it is and I do appreciate the other comments.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: May I address that. That didn't even work for me at a national laboratory. When we talk about bad actors and we talk about people who are wanting to get information about just the basic layout of the land and figure out how to infiltrate a national laboratory we don't get to say well we don't want anybody else to know. That ship actually sailed in the '90s. That that happened. Los Alamos tried to, Well, we don't want people to know about what's going on. We don't get to do that. So no bad actors, with all due respect, we need to be able to have that information ready and available. So that doesn't fly It just doesn't not in somebody can say it does somewhere but not here.

MR. CALL: Thank you.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. Commissioner Hughes.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: I appreciate your concerns, Commissioner Bustamante, I mean you were on the committee and you have a lot of experience this way. So I'm wondering if we should go ahead and approve this so we get to check the boxes but have an update within six months or something like that? Or do you want to put it off for a month? It seems thought that a lot of the stuff you wanted to be addressed is going to take a while to get all the information in here. I guess I prefer to approve it now and get an update whenever Brad thinks we can have the updates.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Commissioner Hughes. I've tried to think about this as well. To not have it approved as unuseful as it is with all due respect and I mean for those specific I mean somebody would learn stuff in here but not for those who would have to use it as a mitigation plan. It would serve the purpose of checking the box but it wouldn't provide the information that we need.

That being said, I strongly and I rarely do this especially to Los Alamos but that's an entity that has had to do this because of just who and where they are. I suggest you look at their plan and I'm not saying do it exactly they did since we had all agreed originally that we were going to work from templates. They have an exceptional layout. They have also the advantage over us from having the Cerro Grande and other fire since. So they do have a layout of the complete topography of the area, the specific buildings.

I am not adverse to passing this now but would expect in six months and that's a lot of work in six months or we don't pass it and we give a year to get that kind of information in here. But if we were to pass it today and make sure that we would go back and get the details in here that are missing for this particular document. The other thing with regard to the signed I don't know that in the regulation it calls for just Santa Fe County and consultant participants in the community outreach portions. I would suggest that we get some people without the Santa Fe County.gov in their email. That's a lot to

ask for. And I would say I would be amendable to passing this now to have it but I have just stated two things that need to be fixed. One of them is huge. The other one needs to be changed. That's not how it rolls. And we don't call it IPRA and say they're not going to find out that we didn't actually have these in these specific communities. It's embarrassing to say out loud in the chambers but we got to do better. That's why we're placed at this dais is to do better for our community not to check a box.

So when I say not to check a box I say, how would you like to do that, Commissioners Hughes, Johnson, Cacari Stone and Greene? I will go with making sure we have something that is updated. Acknowledging that it's faulty and that it would be something that can be modified within a six-month period. That would be my preference but however you would like to handle that.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: I'll make a motion that we approve the --
let me see

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: And the problem with this, Commissioner Hughes, is if we do approve it as it is and in six months it's the same document that it is, then it's going to stand and that's not that's not okay. Then we say, okay then it's failed after six months and it would be taken out as the mitigation plan. So we would be holding that we have, with all due respect, a defective document that we'd be working from for six months. And then at six months if it's the same document, then does it mean that document is now taken off of the books? We had already accepted it if it doesn't have any of those problems addressed. So that's the question on the table. Again, we always work from the assumption that none of us will be here tomorrow and somebody can pick up this document and work with it. So in six months if it's the same document are we okay with that? I'm not. But I will ask if you would like to consider that.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Well, I was going to make a resolution adopting Santa Fe County 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan with the proviso that we have a hard deadline of six months with the improvements made to the plan. And so we can have a presentation on it or whatever but I mean I don't know that we can have this plan actually expire in six months that we can demand improvements.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Commissioner Cacari Stone.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Yes, thank you. Thank you, Mr. Call and your team and thank you Chair Bustamante for your expertise. Is there any issue -- I agree with moving forward approving it. I don't think we have to throw the entire baby out with the bathwater but I do think that even though FEMA approved it we can have higher expectations and quality products. So that's what we strive for is excellence. So thank you for helping us. Is it possible, I was listening and I know we have it recorded, but in what you listed, Chair Bustamante, are there top priorities possibly with a follow-up meeting with Mr. Call and his leadership team that you would highlight with them given your expertise; what areas would should be addressed in the next three months and six months so when we come back in six months there's some contact points in between to meet those expectations or what do you think is possible Mr. Call and Chair Bustamante?

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Mr. Call.

MR. CALL: Thank you very much. Absolutely, we can look at this plan and heed the counsel and advice of Chairman Bustamante. I think those are valid

suggestions and those specifics could very much so be included in the plan. Whether they be public or not is an area for legal. But I do agree with the addition of those ideas and those areas of concern and with the plan. As far as timetable goes, that is ambitious six months but I think it is doable. I think it is something that we can approach and have as a goal to return to this body or another similar body to address those shortcomings that you've mentioned Chairman Bustamante.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Okay. I think I don't really have a sense on the likelihood or not I think you have a better sense than I as to whether or not it could be completed in six months. I would assure legal that if it's not information that's made public and it were something that would be lawsuit worthy because we did not disclose certain elements that it would be a poor call to make because I've lived that world. I'm not trying to argue with an attorney I know better than that. But I will say that's an experience that I've had. And, again, I've been -- this isn't a road that's unfamiliar to me but I understand your willingness to give that to Legal. That being said, when we have opportunities to identify those facilities; this is the risk, this is the facility and this is the category. This is an at risk population for a school is usually the identifier. If we have an auto body shop that has equipment and chemicals then it would be a HAZMAT, that's going to take some time. So if that's something that can be done in six months I say we go for it. I don't think it's impossible it's not a gigantic community but it is all the way from Edgewood to the corner of District 1. So I'm amendable. I'll provide any information but the truth is looking at the details put in the Los Alamos County as much as our pride might want to be I don't want them to tell us I'm saying that might be a place to learn something. So I'm amendable.

MANAGER SHAFFER: So if I could. As I'm following along the conversation I think I heard some consensus We don't want a poison pill where the plan suddenly expires because that would have some significant risk associated with the County relative to availability and eligibility for reimbursement in the event of a presidentially declared disaster. I heard obviously feedback relative to time being of the essence but some recognition that some of the specific requests and feedback might not be done within six months and so I'm wondering if perhaps a step may be that a plan would be brought forward within the next two months or the next month simply outlining the areas to be tackled as part of an update and a timeline line to do so so that we're not setting deadlines if that would work --

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: I'm sorry, Manager Shaffer, it's really not that difficult. I think an outline like that literally comes from FEMA. So I really recommend just going right back, take the details out of how it's laid out in Los Alamos County, I don't think we need to see an outline of something that exists in the regulation. I think it's doable and I would recommend and let's just see how far along things get in six months and have something approved so that we are able to get those dollars. But asking for less than that just I don't understand what the value opportunity would be. Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Madam Chair and thank you, Greg for laying that out. And I think that there's a sort of split thread the needle here with some of your the insight that you have, Madam Chair, I think is valuable to everybody here not only from the dais but I think there's an opportunity if you're willing to with the

powers that be whether it's the County Manager's Office directly or with Brad, Director Call, to lay out those things with a plan of action so that so that we're not surprised in six months, again, with something that doesn't quite fit the level that you're expecting and that may be really appropriate. So I'm wondering if there's an opportunity for that sort of guidance so that we can use your expertise in this space whether that's within 30 days, just a meeting –

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Commissioner Greene, I am more than happy to provide guidance but I truly believe that the details are easily accessible in the Los Alamos County Hazard Mitigation Plan. I'm more than happy to do so. I think it's my job to be of service to this community and to the County. It was my professional job and it would be a conflict of interest for me to get compensated for what that was worth at the time – that's a joke and I don't see anyone in the legal capacity over here laughing.
[laughter]

COMMISSIONER GREENE: No suggestion of compensation but just to and if nothing else within two months or a month whichever works for Director Call and the County Manager's Office to report back to us with a hard timeline and of saying, yes, six months is doable and also I think it would be ideal that we have maybe a draft before us 30 days before that so that we can have a little bit of previous look at it so that if there it isn't quite ready it's not at this level of, , do or die.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Okay. Commissioner Cacari Stone, did you have anything else? I think the value of all of us looking at Los Alamos County will give us an idea of the type of information one would expect to be able to drive up an emergency vehicle to a particular location and understand what the issues are to mitigate at that particular time. I truly believe it'll give us – those of us who have not been working in that capacity some insights to, Oh, that is helpful to the fire response or the hazmat team or whatever the case may be.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: I can say the motion again.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: So we have Commissioner Hughes has made the motion to accept the Santa Fe County mitigation plan as provided with the caveat that it will be modified to address the details discussed in this meeting and those identified in the Los Alamos County, as an example, the Los Alamos County Mitigation Plan. Is that okay?

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Yes.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I'll second that.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Second by Commissioner Greene.

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

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Motion carries. Thank you. You have a mitigation plan. And we will take a break until 3:45 and we will have public comment at that time. Thank you.

MR. CALL: Thank you, commissioners.

[The Commission recessed from 3:40 – 3:45]

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9. Matters of Public Concern

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Okay it is 3:45 we are back in session. And we have matters of public concern, public comment. And I have three registered online how many people from the public would like to speak.

DANIEL FRESQUEZ (Media Coordinator): Chair Bustamante, we have one person online.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Okay, let's go ahead and take our constituent from the public. Thank you.

MR. FRESQUEZ: Chair Bustamante. Would you like me to display a timer?

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Yes, please. three minutes, thank you.

JULIE BENNETT: Good afternoon. I'm Julie Bennett. I've stood before this body several times regarding my husband's and my TDR application that has been pending for eight years. We have withdrawn twice and we got back into it again because there was a buyer. I want to thank Mr. Boyd for his response to my last appearance. It was the quickest response I've gotten from staff to date. The directive that you referenced, Mr. Boyd, took seven months. I would like to say that there has still been no response on our TDR application contents outside of the water rights. The TDR application we were requested to appear before the TAC committee and we received zero response from the board of 12 members that we saw I believe it was in February.

As constituents who are really serious about this program and really serious about preserving our land we feel victimized by the iterative aspect of this program. Staff changes have created chaos. We have been downgraded from qualified to eligible. Our water rights were qualified and quantified in 2017. They were listed on the on the County website but then they were withdrawn when the new staff member came in.

If you want this program to work you need to incentivize people who are less motivated than we are, And we are losing our motivation. We have spent countless hours countless dollars to find a buyer. So I'm just going to say to you we can talk about details whenever you like. We are available to sit with you in meeting but right now I'm saying you have to streamline this program. You have to make it a comprehensive program. You can't just keep changing the line in the sand. And you hear how angry I am and frustrated. Please do not contact our lawyer anymore. We cannot afford to pay him anymore. We have no buyer.

A bank is paramount to the success of this program. Our land can be divided into 25 3/4 acre parcels But right now we have two farmers irrigating on that land successfully and that has been going on for 10 years. So if you want to preserve agricultural land in La Puebla do it comprehensively. Monetize a bank, streamline it and incentivize people who are less motivated than ourselves to make it happen. Thank you.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. And online?

MR. FRESQUEZ: Chair Bustamante, we have one user online Chris Mechels.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Mr. Mechels.

CHRIS MECHELS: Oh, there it goes, Yeah, hello members of the Board and the Chair. This has been interesting for me to watch the board actually take on

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this issue of the hazard mitigation plan. It's the first time I've seen the Board acting responsibly, thank you. In my opinion is that and that seems to be because the Chair had some actual experience and therefore she recognized the problem with the plan. I think where you went wrong as I think that you made the wrong call at the end. My experience at Los Alamos and in other places is you shouldn't have approved the plan it tends to get your motivation running in the wrong direction because at that point you're leaning toward approving what you got already. It sounds like the plan has very serious issues and you should insist that they're addressed before you approve the plan if you really want to preserve the public interest. But it also called the question of the lawyer. I noticed that the Chair was deferring to the lawyer. Please don't do that. These lawyers know a little bit about the law and precious little about anything else. I mean that shows up over and over again with my on ongoing -- with my ongoing concerns with because what's going on with IPRA of course is I've been trying to get information under the IPRA Act since the since the 21st of November and I'm still trying. And a big part of the problem right there is the attorneys. The attorneys don't know how to what how IPRA works legally and you could satisfy yourself on that. We had an exchange recently of emails on 5/29 this May 29th which are fully informative/fully informed issue about a [inaudible] IPRA response which in fact is not responsive at all. It's a claim to response for non-responsive documents and your attorneys are not doing their job. If you just look at the IPRA description on the website you can look at that description which was done by Peter Valencia, in fact, one of the attorneys, is on its face that description of the of the IPRA Act, the Public Records Act, is not compliant with the IPRA law. Mr. Mr. Valencia one of the account attorneys clearly does not know what he's doing as far as IPRA is concerned. Take it as a given. I mean I've worked with a lot of attorneys at Los Alamos and other places, they pretend to knowledge that they don't have. Unless they've specialized in an area as our patent attorneys did at Los Alamos, you can't really trust their advice outside of a very narrow area and their penchant is, is to hide information because that's what attorneys do.

So anyway I was encouraged today. It showed me that you are capable of acting because the Chair in this case had some profound knowledge in the area. You should get more involvement from profound people and stop listening to your attorneys all the time. Thank you.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Mr. Mechels. Anyone else online and we have no one else in the chambers. We will end public comment at this time.

7. B. Request (1) Approval of Three (3) Multiple Term Price Agreements for Road Maintenance and Construction Material for Santa Fe County Public Works under Agreement Nos. 2025-0224-A-C-PW/DK) and (2) Delegation of Authority to the County Manager to Sign Amendment(s) and Purchase Order(s).

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: All right, back to our action items. We have Ryan Ward presenting for us today. Thank you, Ryan.

RYAN WARD (Public Works): Good afternoon, Madam Chair, Commissioners. This item is am item for indefinite quantity. This is for Public Works

our road team specifically will use these items. So it was an indefinite quantity request for bid and it basically covers the materials we use day in and day out for maintenance for construction. So items like base material, our chip rock, asphalt, concrete, all the rock rip rap that we use to protect slopes. Our open space team would most likely use some of these items as well as they work in those spaces.

But basically we had three vendors: Enviroworks LLC; GM Emulsion and Mountain States Constructors, Inc. And basically just to give you a little more background I know the Commission is familiar with the approximately 559 miles that we do maintain. But to be efficient and as we've got projects coming up this summer that we discussed at the last BCC our LGRF projects, doing road maintenance, this will hopefully help expedite those projects in the future having access to be able to reach out, order materials, and having three vendors also is very advantageous for the County because we can basically, if we're working down south one of the vendors is kind of specific to the Edgewood area can supply materials. Our goal is to reach out to different vendors and use this group of three for the materials we need in certain areas. And so our goal from Public Works I think is to basically reach out as needed.

A lot of the times, to give you a little bit of background on materials and in these quantities, and what was bid on is for delivery as well, and so within a certain mile range that's kind of how they structured the bids. So they can deliver straight to the site or if we're doing a project on a specific area of the County having staging areas where they can deliver the material. So it expedites what we do and also takes some of that work off our staff having the ability to go out and have them deliver the materials instead of sending our trucks across the county to whatever material yard we need to go pick that up at.

So it's very beneficial as far as that. And the only other thing I would note is our yearly maintenance budget is a little over a million dollars And so the approval authority or signature authority of the County Manager is \$250,000 and so one of the things that we noted in here was if that could be approved up and above and beyond that. Our goal every year is to spend those monies on roads that need the maintenance and using those materials. So with only three vendors even if we were to average it with every vendor at 250,000 that still leaves us short about 250,000. And I'll stand for any questions.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Do we have any questions for Mr. Ward?
Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: So to be clear. We would have another request coming from you sometime later in the year to fill that gap if we exceed the 750? If we do 250, 250, 250 or is there added capacity within these contracts these are not to exceed 250 each?

MR. WARD: Madame Chair, Commissioner Greene, so these are indefinite quantities that could go above that. And it's a four-year but the ask is to allow the County Manager if we hit that threshold within the year the 750,000, if we can, or if there's the ability for the County Manager to sign over that so we could keep materials coming in.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Okay. That's what I thought I had understood but I just didn't quite understand something in there. Great, thank you.

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COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you. Additional questions?

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: I have questions.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Okay, Commissioner Cacari Stone, I'm sorry. I can't see you.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Mr. Ward, I'm just concerned around and I'm cautious about giving approval of an amount that doesn't have a cap, So it's right now we're just saying we're giving authority to the County Manager to approve anything above 250,000. And that makes me a little nervous around being fiscally accountable. That means we could approve whatever amount. Is it possible to include a cap here or a range>

MR. WARD: Madam Chair, Commissioner Cacari Stone, I think the budgetary constraints for where we will purchase the material out of that budgetary line item the million. I think this year we're at a 1,020,000 somewhere in there is really the constraint for what we need to purchase. Our goal is, as you see in different departments, especially in Public Works, we order things and we try to be proactive in what we order throughout the year but the reality is most of these types of materials if we're not doing some sort of maintenance doing some armoring of the slopes with rock rip rap most of these materials will be used in our road maintenance or road construction and so we order those in bulk but a lot of times it shifts throughout the year. Our big season of work is in the summertime, early spring through fall. And so you'll see an exponential increase. And a lot of times what we order we try to plan in advance, get the material, locate it where we need it, but I think the constraint for the for the overall amount would be tied to that budget line item.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Got it.

MR. WARD: So it wouldn't be just be an open open-ended check sort to say.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: That makes sense. Okay. So it's the just over the 1 million and certainly that's important, road maintenance and keeping it going. It's very important to all of our constituents. So thank you for clarifying that, I appreciate it.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Commissioner. Additional questions? Hearing none, do we have a motion to approve or deny?

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: I make a motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: And I'll second.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Okay, we have a motion to approve the budget request for multiple term price agreements for road maintenance and construction material for Santa Fe County Public Works by Commissioner Cacari Stone. We have a second from Commissioner Greene.

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

- C. Resolution No. 2025-063, a Resolution Requesting a Budget Increase to the Emergency Communication Operations Fund (245) in the Amount of \$120,000 and to Request a Budget Transfer in the General Fund (101) in the Amount of \$100,000.**

MANAGER SHAFFER: Chair Bustamante, Commissioners, I'll go ahead and kick these two items off. I know that the Board is familiar with the packet materials so I won't belabor the things that are contained therein. We provided a joint or single memorandum that addresses both the resolution requesting a budget increase as well as approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between Santa Fe County and the Española/Rio Arriba 911 center. In essence these two items together would both fund and memorialize a collaboration between Santa Fe County and the Española/Rio Arriba 911 Center. More specifically in exchange for \$100,000 in operational support divided between Fiscal Year 2025 and Fiscal Year 2026. The Española/Rio Arriba 911 Center would agree to participate in a County funded assessment and study that will consider among other things the potential consolidation of the two centers and alternate ways for the jurisdictions to collaborate in the provision of emergency dispatch services.

In terms of why this arrangement makes sense in the short term, we feel it's incumbent upon us consistent with our strategic plan and direction from the Board that we always look for regional collaboration and consolidation opportunities whenever possible so as to provide the highest level of services possible at reduced cost to all of the participating entities. The funding for the contribution to ERA and for the study and assessment would come as follows: first the \$100,000 contribution would be coming from funds that were budgeted in Fiscal Year 2025 but not needed for low-income property tax rebates. And, secondly, the study and assessment that we estimate to cost \$120,000 would come out of the Emergency Communication Operations Fund.

So with that I'd be pleased to answer any questions relative to the two items in front of the Board. But again they are separate items. Agenda item 7 C is the budget adjustment resolution and 7 D is the actual Memorandum of Understanding between the County and Española Rio Arriba 911.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Manager Shaffer. We're going to hear on item C. We appreciate the information on item D but I want to make sure since I am the first person to get confused when the motion is made as to whether or not we're approving both or one. I'm clarifying that right now we are hearing item C. And I want to see if we have any questions under item C with the information that's been provided by Manager Shaffer? Commissioner Johnson.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Thank you, Madam Chair and thank you, Manager Shaffer.

So the idea is to contribute 50,000 for two years to the Rio Arriba emergency response center and how high is -- and then and then a study will sort of evaluate and share with them the, I would assume, the benefits of having a more regionalized emergency system. How confident is the Manager's Office that that Rio Arriba will come to the table in that conversation? Since I haven't been in communication with them, obviously, wondering about that process and those conversations.

MANAGER SHAFFER: Thank you, Chair Bustamante, Commissioner Johnson. I'm 100 percent confident that they're going to participate in good faith in the study and assessment. Without seeing the study and assessment you know I don't know that I would be able to predict or even be in a position to ask them to commit to anything other than considering it in good faith which the County will be doing as well. So to sum

up I think they're fully committed and the MOU reflects their commitment to participate in good faith in the study and assessment and beyond that I wouldn't hazard a guess as to what position they may ultimately take to the study and assessment that has not yet been completed.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Thank you.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you very much, Madam Chair. And I want to thank Josh from coming down for from the E911 center up from Española. So a little bit of background. Right as I became a county commissioner a little over two years ago our friends up in Española invited me down, up, up, down, elevation down up on the map to Española to talk about a bunch of issues that were concerning to them. And one of them was the fact that Santa Fe County had withdrawn from a regional JPA where we were supporting their E911 operations. There is some overlap there their call center does manage some calls in the area that that Santa Fe County serves that our RECC does not quite go up to. That's not to say it's not capable. It's just sort of the way these sort of dispatch lines fall on a map. So under the guise of efficiency and trying to see if it could be more effective in this plan on regionalization and discussing it was hatched to see if we could study it and see if we can make things work out better. Josh gave me a tour Mayor Pro Tem Martinez also helped with the tour and I was very impressed with their operations up there. But I'm also very impressed with our own operations down here as you might have seen at the RECC. So I think that there's opportunities also reaching all the way up into the Taos area and looking at the whole northern tier to see how we can make things happen more effectively in the dispatch space.

An area that that I think has some potential is sort of in the intel space. The place where all of our all of our dispatches happen in a collaborative way or our police work happens in a collaborative way is at our 911 centers. And so whether it's the Sheriff's Office in Santa Fe County or the City of Santa Fe's police department or Edgewood or Española and then the 911 center up in Española that covers into Rio Arriba County and the pueblos up there it seems to me that the 911 centers RECC or 911 up there seem to be a good place for an intel unit. Criminals don't respect borders right you know and a jurisdiction of a police department or sheriff's office stops at borders. Santa Fe County works within the City of Santa Fe a little bit but defers to the city but they do not work across the border in Rio Arriba County and that's where there's a collaborative opportunity for us to bring new capabilities. I think this was something that the 911 center up in Española was starting to look at and I think that that's a best practice that we may be able to adopt here in a way for our police all of the jurisdictions and public safety operations can collaborate in a way to make sure that when somebody comes off of tribal land and does something on non-tribal land or when somebody crosses borders of counties or other jurisdictions that we know that the usual suspects are being monitored and we're able to identify them much faster. Whether it's using technology or just like for license plate readers or gunshot detection or fire dispatch and these cameras that can work to triangulate these, the 911 centers are really good places for collaboration and further use of technology that works across lines.

And so I'm generally in support of this. If there's nothing else I will make the resolution because this really affects my district and I'd be happy to be behind this

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resolution.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Do we have any other comments from the Commission? Okay, can we have a motion?

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Yes, ma'am. I will make a motion to adopt the resolution requesting that budget increase to the Emergency Communications Operation Funds in the amount of \$120,000 and to request a budget transfer in the General Fund 101 in the amount of \$100,000.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Second.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: We have a motion to approve the budget increase for emergency communications by Commissioner Greene. We have a second from Commissioner Hughes.

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

D. Request Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding Between Santa Fe County and the Espanola/Rio Arriba 911 Center.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. Item D. we have heard; is there anything additional that you anyone would like to add on item D either Yvonne or Manager Shaffer? Otherwise do we have any questions for staff? Yes, Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I will make the motion but I will also show some appreciation to our staff at the County Manager's Office and to the folks up at the E911 centers and jurisdictions up in Española area to entertain this and to be good partners in discussing this. They do great work up there and you know I think that there's things to learn from both organizations and let's see if we can make a more efficient dispatch system over here.

And if there's nothing else, I will make a motion requesting approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between Santa Fe County and the Española/Rio Arriba 911 Center.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Do we have support?

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Second.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: We have a second by Commissioner Johnson.

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

E. Resolution No. 2025-064, a Resolution Requesting a Budget Transfer in the Lodgers' Tax Facility Fund (214) in the Amount of \$1,300,000, and an Increase to the General Fund (101) in the Amount of \$2,450,000.

MS. HERRERA: Madam Chair, Commissioners, the resolution before you is requesting a budget increase to the Lodger's Tax Facility Fund in the amount of \$1.3 million and the General Fund in the amount of \$2,450,000 for the purchase of the Bobcat Crossing Ranch. This amount, the total amount being requested of \$3,750,000 is

for the purchase of the property as well as all closing cost estimated at \$50,000. The use of the Lodger's Facilities Tax Fund would leave approximately \$200,000 of uncommitted fund balance within the Lodger's Tax Facility Fund and would use 33 percent of the uncommitted, unrestricted fund balance in the General Fund.

County staff is proposing to use these funding sources based on the following recommendations: one is that it's a consistent application of using restricted resources first in this case the Lodger's Tax Facility fund. And while we have we do have balances within the first 1/8 hold harmless GRT fund and the capital outlay GRT fund the Board has previously decided to maintain uncommitted balances in these two funds to support existing projects budgets as necessary due to inflation and other factors. With that. Madam Chair, I stand for any questions.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Do we have any questions for Ms. Herrera?
Commissioner Hughes.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Yes, I just wanted to say I appreciate the staff working to find the best place to take the money from this and it wasn't any of the original sources that Greg and I discussed. But I specifically left out of my resolution where the money came from because I knew you'd find the best place.

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

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Madam Chair. You know I was very concerned about this originally and this didn't make it any better. This came out of cycle with money that wasn't appropriated and then took from other priorities into a neighborhood that had the means to potentially do this themselves. And so you know imagine if we had thought this through and said you know communities of Eldorado and Arroyo Hondo and the hills over there; what would it cost for you to do a special tax increment sort of financing of this. And so just on the back of a napkin I decided to look and figure out if we spread this over five years it would mean \$400 a year for each property owner using 3,000 homes in the area for them to pay for this on their own instead of raiding the Lodger's Tax where almost all of the money came from District 1; right? So you guys are asking for Lodger's tax money from District 1 to use on projects in Districts 4 and 5.

I appreciate the project but we didn't think it through. I've also had somebody approach me saying that if we had actually thought this through they could have probably raised private funds to fund this thing instead of using County funds. And, again, here we are trying to rush this through because somebody pressured somebody else here to feel like this had to be done immediately. And now we're taking money from District 1 from folks at Bishop's Lodge and Rancho Encantado and 10,000 Waves as the major funders of Lodger's Tax. All three in District 1 and moving them to District 4 and District 5. I also want to say that you know District 5 also didn't want to have any short-term rentals and that was the other source of money that is making lodgers tax in this thing.

So it's like you want your cake and you want to eat it too, you know, it just seems like you're taking from District 1 in this case.

And so I'm going to vote against this financing mechanism. I think there were better financing mechanisms here. I don't think it's appropriate. I do believe in preserving this land but I do not think that the pressure should have been you know put on us to do

it in this method.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Commissioner Greene. Duly scolded. The one thing I do want to make clear is Lodger's tax dollars Just because they're made in one particular district does not mean that they are solely used for that district.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Of course.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: There are other districts that do have lodging though that majority that you spoke of is in district 1, it's not just district one that benefits from tourism and we all benefit from it. So duly scolded.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Thank you, Madam Chair. I also appreciate the thinking of the County Manager's Office for figuring out how to how to make this work. And I think the Lodgers Tax Fund is a good mechanism for it. Lodgers tax is generated by people coming into our fine County and this will be an amazing property 2,600 acres of space for recreation, for viewing, for wildlife and I think that it is a good use of a fund that is refreshed each year. So I appreciate your thinking through this.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Commissioner Johnson.
Commissioner Cacari Stone, I saw your hand up; did you take that down?

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: No, I didn't I just didn't want to have it up when Commissioner Johnson was speaking. Thank you. May I speak now?

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Yes.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Thank you so much. First of all I appreciate creative options here for funding and I do have a question for County Manager Shaffer and Ms Herrera. When you were considering the sources of the funding what were the other scenarios you were able to look at or is this the only sole scenario? We don't get a chance to discuss some of these as Commissioners together so I just wanted to do it for the public record like what are some other scenarios you looked at?

MANAGER SHAFFER: Thank you, Chair Bustamante, Commissioner Cacari Stone. So the other sources of resources that we had identified that could support this purchase without any without upsetting any voter expectations relative to General Obligation Bonds were the first 1/8 hold harmless GRT fund, Fund 205, which has a current uncommitted fund balance of approximately \$3.1 million and the capital outlay gross receipts tax fund, Fund 313, which has approximately \$3.5 million currently of uncommitted fund balance.

As indicated in the memo, the Board had previously indicated through its actions of not budgeting those funds a desire to ensure that they were available to meet you know unanticipated cost overruns and increases to both maintenance as well as capital projects that the Board had previously identified as priorities. Again, the Board could go in a different direction and use those funding sources but those were the two other primary sources of resources that County staff had identified internally and then also identified for the Board. I hope that answers your question Commissioner Cacari Stone.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Yes, thank you, County Manager Shaffer. My other question was so if the capital outlay fund were a source that would actually infringe on the process we're having now with priorities in capital outlay; is that correct and could you describe what that impact would have been to take from capital

outlay?

MANAGER SHAFFER: Chair Bustamante, Commissioner Cacari Stone, utilizing the capital outlay gross receipts tax fund would mean that there would be less resources available for existing Board approved projects or new projects using the general fund likewise reduces available resources. Whatever slice of pie you take ultimately allocating money for one purpose is going to mean it's not going to be available for another purpose. But again if the funding came from the capital outlay gross receipts tax fund there would be less funding available in that fund for capital projects.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Thank you. Thank you for answering that question. So you know I respect the vote of my colleagues. I think the record shows I voted no not because of the merit of this critical priority of sustaining lands and open spaces especially during this time for all of our Santa Fe County. And I do respect my Commissioners who supported and proposed this bill. So my vote was not on the -- it's passed -- but we're now we're in a situation where we have to figure out how to fund this. And my commitment and the oath I took was to try to be fiscally accountable and transparent and we were just a stone's throw from the budget process. So we're sort of at this rock and hard place tonight where we have to make a vote on something that already passed and we're going to be taking from some funding source that wasn't part of the big picture pie. In other words, I just want to emphasize that as Commissioners I see our role as having an obligation to consider all the priorities of the County and we rushed to this because there was this I don't know if it was perceived or real pressure to hurry up and buy real estate and land because it might go. And I might not understand that, maybe it was going to. So again it's not the merit but now we have to make a decision on funding when it could have been part of the larger budget process. And I need to say that because I want to avoid as a Commission these dilemmas in the future because it not only, it pins us up against each other in terms of piecemealing decision making around funding when we are smack in the middle of budget review and we will be going through County priorities and it's not fair to our constituents that we're making decisions to take from the general fund and now that pot's smaller when we go to consider all the priorities.

So it's not the merit of the land I get it. It's the process and the accountability to consider the whole pie and priorities together. So you know it sounds like we don't have a lot of options right now than to take from the general fund and you're creatively thinking about splitting it. So we leave we're not taking all of it. So I do appreciate that effort.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you Commissioner Cacari Stone. And then just as a reminder the applicant did state that there was somebody who was already prepared to purchase that at the time and this is one reason why it was determined to move forward at this time. And that's just a reminder for those who may have forgotten that there was a bit of a push in that regard. Commissioner Hughes.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Yeah, thank you. I'd just like to point out that Greg and I also, Manager Shaffer discussed other possibility funding for it which would be leftover funding from this year. He didn't mention that which is \$10 million roughly. We won't know till September the capital funds for this coming year 26, \$14 million. I actually added all up and I did get my 33 million. So there is even other sources

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that we could potentially use. I do agree that these are the best ones and I'd like to say you know all the tourists will have access to this property is the closest in property of any of our open space and it will have bike trails and all sorts of stuff. So I think people will drive down from Bishop's Lodge and use the use this But that's just an opinion. So that's all I have to say with that.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Would you have a motion to approve?

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Yeah, I'll make a motion to approve 7.E resolution requesting a budget transfer in the Lodgers Tax Facility Fund in the amount of \$1,300,000 and an increase in the General Fund 101 in the amount of \$2,450,000.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Second.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: We have a motion to approve resolution requesting the budget transfer and Lodgers Tax Facility Fund in the amount of \$1,300,000 by Commissioner Hughes a second by Commissioner Johnson.

The motion passed by majority [4-1] voice vote with Commissioner Greene voting against.

8. Presentations

A. Presentation Concerning the Highlights and Impacts of the Santa Fe County NMSU Cooperative Extension Office Previous Year Programming.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Presentation time I know some of you have been waiting to do your presentations. We'll look at our first one: one of my favorite people in the whole NMSU world and agriculture and trees and everything like that, Tom Dominguez has a presentation concerning the highlights and impacts of the Santa Fe County NMSU Cooperative Extension Office. And he brought his team and they're all great folks. So I'm so happy to see you all. Thank you.

TOM DOMINGUEZ (County Extension Agricultural Agent): Thank you Madam Chair, Commissioners, this is an introduction or maybe a reintroduction of Cooperative Extension Service here in Santa Fe County of what we do and all good all the good work that we do here in Santa Fe. We got some packets for you highlighting some of our impacts from the previous year's programming in all our areas; family consumer science, agriculture, natural resources and 4H and youth. I've got a small introduction that I'll read that I wrote this morning. And then I'll want the staff to kind of introduce themselves their names and a little bit about what they're passionate about and some of their highlights of their programming.

As part of the land grant university system New Mexico State University's College of Agricultural Consumer and Environmental Sciences the Cooperative Extension Service in Santa Fe County is a driving force for positive change and lifelong learning. We are an educational agency committed to empowering individuals families and communities through practical research-based knowledge that enriches everyday life. Our programs focus on key areas vital to New Mexico's future and in lock step with Santa Fe County agricultural natural resource conservation, family and consumer sciences food and nutrition education and 4H youth development. Whether

helping ranchers adapt to changing climates, guiding families toward healthier living or nurturing leadership in young people through 4H our work is rooted in science and dedicated to service. As part of the unique partnership among federal, state and county governments our reach extends across Santa Fe County, Santa Cruz to Edgewood as well as many of our tribal areas. Backed by NMSU's expertise and in collaboration with many partner organizations and several hundred volunteers we are building stronger more resilient communities one relationship, one program, and one success story at a time.

Our mission is clear to be an engine for economic and community development in New Mexico improving the lives of New Mexicans through research, teaching and extension. Thank you for your time and I'm going to have the staff go ahead and I call them the dream team of cooperative extension. So all of them doing some great work. Go ahead Michelle.

MICHELLE STIZZA: Thank you. Hi, I'm Michelle Stizza. I'm a family and consumer science agent basically what that means is remember home-ec, We focus on food and nutrition, health and wellness, and financial health and wellness. They're all kind of interrelated. Under food and nutrition we have our ICAN educators that are ideas for cooking and nutrition. And so I will have them introduce themselves.

RENEE TREVINO ZISMAN: Hello, my name is Renee Trevino Ziman and I've been an ICAN nutrition educator for 13 years. We do nutrition outreach that includes basic nutrition, food safety, other healthy habits, exercise. We're funded by the USDA's SNAP/Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and we are free program. Our target audience are people with limited income and resources. And we serve everyone from kindergarteners to our elders that come to the senior centers.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you.

TERRY WARNER: I'm Terry Warner. I am an ICAN nutrition educator and I am in the southern part of Santa Fe County, so doing everything Renee said but down south. Thank you.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. And you're also working with us on the Stanley Cyclone Center.

MS. WARNER: I am.

PAIGE MAREZ: Good afternoon, Commissioners. My name is Paige Marez, I'm the 4H family consumer science agent alongside my counterpart an agriculture 4H agent Sunny Finley. She's unable to be with us today. She's working with kids at one of our big competitions. Youth development program of Cooperative Extension Services and often referred to as your first class with NMSU for the 2024/2025 4H year, we have over around 200 youth enrolled and over 80 volunteers many who work in multiple capacities within the program itself. We have over 200 project areas we offer as well as in school enrichment programs. So we work closely with school administrators and teachers within Santa Fe County to provide youth with opportunities and knowledge in areas like agriculture and natural resources. So our farm-to-table programs, egg to chick, healthy living and nutrition, STEM our science technology engineering and math programs, cultural development where students learn about the rich history and culture and complete projects dedicated to our beautiful state of New Mexico.

On behalf of the 4H program we'd like to thank our supportive Santa Fe County

Commissioners other public figures, volunteers and parents who assist in bolstering our program. Thank you very much.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you all very much.

MR. DOMINGUEZ: As Paige mentioned we have another staff member Sunny Finley who's on district programming with some 4H kids. Again, we just like to invite all of you to come see us. Come by the office if you want to learn more about our programming. If you find something specifically that interests you in those impact statements or in any of that packet go ahead and come by and let's talk and develop some programming in that area. Your constituents are our constituents so send us send them our way and we can certainly help. We're about helping people. Any questions?

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Tom. And you can correct me if I'm wrong but as a land grant capacity so as a land grant institution with the capacity that you have for counties, counties have their NMSU – just to explain the relationship here – that land grant or colleges/institutions have the support in each county; correct?

MR. DOMINGUEZ: Right, Yes, Madam Chair. Thank you for that. I'll refrain but I like to give my talk about the land-grant university system, 1864 legislation all the way in 1914 with the Smith-Lever Act. But yes, the land-grant university system was established in 1864. Every state in America has one. They are charged with the Cooperative Extension Service. There's an office in every county; 33 counties in New Mexico. And when I talk to kids about it we're essentially an extension cord from Las Cruces the land-grant university system to Santa Fe County, Rio Arriba County, Mora County and such.

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

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you, Tom and Dream Team.

So one of the programs that Santa Fe County is setting up in the end of July right before the County Fair is an Animal Welfare Summit. And we would like to and one of the questions I have and then an offer is I really appreciated all the cards handwritten cards from the kids that take a part in the fair. And it seems like it's a bunch of 4H kids and it seems like they're all from the southern part of the county which is wonderful. And I'm wondering if there has been an effort to grow that to the northern part of the county so that you know those great programs have some outreach in you know maybe it's really more suitable for the ranch lands down in the south, but I think that there should be some opportunity up in the north to do that. And that is just a question about, you know, am I right in saying that it is really in the southern part of the county that the 4H programs seem to be most successful?

MR. DOMINGUEZ: Commissioner Greene, you're absolutely correct. A lot of our youth are down in the southern part of the county. That's more of a rural-type setting but we do also have urban-type projects that fit the urban kids up here in Santa Fe. We are in the process of making those plans and making those efforts to reach mainly and what Paige I think mentioned was curriculum enrichment activities in schools. We have an extensive what we call it's an embryology project, egg to chick, and the agents go in the classroom with an incubator and teach all about the development of a chick in an egg. They hatch some chicks and so yes you're exactly right and we're working towards those

efforts as well. Thank you for that.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: So in an effort to sort of help that a little bit in the north the animal welfare summit is envisioned as having on the Friday July 25th at Buffalo Thunder, we'll reach out to you but I want to put it on the record here and maybe get some instant response from you all, is Friday the 25th will be a stakeholder group discussion and conference where it'll be everything from wildlife experts to domestic animals and household animals all the way down to the livestock space that the 4H group works with. And so we would love to have your participation in this discussion in ways that maybe we could have a session or two with your team talking to the partners in the area that so you could might get some better traction with the folks in the north like whether it's the school districts or wherever you see that. And so we invite you to come up and be a part of that on the 25th and then on the 26th and the 27th it is going to be a family friendly showcase and everything from a trade show to a spay neuter and adoption clinic. But we'd like to see if we can have a few of your really 4H evangelist kids come show off some of their animals and say like, Look how cool this is. I've got a really cool pig/bunny whatever you guys are showing off or they're showing off and love and we're going to have tents up and we can work with you to make it as hospitable and safe for those animals to be -- to get kids that are going to be from the north that may not even know that 4H exists maybe have an opportunity for them to see what the kids in the southern part of the county are taking part in.

MR. DOMINGUEZ: That'd be great. Thank you for the suggestion. We also have a group of senior level kids that we call them our ambassadors, ag ambassadors, so this is this is right up their alley. So Commissioner Greene we'll be there and we'll get in touch and find out the logistics of it for sure. Yes, sir.

MS. MAREZ: Commissioner Greene, we do host eight 4H clubs, five of which are located in the northern part of this the county. And the thank you cards that you receive reflect more of our livestock kids that are located in the southern part of the county. So we do have lots of involvement here. I do want to emphasize here in the northern part of the county currently. But we are trying to expand.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Great. Let me see if I can help you with that. Thank you.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Commissioner Greene, there isn't a kid who has livestock who doesn't know about 4H, just saying. And Rio Arriba kicks our tails at the state fair with their glass case thing. So we need Santa Fe County like ramp up that glass case vegetables and stuff. Any other comments, questions or concerns? We have a good show over there I always run to them. Any other questions? I'm so grateful for your presentation. Always grateful for your good work. What are we going to do about bindweed?

MR. DOMINUGEZ: Thank you very much.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you.

B. Presentation Concerning Arts, Culture, and Creative Economy Council's First Quarterly Report.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. This is exciting.

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LEILA SHADABI: Good afternoon, Madam Chair and Commissioners. This item is a presentation of and reporting from Dr Tressa Berman, the consultant who facilitating the strategic planning of art culture and creative economy councils. Dr Berman contract began on February 28, 2025 and the first ACCE Council meeting was held on March 4, 2025. Tomorrow we have actually the fourth meeting. As directed by resolution number 2024-167, the Economic Development Division initiated a competitive letter of interest process to secure a consultant for ACCE Council. Fourteen potential candidate were on identified with three submitting complete applications and participating in interview. Then we had done all the interview process in the Department of Community Development and following the evaluation process Dr Tressa Berman was selected as the ACCE Council consultant.

Dr. Berman holds a PhD in socio-cultural anthropology from UCLA. She has extensive experience in strategic planning for arts and I just want to mention that this report is like a early stage report and it's cover for technically March, April, May and she will report for the second quarter in September we have planned for that. And actually now she is providing the first quarterly report. To respect the time I just will stay here I stand for any question and let her she start her presentation. I know something else is in memo kind of summary of her report but I let her just to respect the time I let start her report and also we have Ms Pam Sullivan, chair of council here too.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you.

TRESSA BERMAN: Thank you so much Leila, Madam Chair and the Commission. I just want to make sure that I've got this okay forward and backwards.

Thank you. So, yes, I'm Tressa and my intention for this presentation is to inform the Commissioners and the public of the progress of the Arts, Cultural and Creative Economy Council through its progress up till now. So that's just the first three months as Leila mentioned toward researching, designing and developing a strategic Plan. This is the ultimate goal of the first 10 months of the council's 18 month appointment. So it's a short timeline for what we intend but we're on time I'm happy to say.

In order to center what I call the three Ps: priorities, process and product, and we're in this process now of establishing objectives strategies and goals, we need to anchor our approach in shared understanding. So in the quarterly report itself I fleshed these out in more detail with respect to features and indicators of the cultural economy but for here and now I just wanted to give a little snapshot of some of those shared understandings that are foundational as well as testable. So in other words our strategic framework aligns with both national and regional standards as well as the main pillars of the County's mission, For example, building healthy and sustainable communities because anything that comes out of this effort and my intention and how we're approaching it must be sustainable.

So to that end, the first quarterly report compiles and describes approaches and methods that inform this work to date. The most critical and activated process continues to be the work of the three subcommittees that were formed in I believe it was our second monthly meeting where we had an opportunity to jam board and really drill down into what might be some three main focus areas that the council of 11 people could then go and work on in their own spaces. They've been tasked with drafting recommendations

from those respective focus areas of resources that I want to really emphasize this point about resources with respect to the creative and cultural economy that, we're looking across the spectrum of what constitutes resources above and beyond though inclusive of, of course, funding which is necessary to activate any programs and events of the third subcommittee, right. Everything's working in tandem. These are all intersections. They're not discreet or siloed groups but just you know as a way to focus. The point being that we're looking also at cultural assets. And from that standpoint of resources and capacity building the importance of cultural knowledges, community practices, historical placemaking and preservation and placekeeping and stewardship many of the things that I was fortunate enough to hear in some of the other presentations today constitute parts of the creative economy. So with respect to resources the second group we call community outreach includes things like marketing as well as media and education. Some of the things that were just recently presented have some intersectionality with the cultural economy and finally programs and events which we can say more about.

The objectives here they're really when I thought about it and reflected are more like aspirational at this early stage of the game but they're also very specific. I also want to underscore that as a sample set of possibilities for these very specific outcomes that they will be part of a much more built out plan that contains larger strategic goals that can respond to dynamic and even unforeseen changes as we heard with respect to potential climate hazards and other unforeseen pivots that might be necessitated in the future. I like to take an emerging futures approach. That is we're looking at a plan that's 2030 and beyond. So while we have to stand where we are on on this ground space and time we're also trying to vision a future that may not look like today. So that's part of how we're also planning with a future forward lens and also with respect to strategic goals that can respond to these unforeseen changes in both cultural economic and the political ecosystem while at the same time staying true to a horizon line or a vision for this 2030 and beyond.

So being mindful of time, I just want to suggest a few preliminary strategic goals that are a step in that direction allowing for a range of activities, partnerships and technologies while honoring place, history, cultural knowledges and creative practices. For example just to give you a sense of how activities might relate with a larger conceptual goal. If we take for example goal two of creating connectivity among County districts to enhance the cultural economy ecosystem it's been suggested by the programs and events subcommittee that one thing that keeps coming up is wanting to see greater connectivity among extent or existing programs, for example, studio tours that currently have different schedules or may be placed within different districts. And how can we as a countywide body create greater connectivity among programs. That's just one example so also an example under goal one might be looking at youth apprenticeships also elder knowledge systems and legacy projects. We don't want to get too specific in our goals or else we won't be able to pivot in those unforeseen future circumstances.

The next two slides are simply snapshots of where we've been; timelines of phase one which as of today June 10th I'm happy to be able to present this quarterly summary to you. So these you might consider to be our accomplishments to date. And then where we're headed in a particular pointed in the direction toward the strategic plan are some of

the activities that the council as myself as facilitator and co-joiner that we are looking to continue to activate while at the same time we again need to be open to what are the constituents saying, what are the stakeholders holders want. You know I want to say from the outset that this is not my plan, okay. I'm here in service and I believe very strongly that this needs to be a grassroots endeavor and that the representatives from each of the districts they represent those constituencies which is why at the very first stage of my front-end assessment the first thing I did was I went out to the communities. That's where my methodology as an ethnographer interrelates with relationship building which in my view and in my professional work is the most important part of creating any kind of successful community enterprise.

Here are just a few of the next steps that I mentioned but in more formalized outline form and you can also find them in the quarterly report itself. And at this point I'd like to just add a footnote regarding some of our updates that the subcommittees themselves have now met for a second round. And I'm in the process of collating and summarizing some of those findings and that we're then in the process of suggesting a series of strategy sessions that will take place over the summer that I will co-facilitate with each of the subcommittees and the possibility for a kind of deeper dive into a retreat that would allow us to then come out with something more substantial for your second quarterly report. With that I'll just stand for questions and I thank you and happy Pride Month.

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

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Leila and Dr. Berman. Good first steps in this new Organization, new outlook, good, good process. I'm happy to see where this is going. A and I wonder you mentioned studio tours and this is one of my favorite things to do but I never seem to like either find out about them at the right time and there seems to be a communication gap. And I know that Santa Fe County frequently gives lots of money to studio tours to get the word out. It doesn't get there. It doesn't get it the way I sort of consume media. And so I'm wondering also when a studio tour is on a weekend you know that's great but if I'm not there that weekend then it's a lost opportunity but those studios don't go away. And so I'm wondering if there's technology solution here for all of the studio tours that maybe Santa Fe County can look at developing an events app that basically resides on our phones and if we're artistic sort of lovers and stuff like that and whether it's the artwalk on Canyon Road that might be a City sort of thing or within the city or it's the studio tour in studio tours in Eldorado or it's the week after the studio tours in Eldorado but a studio wants to still be open and have an open door policy that they could subscribe to an app that allows for us to sort of put all these cultural artistic resources in one place and allow people to subscribe, Hey I'm an artist I have a studio at my place; I'm a potter whatever; painter, you know, photographer and I want my studio open this weekend from noon to 4 and drop on in if you want. And that it doesn't make it where we're sort of stuck with one weekend which because of advertising issues and trying to communicate that we create a tool that we can actually use and allow people to open their doors whenever they want. And then if I look on my phone I go I was thinking of driving up north to Chimayo today and look there's three studios that just happen to be open and all the galleries, all the studios, formal, informal

and so on sort of get all the events and we just create a countywide event calendar that allows everybody from not only big events but to the smallest gallery and studio tour person to put, you know, interact with.

MS. SHADABI: Thank you very much, Commissioner Greene. That's a great point because it was concern of council's and actually we have one of our member in Council he's very professional on that point and also we work with the Planning Department GIS group to recognize all of these things. Although I'm sure that Dr. Berman can explain it better based on her experience and based on the progress that she's working on that but this is the one of the point that I know Council is concern about that they want to have it in a strategic plan and have something like that. It's very much my pleasure to hear it from you which is it seems that we are – to me it's a good news because it seems that we are in the right path that and I let her explain it better.

MS. BERMAN: Thank you. Thank you, Commissioner, for your comment and feedback. It is affirming. I will say I'd mention the studio tours as one very specific example. So you know again drilling down to specificities I mean those would be really outcomes of what would be our strategic goals and they need to be flexible enough because who knows what's going to replace app you know how is AI going to maybe allow us to upkeep a calendar without having to hire a social media manager, for example. So some of the concerns about coordination have to do with coordinating roles: who's going to monitor, manage and upkeep the data because in my experience and I'm sure many others you know the data is always changing and the touch points are always subject to change so with respect to that particular suggestion it could certainly be an outcome of a strategic goal to enhance connectivity work with new technologies.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Just as a follow on on that. A lot of apps in the first generation of apps were one-sided, right, you had to apply and send information to somebody and the County had to have somebody to update the calendars and do that. But apps have gotten sort of two-sided on this and so if somebody subscribes to the app, there's a consumer right and then there's a sort of a vendor side. If you're a gallery owner and you go, Well I'm going to open up on a Sunday that I'm not normally open and if they subscribe they have the access to open their gallery and show that it's there. So they take do this and they don't have to say, Oops I forgot to put it in the newspaper. Or, Oops I did this. And it's -- they actually can do that or and so these studio operators for artists that have their own studio you say, If you're on here subscribe here. We give you a password you log in and you can toggle it on and off at your willingness. And these things can become two-sided in this way and I understand that issue.

MS. BERMAN: Absolutely, so I would suggest that that would be like an implementation phase that would come post strategic plan. It could be part of a long, there's a very long list of things that people would love to see happen. And if I may speak to that, what becomes most amplified in some of the conversations I have with Council is community gathering spaces, access to space. Whether it's an existing space, whether it's a physical structure or whether it's land that could be activated for example for cultural or artistic events.

So I think there's a wide spectrum with respect to technologies of delivery. I think when we say technology people think about the kinds of technical applications that you're

referencing. Anthropologically you know a stone can be a technology if it's used to like you know open a fruit nut. So I I'm thinking much more broadly with respect to technologies of the future and how can we also incorporate the historical preservation elements that make our County that that give it its breath of cultural identity which is also a cultural asset. Oh I don't know if that got off track but I just wanted to make a case for like a much broader valance for looking at applications of strategic goals and developments of technologies what that could involve. And so that might be one thing. Thank you.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Without a doubt. Thank you.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Commissioner Johnson.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Thank you so much. And I think this is an interesting and optimistic start and I like to see that Santa Fe County's creative economy is represented and I think that this is moving us in that direction.

I want to underscore Commissioner Greene's point about outreach and I think it would be useful now to begin essentially surveying the County and as all 2,000 square miles of it and trying to understand where distributions of artists are that's outside of the epicenter of the of Santa Fe City and so that is I think something that we can really use as an asset because I know many artists live in far-flung places like Madrid or what have you, in rural areas because they use that as their studios. So I think it would be interesting to also you know this is thinking really forward but in addition to an app which is a good idea maybe email in the meantime but a way to sort of get people enrolled in this project early so that we are you know aware of where they are and then also being able to visualize that. I think it'd be really neat to be able to see sort of peppered across the big area of Santa Fe County where we have these creative economy, where this creative economy sort of the multi-polar positions that we have.

MS. BERMAN: Thank you so much. Absolutely I really appreciate that feedback as well because one of the first things that I proposed was cultural mapping project. We're now working with Public Works, their GIS systems for story on the district maps as well as the public art inventory and of course I've looked at many other examples outside of the County to try to get an overview of what would it look like, for example, just to have a snapshot of cultural assets and their clusters. Because I think once, as you say, we can visually see those clusters we can then start to also see the gaps and the needs and then we can take the steps to address them. So to date I don't believe the County has something like that, but what the County does have are a lot of resources that could feed into something like that. And then just the good experience of the Council themselves. So you know I'm not simply presenting. I'm also co-presenting. And there's a co-presence here of a couple of our council people. So I'm really hoping that there will be some takeaways from this kind of exchange.

And to your second point, I also developed a survey and Leila and I will be going over that next week and I as someone who's not employed by the County have some questions about the mechanisms for distribution, scoring and you know making it useful. We would we would love your input and assistance for that.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Thank you.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you Commissioner Cacari Stone.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Yeah, thank you, Chair Bustamante. If we could stop sharing the screen so I could see folks better please, Daniel. Thank you so much.

Dr. Shadabi, thank you for your work. Dr. Berman and this is really important because cultural preservation is sustained also through the arts, creative arts, inter-generationally and I was just picking up some of your themes from the initial steps.

I want to ask you in one of your slides Dr. Berman, you have the words cultural Tourism; what what's the meaning of that for you?

MS. BERMAN: Thank you. I don't really have a fixed definition. You know, I had the privilege of meeting with Edward Graves from New Mexico True and I wanted to get a broader sense of the external sources of economic and cultural development. Who's coming here; where are they spending their time and dollars; what kinds of things outside of the city limits might they be drawn to as tourists? So those I would define those as people who don't live here. They could maybe be as close as Albuquerque and as far-flung as Japan. And maybe that raises another question of who? So thank you for your question because who is coming here; what is the demographic of our of our tourist industry. And if we knew that more specifically then we might be able to create programs that are also of broader interest.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Thank you. And I fully support economic development, culture, arts but I do want to make sure Dr. Berman, as I think about the diverse constituents in Santa Fe County and the history of arts is that we don't create a cultural tourism in which talent is extracted and taken and brokered as a transactional event where we're not investing back in the community. And I didn't see any part of the investment in community. I see outreach. I don't see deeper engagement. And arts and the development of the economy should benefit Santa Fe residents in our communities not just tourists; okay. And it might benefit our tax base But I want to just as a Commissioner be very clear, that the investment needs to be for the sustainability of the culture and traditions and core values and intergenerational art forms that bring spirituality and land and peoples together and not just be about economics, right. It's about people and the transmission of language that's so needed with indigenous languages and different generations needing to continue to learn Spanish that that continue. I also see -- I could tell you right now without doing an assessment, we could do a dashboard drive through Santa Fe with local people and the council we don't need to keep doing more surveys and research and we see the concentration and the investment of public art in the downtown area.

Now we do have public art in the form of murals. If you go to the Santa Fe Mall, If you look at underpasses but we need to develop the talent and skill sets of local people and invest our County funds into art public art. We have some public art in acequia park. We had invested in an artist. That's the City. At Romero Park which we own in the County in District 2, I don't see any art there. It's a gorgeous park. We could do a driveby assessment and look where assets can be invested and we match artists living in that community like Agua Fria Village with putting more art in the parks. The south side of Airport Road I see no art. Do local people not deserve to have art in their public spaces created by them?

I'm seeing a big gap and it's just glaring at me and I feel very passionate about it.

So that's the tone of my voice passionate because it comes through the love of our community and the development in art in the economy needs to develop the incomes in the economy of local people and we can't price out artist markets and the cost to be in those markets downtown and price people out to be able to show their art and use it as a brokering system so they could afford their groceries.

I also want to mention in the lived experience folks of the homeless if you listen to some of their testimonies, some of them are online. Many of them are artists but they can't afford to have homes. So we could be working with some of the homeless population and give them opportunities to be integrated in the community and shared art space and shared living space. There's a lot of creative options. So we need to match some of the needs of the County beyond cultural tourism. Thank you so much.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you very much, Commissioner, and in the interest of time we have gone way over what we usually have for a presentation allotment but I think that this has been a considerate conversation and very important.

I'm grateful for the good work that is done having been a co-sponsor on this resolution with Commissioner Hansen. It's very important. Commissioner Hansen's wish was that we have more public art and I think that that is well received. Commissioner Cacari Stone in agreement. I think that also just in a nutshell it is lovely to be from a city that is beautiful and people travel to and is frankly among the most beautiful in the world by some standards, by many standards, but exploitation's hard. It's hard to be at a family funeral at the cathedral and have people take pictures because it's so neat to see that happen. And I don't have any -- I'm sorry but there are industries and there are industries. So it's just about exploitation and I just think that that message has been conveyed as well. We're completely grateful for the work that you've done and continue to do. And for those of you who are in the in the chambers and not here to speak but I'm grateful for your presence. I see thoughtfulness here. I see good work and I understand that. So I'm very grateful. Thank you.

MS. SHADABI: Thank you very much, Commissioner.

MS. BERMAN: Thank you so much. Yes, we will speak to those issues in the future.

C. Presentation Concerning Telecommunications Right-of-Way Fee Structure Analysis.

LEADRO CORDOVA (Deputy County Manager): Good afternoon Madam Chair, Commissioners. This item is a going to be a presentation and an accompanying report from Tierra Right-of-Way Services and Mr. Wade Patterson. Just a quick background before I turn it over to them. On January 14th County staff presented to the Board of County Commissioners a potential proposed ordinance to establish a clear competitively neutral framework for the use of County right-of-way and property by telecommunication providers. Following that January meeting, staff did contract with Tierra Right-of-way Services to evaluate and recommend viable fee structures for the inclusion of broadband internet infrastructure in an updated telecommunication ordinance.

We're here today to present the work that they did as well as seek any feedback

from the Commissioners either today or at any time after to help us inform the ordinance which will be coming forward in at a future meeting based on our feedback and the work that has been done.

So at this time I'd like to hand it over to Mr. Wade Patterson and Tierra Right-of-Way to go over their presentation. Thank you.

WADE PATTERSON: Thank you, Assistant County Manager Cordova. Chairperson Bustamante and County Commissioners my name is Wade Patterson I work with Tierra Right-of-Way Services. I'm joined today by my colleague Ellis Heindselman and we're here to present some of the results of our report that we completed for the County looking at creating fee structure for the location of telecommunications infrastructure on County-owned and maintained rights-of-way.

It may or may not be as exciting as arts and culture -- So as Assistant County Manager Cordova mentioned the purpose of the report is to inform an ordinance that the County is developing to address the issue of telecommunications located within your public rights-of-way. We were asked to look at a couple of model types that different agencies implement and then also provide some recommendations. Again that it should be clear competitively neutral and it was emphasized that there's no intention to hire additional staff to implement this so it needs to be something that's doesn't have too high of an administrative burden and can be implemented by existing staff.

One of the things I want to point out is in the report you will not see a discussion of what's called small wireless facilities; that is governed under state legislation. And so we were directed to omit that there is language about that in the draft ordinance which I think you all have looked at. Specifically that state legislation is the Wireless Consumer Advanced Infrastructure Investment Act -- I had to write it down because I can't remember it.

We surveyed widely models in the western United States in New Mexico and Colorado, Utah, Arizona and Washington state. We were also directed by staff to focus most specifically on models as implemented in the state of New Mexico. Part of the reason for this is that these are models that have been vetted. Some of them have faced some legal challenges and either prevailed or been modified to be in compliance with court orders. So these are franchise agreements as implemented by the City of Albuquerque; negotiated use agreements with the example of Bernalillo County and usage based charges or setup as implemented by Doña Ana County. So I'm going to talk a little bit about each of these models and then I'm going to end with our recommendations to Santa Fe County.

So for the city of Santa Fe they use what's called a franchise agreement and they enter into this agreement with a provider. That provider, every year, provides a report for their gross annual revenue and then in the subsequent year they pay that amount, 3 percent of that gross revenue to the agency and they pay it monthly. So some of the advantages is that the agency gets a regular monthly fee. On top of that, that's related to the agreement between the provider and the agency, anytime the agency wants to enter the right-of-way to do some work to install something or to repair something they pay a permit fee and then they pay excavation fees. And for my discussion today, when I say excavation fees that's both fees that are for the actual physical impact of the right-of-way as well as traffic control or what they often call barricade fees. So as I mentioned one of

the advantages here is that the agency gets a monthly payment but it does come with a relatively high administrative burden. Somebody needs to ensure that these providers are paying monthly, that they're paying what they're supposed to, if they're not then that there's some structure or mechanism to follow up with them and apply delinquency fees or anything like that. So there is some administrative burden there to be aware of. It has faced legal challenges. The City of Albuquerque is an example. What is in place today is in conformance with the law.

For Bernalillo County they use what's called negotiated use agreements. So a use agreement obviously is just the agreement between the provider and the agency. But in the case of Bernalillo County they actually negotiate the terms of each of these agreements separately with each provider. And in addition to that anytime they want to come in and do some construction work within the public right-of-way, the way that they deal with those fees is that they charge them a percentage of the total construction costs that it's going to take that provider to install for that whatever next iteration of infrastructure that they want to invest, on top of that there are fees for impacts to the right-of-way and the barricade fees. This similarly has a higher administrative burden. Somebody needs to be empowered to negotiate these use agreements with the provider. Someone needs to be familiar with what the County is willing to accept or not accept in a use agreement and so that does add some additional administrative burden so that's something to be aware of. This model has also faced some legal challenges but again what's on the books today is in conformance with the law.

Lastly, we looked at Doña Ana County and how they implement their structure and this is essentially the model type that we're recommending for Santa Fe County. So they have a use agreement similar to the use agreement in the at Bernalillo County and the franchise agreement with the City of Albuquerque. In this case the fee, and I'll provide specific examples for what we're recommending for Santa Fe County in a moment, but their fee is tied to actual infrastructure that is installed within the right-of-way. So there's a clear correlation between the infrastructure that's being installed and what that provider is being charged. It's not some percentage of the profits that they're earning, for example. It's a little more straightforward. This has a pretty lower administrative burden. These fee structures, you know, the use agreements with each provider is going to be the same template and the calculation of their annual use agreement fee is going to be consistent across the agreements with different providers and again as with the others, anytime the provider wants to come into the right-of-way and do some work, there's a standard schedule that you all can create and make available for the permit fees and for excavation fees. And that makes it easy for the staff to cross reference and make sure that the provider in their application has been accurate in the fees that they believe they need to pay.

So let's look at what we are recommending for Santa Fe County. There are two main components to all of these arrangements. One is an agreement, of course, between the provider and the agency. You have to have an agreement otherwise they don't know what they're supposed to do or can't do or what the penalties might be if they are out of compliance. Usually these use agreements come with a fee. In this case our recommendation as with Doña Ana County is that you charge them a linear foot fee for every linear foot of infrastructure that they have installed on your roadways. They're

a tenant in your home they need to charge you know it's pretty reasonable and rational to charge them for the space that they're occupying. We feel this is grounded, how should I say this, some of the legal challenges some of the basis of it were that the charges were capricious or they weren't really related to any actual physical aspect of their installation of infrastructure in public right-of-way. This makes it clear that there's a direct relationship there. Our recommendation of 3 cents per linear foot is drawn from Colorado Department of Transportation. They have this fee for their rural areas. It actually was a higher fee and they somewhat recently I believe it was 23 that they revised it. They revised and they lowered the fee after careful analysis because they were getting a lot of complaints that providers felt that the higher fee per linear foot was an obstacle for them to enter markets of underserved areas. And so they felt three cents per linear foot was enough to gather some you know money and revenue for their oversight of installations and it can go toward a actual road fund. Anytime someone cuts your road you're reducing the effective life of that road. So it's reasonable to collect some revenue to assist with that.

This would be a fee that's paid annually, 25- year term for use agreement is typical and that is currently what's in the draft ordinance that the County is developing. And again there's a direct relationship between the annual fee they're paying and the space that they occupy within your right-of-way.

So now going down one level anytime this provider wants to come into your public right-of-way they would, under our recommendation, pay a permit fee \$200 to \$250 per application for installation of a stretch of what they're looking to install is reasonable and consistent across the region with \$100 or a fee for if they're just coming in to do some maintenance or repair. It's not quite as extensive a disruption of the right-of-way; so that's what the rationale behind a lower fee for maintenance. Excavation or trenching fees we're recommending a range between 15 cents and \$150 per linear foot. The reason for the range is that not all installations impact or disturb the public right-of-way to the same extent, Hanging lines from and/or co-locating them on an existing pole is a lot less disruptive than cutting the actual pavement in the travel way versus maybe pushing conduit underneath a sidewalk. You all do already have an ordinance. It's 2003-01 and it's geared toward the installation of other types of utilities, so water, sewer those kinds of things. We suggest that staff review that and this range that we're recommending and the information that's included in the report to make sure that the charges are consistent with things that you're already charging other parties for being in your public right-of-way.

And, lastly, the barricade/traffic control fees those are the same. You already have a structure for that. You never allow people to be in your right-of-way without them submitting a traffic control plan and then someone going out and making sure that they're implementing it properly. So we're just recommending you lean on that because it's a setup that you already have. That is the end of my presentation and we are happy to answer any questions.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. That's very informative. Do we have any questions for the for the presenter? Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Great, thank you for looking at this and this is encouraging. I think I have three questions maybe more. The first one is there any

difference in your mind between buried and under and overhead lines? I know we're not really good at encouraging people to bury lines but we should be. And like is it you know and when you say, Oh, the impact is much less if somebody's going to save money by putting them overhead but we want to encourage them to put them underground; shouldn't there be some way to sort of encourage that a little bit maybe financially or however we –

MR. PATTERSON: Chairperson Bustamante and Commissioner Greene, yes, certainly the County could exercise that opinion if the County has a goal that they would like to reduce overhead lines for power and other infrastructure they could structure that linear foot payment in such a way that it discourages the overhead lines. In other words, the higher fee that you pay would be for hanging them overhead. If I were a provider and I were considering it there is still a cost usually to hanging my lines because I probably don't own that right of that pole and so whoever that is going to let me put my stuff on their line is also going to charge me a fee. So I'd have to do the math to see if that made sense. So you're absolutely right. If you increase the burden in terms of what would need to be paid to the County to hang the lines on top of whatever that other agency or other provider is allowing them, you know, charging to allow them to be there then yes that could be a discouragement and that could be a way to encourage underground utilities.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Great. And then I look at the rates and I wonder if there's a way to really make it what I would call a variable but a strategic rates schedule that would say in an area that you know you start with high rates right. You start with high but you say, Oh we have areas that we know are underserved. So in those underserved areas we have a way to say we're going to waive those rates or we're going to do these things to incentivize people to invest in those areas but then to disincentivize people from overbuilding in areas that just seem to be, you know, already served and probably wealthy customers and they're just trying to poach off some wealthy customers when it's the lower income areas that need actually that investment. And maybe there's mechanisms such as like look at census track and some financial things there as well as whether they're served with those things. Is there any model that you could bring that maybe doesn't exist in New Mexico but we're a little progressive here so maybe we could think outside of the box to sort of work on that space.

MR. PATTERSON: Sure, Madam Chair and Commissioner Greene, in our research we did identify, in my example of the Colorado Department of Transportation the 3 cents per linear foot. This is for what they're charging for the use agreement; they actually have two levels. If you're in an urbanized area they actually charge you 10 cents per linear foot. One of the reasons we didn't necessarily recommend that is that if you're going to create a structure where you say in this area we're going to charge you one fee and in this area we're going to charge you another fee. We're just sensitive to the fact that creates another administrative burden. Someone has to map that out and that may change over time so you'll have to have some kind of mechanism to make sure you're revisiting it periodically. But that could be a way to do it because the cost for the for the use agreement 10 cents per linear foot is a lot more than the three cents. And so if they're trying to get in the market maybe that's more of an incentive and you're directing them to the areas that are less densely populated that probably don't have,

maybe don't have any telecommunication services or if they do it might only be one. So now you're creating competition. Hopefully, that's going to help bring the rates down.

Another thing to bear in mind that we discovered is that to our knowledge there's no restriction for these providers passing any of these costs on to the customers. There's no real way for you to say like we're going to charge you this but you can't increase the rates on your customers. Doesn't seem to be any legal restriction on that. So there is somewhat of a dance think that the agency needs to engage in to figure out what that sweet spot is that encourages these providers to extend into the underserved areas but doesn't push them away.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: That's great. I mean I think that there's other mechanisms that we could work with that are not within a telecom ordinance and a usage fee schedule but here's this ordinance and here's this but here's this second set of whether it's grants to help somebody to entice somebody to invest in a certain neighborhood, whether it's helping them go for BEAD funding or things like that. We've got a few tools in our in our toolkit right now and you're being asked to look in a silo sort of one but we should always be looking comprehensively at all of these different things and say our recommendations are in this thing but understand that you have these two or three or four other opportunities to incentivize these things. Because I think a lot of our goal is affordability, right, you know, and so regarding it is connectivity making sure that it's accessible and available to everybody but also affordability right. And so incentivizing somebody to build in an area that is already served should be we should sort of push them gently. One, through lower fees like this but also; two, through potential other grants that we might be able to give to make sure that we do that. And then maybe potentially saying we'll only give you this grant if you have an affordable rate for basic services so that we make sure that those are really low cost services for families and other qualifications there.

Lastly, you mentioned an ordinance with a 2003 date on it and a price tag. Sorry you can finish that respond to that first one and then I'll get to the next question unless you were –

MR. PATTERSON: No, I was just responding to your comment about the 2003 ordinance.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: So when you bring up a price tag from 2003 dollars and tell us to go and maybe match that, I ask is that out of date? And maybe that's something that we need to look at as well for all of the franchise fees or whatever mechanism we were using in 2003 instead of us going back to something that seems 22 years out of date maybe we need to bring all of our fees structures up to a 2025 level.

MR. PATTERSON: And that may be the case. I do not know if the fee structure for that 2003 ordinance has been updated or changed. One of the things that is interesting about it is it says you know we're going to charge X amount for these kinds of disturbances to the roadway, you know, a cut across the travel way. And it identifies a percentage of that whatever the agency takes in from that is going to go to the general fund and certain percentage goes to the road fund. So what I like about that is that it recognizes that anytime someone's in there and cuts or disturbs your roadway you're incurring a cost. It's going to wear out sooner. It's going to need to be repaired sooner. And you're dedicating a portion of that fee to that specific purpose.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I like that. I would like to be able to say that just as we just saw an hour ago that lodgers' tax came from one neighborhood and was used in a different one, even though right if somebody's cutting a road for putting in a bunch of utilities in a road and it goes into the road fund well maybe that road fund is going to be used in a totally different road. And so it's you know robbing Peter to pay Paul in this thing. And so it would be nice if that money could be tied to the road knowing that that road has been damaged because of the utilities in there. So I think there's an added little sort of dedicate a certain amount to making sure that that road is working.

But great thank you for your work and looking into this. It's very interesting.

MR. PATTERSON: Thank you all.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, anyone else? Thank you very much for the presentation Peter and Paul are the same guy in this context, just saying. Have a great one. Thank you

MR. PATTERSON: Thank you all.

9. **Matters of Public Concern To Be Heard at 3:45 p.m.** (See Page 26)

10. **Matters from the County Manager**

A. **Miscellaneous Updates.**

MANAGER SHAFFER: Thank you, Chair Bustamante and Commissioners. I just wanted to make sure that you saw on your calendar two save the date calendar invites for potential special meetings should the Board determine them to be necessary relative to the Fiscal Year 26 capital budget and ICIP process. We're planning to focus our efforts on the two upcoming regular meetings of the Board of County Commissioners but we did want to be proactive and getting some dates on your calendars should you decide ultimately that additional special study sessions are warranted.

Secondly, I did know secondly I did want to confirm and recognize that the Adult Detention Facility as well as County Management have been actively pursuing short-, mid- and long-term options to address concerns that have been raised relative to released inmates walking along New Mexico 14. We will be providing a presentation on those efforts at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting on June 24th.

Third, I wanted to acknowledge all the hard work of County staff and other of our partners that went into the wildfire mitigation community days over the last four Saturdays. Those events have now concluded. Departments that were represented at those events not only included County Commissioners and your liaison but they also had representatives from the Fire Department, Sustainability Division, Senior Services, Office of Emergency Management as well as our Solid Waste Division. I also wanted to acknowledge other agencies that participated in some or all of the events and those included the Office of Superintendent of Insurance who I believe was present at all five of the events. As well as the State Forestry Division of the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department. So again a big shout out to County staff for going above and beyond to try and get very useful and timely information out to the community.

Finally I wanted to confirm that we did have a successful general obligation bond sale on June 5th 2025. The sale of the bonds that the Board authorized a few meetings ago is scheduled to close on July 1st. It was a very competitive sale. All told we had 11 different underwriters submit bids for the County's general obligation bonds and a total of 52 separate bids were submitted during the course of the 30-plus minute electronic auction of those general obligation bonds. The true interest cost was approximately 3.66 percent and again that's actually a about 30 basis points I believe give or take less than when the County last sold general obligation bonds so again think that all involved thought that it was a competitive and successful sale of the County's AAA rated bonds.

So those are the updates that I have for the Board. Given the length of the meeting and the hour did want to note that from staff's perspective the matters that were to be addressed under executive session at the pleasure of the Board could be delayed deferred to a future meeting such that if the Board was inclined we could go after matters from County Commissioners and other elected officials to item number 13. And, again, depending upon the pleasure of the Board could adjourn after that item.

Thank you, Chair Bustamante and Commissioners.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Manager Shaffer. And I want to just confirm that Attorney Boyd would be in concurrence with that given that the executive session usually is for those issues requiring legal reference.

ATTORNEY BOYD: Thank you, Chair Bustamante for the opportunity to get a word in at this meeting. It's been hard over the past couple hours but no I agree with Manager Shaffer. There's nothing -- there are items to be discussed that are worth discussing and need to be discussed but there's no need to have them be discussed at this particular meeting.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: And I understand that one of them would be best for everyone to be present in the same space and I think that would be helpful. And nothing's that pressing. I'm grateful. Thank you. Do we have any concerns from the Commission to forego the executive?

11. Matters from the 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 BUSTAMANTE: And we can start with Commissioner Johnson.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Thank you, Madam Chair. Let's see, so as Manager Shaffer just mentioned I attended last Saturday a fire mitigation event at Honda Fire Station 2. Commissioner Hughes was there, Manager Shaffer was there and my liaison Tina Salazar and so was a number of County staff members. It was well attended I thought. I had the opportunity to speak to a number of constituents about a host of different issues and some of them took the opportunity to you know make new connections for different kinds of concerns. I want to just acknowledge that the Office of the Superintendent of Insurance was there and I thought that was a great addition to the event because many constituent concerns often revolve of course around fire but around

insurance. So I thought it was really great that the Manager's Office had organized that along with the Fire Department of course and thanks to those in the back who I'm sure were at every single meeting. It was important that we show our solidarity and commitment to working on wildfire.

I attended with a everyone in person here to the Cresta Ranch groundbreaking. Governor Lujan Grisham spoke I thought it was a good event and that's the kind of project that we need in Santa Fe County. A much greater percentage of affordable housing and really I think leverage a lot of the opportunities for affordable housing in Santa Fe.

I perused an event the Canyon Road Summerwalk which Commissioner Greene mentioned earlier. We had our first on Wednesday on Canyon Road which is in the City. It rained and so it didn't really start until about 6:30 but 500 people showed up. It's the first Wednesday of every month.

I attended the North Central Regional Transit District meeting. They discussed some proposed new routes to Carson and Tres Arroz as in Taos County. It was the final meeting of director Anthony Mortillaro who will be sorely missed at that organization because it's very well run and he has been there for decades. We learned about a federal grant for a package of projects I won't mention them all in the interest of time but one involves federal funding for a Santa Fe facility for the Blue Bus. And that would be I think a great opportunity to collaborate with the Santa Fe Trails Network. We heard of 5-year capital improvement plan which also prioritizes the Santa Fe facility among others fleet replacement top of that list. But Santa Fe County's facility which would be on the south side would be a great asset and it would allow the blue bus to have buses parked in its own space and make better connections for riders and not just at the downtown center. And we also discussed the blue bus connection to the adult detention facility. And so I feel confident that the NCRTD is working on a plan. It's not the silver bullet but to add as many options so that we can transport people getting released from that facility and getting them home safe.

And, finally, I wanted to acknowledge the LA protests around ICE detentions and I stand in solidarity with them.

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

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Thank you, Chair Bustamante. So let me let me get to the happy fun stuff first. I was invited and participated in the Pride Kickoff sponsored by Human Rights Alliance at the Governor's mansion. Commissioner Greene was there as well and I think it speaks to the safe space and supportive space at the executive level for LGBTQI diverse communities in Santa Fe and Santa Fe County.

Regarding my obligations and commitment to serving on various committees; on June 4th we had our fourth consultation The Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area Board had the fourth consultation with the National Nuclear Security Administration regarding the lines construction of new transmission lines proposed at the Caja del Rio. And the reason for these meetings is because it's required by law that they do tribal consultations and those have been completed. But there was an oversight and while it's not required the Hispano traditional community in the area has been overlooked. So these consultations have been necessary to both give input regarding the line but also to

establish a memorandum of understanding or MOA agreement regarding a few items that the NNSA is willing to do at this point. A cultural landscape survey, to set up a plan for improved communications, to consider community outreach to align with cultural sensitivities and traditions of these Hispano communities, restoration, cleanup and road maintenance. I think the conversations went from a bit of conversations of tension in the first meetings and I think there's been a little bit more back and forth listening which speaks to the power of doing this in the first place and even though it's after the fact I think that the Northern Rio Grand National Heritage Area has really showed and demonstrated leadership. And former Commissioner Anna Hansen is on it. And we have a new we have an executive director, Erick, who has provided a lot of leadership. So I just wanted to share those items and there'll be a fifth meeting and again we want to be sure as Santa Fe County Commissioners we continue to support and call for even though this isn't a county but it's the Rio Grande National Heritage Area that we call for consultations with communities whether it's written in law or not. And I think that's really critical.

Getting to last week's City Council meeting that was set specifically around the voting of the contract with the Urban Alchemy and the contract that will be terminated officially as of June 30th with the Interfaith Community, I just want to highlight a few observations be and also recognize it's not my space as a County Commissioner to comment on what City Councilors are working on but to put forth a vision in terms of a commitment to intergovernmental collaboration. There were over 88 in-person testimonies and a total of 100 or so when you counted the online. Many of those testimonies were as you've read in the paper in support of Interfaith continuing Pete's Place. And I want to just highlight that as we move forward while there's a plan and contract in place between the City Council and this Urban Alchemy both to manage Pete's Place and run the operations but this additional monies to have in some ways a neighborhood watch. I walked away really seeing the role that we can play as a County and filling some gaps here and certainly it's been discussed before my time as an elected official the need for continuum from sufficient emergency shelter to short-term to long-term. And with all the testimonies and as you know I like to take copious notes a common theme across it is that we have outgrown grown Pete's. We have outgrown the emergency services. The need is greater and what's a glaring obvious gap is that we're still continuing in the Pete's space. So there's going to be a need to consider other types of emergency shelters and some ideas that came from the testimonies that I wanted to share with our County and with those on the call is that overcrowding is continuing and that we have an opportunity to look for creative options for shelters, conversions of motel, pallet shelters to continue looking at creative ideas and from an intergovernmental perspective. The root cause of this growth and the homeless people themselves and what they suffer from was never really discussed as a solution. And I want to bring up our role in the fact that we have some innovative behavioral health programs with community services. We have some pilot innovative programs happening at the detention center and that we also have La Sala and the recovery center and this recommitment with Commissioner Hughes to look long-term at supportive housing with trauma informed care this important priority of house first and then we can treat people. And as a de facto we know that the detention center you know large proportion of the persons living that

are there are being treated and given psychotropics, prescribed psychotropics, based on nursing care but there's a need for mental health and substance abuse treatment.

So it's really screaming at me as a priority of the County and we need to look at the local ecosystem and how we can help people who are homeless and look at the root causes. And I wanted to bring that up and ask the County Manager Shaffer to consider bringing together, under your leadership, several department to look at the data we have because I've never seen cross integrative data from the county jail to the fire department to the call center system, 911, 988 I haven't seen any data from the detention center on the behavioral health. I've seen the data in units but not integrated in the sense of bringing the leadership together from community services and the list goes on in terms of the opportunity we have to do some data analytics and look at the evidence of what are the behavioral health issues across the county. And I'm asking you, County Manager, because I know you know how to mobilize your team, is to consider this as a two to three month goal and to come back and do a presentation at the BCC and to really also look at who's going into the detention center that's homeless. I know we discussed this off line when my in my meetings with you but I wanted to do this publicly because I think it's so urgent. And I think the City Council Councilors are game for also collaborating. We have our state legislators. We have federal support. So let's move forward and let's continue to find solutions and models while we're planning and addressing some low-hanging fruit. And that's what I wanted to share and then re-establish my commitment publicly to make this a priority. So thanks for the time.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioner Hughes.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Thank you. Madam Chair. First of all, yeah, there's a lot going on. There is a protest this Saturday called the No Kings Protest against authoritarianism and pro-democracy and I intend to participate I think it's going to the big biggest protest against what's going on with the federal government so far. And obviously with what's going on with immigrants in L.A. it's even more important/

Locally I attended the water summit and the BDD meeting last week and so I was thinking about water all day Thursday and Friday and it brought to mind that there's a lot of options to work on water. Eldorado has its own water system but I think the new manager is very willing to work with the County to bring up the level of the aquifer south of Santa Fe. And that's a very important goal that that we not overuse the aquifer but keep it steady and that may help our friends on Churchill Road and the neighbors also out there all the way down to all the way down to La Cienega where the water is going down. So I think we need to work with that.

June 12th there's an avoiding plague and hantavirus event in Eldorado for gardeners and others. We have the luxury and the problem of living in basically in nature out there. I experience that every day especially in the summer with all the birds around. The mice are chewing up my irrigation lines and so we have to avoid getting plague. A friend of mine actually got plague in Eldorado. So anyway that'll be a good presentation and there's a Department of Health person who lives out there.

And then we're going to work on more -- I'm going to work with Commissioner Cacari Stone on creating supportive housing response to homelessness. I was involved in homelessness for 30 years and I recognize that people only get better when they have

permanent housing. They don't get better with a shelter. They're still, you know, so insecure and so traumatized. And so I'm less concerned about the City's move because it doesn't -- I don't know I just wish we could concentrate on long-term solutions. And so that's where I want to put our energy. I think Cresta Ridge is an obvious first step. It provides housing for many low-income people which will keep them from becoming homeless. Keep their children from becoming homeless. But also we need to work on housing that's for the more severely mentally ill people. And so yeah I don't know if Commissioner Cacari Stone mentioned it but she and I are meeting with Councilor Cassutt and Councilor Romero-Wirth next Tuesday and we'll work on sort of figuring out how we can work together as with the City. I think we do need to work together.

I attended the hazard mitigation on Saturday. That was fun. That was the third one and I think the last one I'll attend. But it's good to do it and putting this out and people recognize it.

And then finally the Coalition for Sustainable Communities has set its annual meeting for July 31st so I intend to go. If anyone else intends to go let me know. And with that I'm finished.

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

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Madam Chair. I too went to the Next Generation Water Summit and had some interesting takeaways about some infrastructure opportunities for us potentially for sewer financing and either in Commissioner Cacari Stone's district or in my district up in the north. And I'm sure probably all of our districts have a project in there. And we had the BDD meeting which was relatively uneventful but we did have it last Thursday.

I attended last Friday the Santa Fe Forward Technical working group steering committee that is made up of 15 local folks and that group the Santa Fe Forward Group is the City of Santa Fe's update to the general plan and it was pretty inspiring both from the consultant side of the perspective that they're bringing towards this and how they and create a work product of it. But really most importantly the technical working group members were focused on a nice diverse range of things but a lot of it had to do with placemaking, architects and people that understood the value of what makes Santa Fe special and ways that we could extend that beyond the fabric that we have, the urban fabric that we have and make it a richer situation around town.

I attended last Thursday the Chamber of Commerce awards ceremony. It was nice to see small businesses and local businesses being recognized and they have a new president of the chamber and congratulations to Kyle.

In my district we had a wildfire mitigation event up in Nambe that was interesting to see all the folks as I'm sure the Commissioner Hughes and Commissioner Johnson had probably a lot of the same sort of stations along the way but it was everything from how to give somebody Narcan just in case. And I think having those outreach events to talk about not only fire but just all the sort of public health and ways that our Fire Department can teach us to keep our neighbors safe is pretty cool.

I went to a Senator Heinrich event that was aimed at trying to find out where the impacts of Doge and other cuts in the federal government are impacting people. My takeaway of hearing some of the people speak about these issues is really in the health

care area, the Medicaid space, seems to be the area where people are the most concerned. And I think that we need to look at ways either working with the State of New Mexico or even more acutely here locally to figure out how we can bridge some of these things because if the some of these cuts really do hit they're going to be some unintended consequences. Maybe they're intended. But some consequences that are definitely something that we don't want to deal with. And if we let them go too far they could have some really bad impacts.

I wasn't able to attend the Los Potrereros open space but I do want to give County staff a thank you for lining that up up there. I heard it was pretty well attended and had a level of discussion that was pretty hardy from every side of the aspect there. And I thank staff for covering it for me and I'm sorry I wasn't able to be up there.

I think in the Santa Fe RTD and the Santa Fe Trails aspect, I happened to be looking at a map earlier this week or maybe the end of last week and I noticed that there's a DOT yard and transportation property on the south side on Cerrillos Road just off Jaguar. And I started to wonder if that was a good place for that maybe in the partnership between the City, RTD and maybe the State that that might be a suitable place because from the aerial pictures it looked like a lot of it was just yard and so it might be a good opportunity for us to find some better bigger property for RTD that might work for a south side transit hub over there. So I'd be happy to talk about that and see if I can help bring that to this into this conversation.

Again we're going to be having the Animal Welfare Summit and so I invite you all to give us some of your topics and recommendations. We'll start getting some media out to your constituents that I hope you'll send out there. But if there are issues that you know about in that happen in your district or your constituents talk about, bring them up to Ambra or myself and we will try to include them as the topics for the first day of the summit as a conference to talk about issues that impact and ways that we can collaborate into some solutions.

And lastly like Commissioner Cacari Stone, I went to the city of Santa Fe's discussion and City Council meeting and I was there for eight hours listening to testimony and what Urban Alchemy was going to be bringing to Santa Fe. It was a hearty conversation. Ultimately, I think at the end of the day we have to hope for the best and hope for the success of Urban Alchemy at this point. The City has made their decision to work with them and let's hope that they have a positive impact on our community because this homelessness crisis has gotten a little out of hand at least on the streets and working with the City on a larger and more comprehensive facility is one of the objectives that I have over the next few months to try to figure out how we can make sure that Pete's has a successor location somewhere else that is appropriately sized and has all the wraparound services that a one-door campus model has and I'm adamant about that as the solution as my research shows. So that's it. Thank you very much, Madam Chair.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Commissioner. A few things. The letter to the EPCU as Commissioner Cacari Stone mentioned through the Northern Rio Grande Heritage Area of which she is a member and as you all approved my being the point person and the person who would provide the information regarding our stance as a County you all received the letter that was largely built on community conversations that

include those with the Northern Rio Grande and National Heritage Area. So you all received that letter. I think largely there are a few lessons learned in this and I will kind of carry this theme a little bit but when we have something about the cultural landscape I think it's really important when we have documents that are federally required that we acknowledge the individuals in which we're working with. So they have a whole component of this document that is about the cultural impacts and referring to recreation recreation without acknowledging that the land use was both sacred and accessory. So it's one of those that it was a woman from San Felipe who really just said Why are we talking about the Native American and traditional communities as though we're an afterthought in the use of that land? To that end, there was also a transmission line corridor that was quite extensive and it was quite apparent that it was going to create room for additional transportation. Our recommendation was to limit the number of feet from the center line to keep that transportation down because the request was to not disrupt that area as much as possible. So that was out.

The other is I'm with the Women of NACo succeeding Commissioner Hansen and at the national level the counties are establishing a youth council and I think we have great opportunity. I was very excited to meet our new interns and it is one of the opportunities that we haven't had. The question is how do we get young people involved in their communities and in the political world and to have youth councils and involve them at every level and have them actually participate in various things is something that NACo is moving forward on in a in a larger scale.

I too attended online virtually, so that meant I got to get up, drink water, but the community's conversation with the City regarding Pete's Place. The other lesson learned on that one and it's something that Commissioner Cacari Stone had mentioned at a previous meeting is nothing about us without us. Everyone who stood up and spoke had such angst about not having – it was very clear that they hadn't been involved in the process nor had they even known it was going to come. It's just leaving. Pete's Place isn't going to be here. Without any real sense that people worked with the leadership at Pete's Place to help them help identify a solution. I understand that the entity Urban Alchemy expects to come in and work with the community but I don't think people understand that when negative relationships are formed due to being left out of process it gets very difficult to carry out one's objectives. So that was really loud to me that there wasn't a sense of respect for the community; community's concerns for having something alternate to Pete's Place and why didn't Pete's Place have a part in this decision. So those were two very, very related issues.

Which takes me to the last: I hadn't been available to go to any of and I was a huge proponent of the fire mitigation meetings and unable to go to the meetings that we set up on our schedule. I hope and I ask that our fire and emergency response folks are available upon request if time allows but available because these community groups have meetings and I am just not a fan in, we'll set something up you come to us if you have time that day. We have enough community organizations that if we go to the meetings when they have them we've got a captive audience. And on Saturday yet again I was unable to go to the one that was theoretically for District 3 at Hondo which doesn't touch the San Pedro people I understand they had an opportunity to go into Edgewood. And I don't know what's happening along that San Pedro/San Marcos they have

community meetings with some regularity. So I think there'll be not just an opportunity but a need to find when their next meeting is happening and go out and discuss whatever questions that they have at their request. And I'll be more than happy to let them know that you all may or may not be available but to go to their meetings.

That being said this Saturday I was at a meeting of at least 35 people from the Thunder Mountain Road Community Association. And, again, their meetings are well attended because that's what they want. And I would be curious as to how many people from the public attend the ones we set up as opposed to the ones we go to where people are already convening in their interest. It was a it was a great meeting I was thrilled to be there. They were happy to have someone answer their questions about County involvement and what's happening in Edgewood. But I think that's part of the opportunity is to be more front-facing in community, acknowledging that community is always already here, that we pretty much don't have something we can come teach them if we haven't listened to them first. And that is something that has been a long and overarching message that I've been able to think about. So all that being said there was I guess that's the last item of what I had.

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.

12. Matters from the County Attorney - Deferred

13. Public Hearing Pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 60-2C-8.1 (E) Concerning Firework Restrictions

A. Resolution No. 2025-065, a resolution to Proclaim Extreme or Severe Drought Conditions within Santa Fe County and to Ban the Sale and Use of Certain Fireworks in the Unincorporated Portions of the County and Within Wildlands in the County

FIRE MARSHAL BLAY: Good afternoon, Madam Chair, members of the Commission. The Santa Fe County Fire Department requests that the Board of County Commissioners approve a resolution proclaiming a severe drought conditions within Santa Fe County and banning the sale and use of certain fireworks within both the unincorporated portions and wildlands of the County. Approval of these restrictions is necessitated by persistent and severe drought conditions. Due to the significant due to the significant fire danger and prevailing drought conditions the New Mexico State Forestry has concurred with the County's decision to ban the use of fireworks because abnormally warm temperatures, low humidity, high winds and the abundance of dry fuel material increase the chances of fire incidents.

As indicated by the United States National Integrated Drought Information System drought conditions are forecast to persist and deepen throughout Santa Fe County and New Mexico during the next weeks. Under these circumstances this resolution will

reduce the likelihood of an accidental human ignited wildland fire, improve public and firefighter safety, and preserve property in Santa Fe County.

Fireworks are not allowed in national forest generally and in addition the US Forest Service has implemented Emergency State One Fire Restrictions for the Santa Fe National Forest.

If adopted the subject resolution would ban the sale and use of missile type rockets, helicopters, aerial spinners, stick type rockets and ground audible devices within the affected drought area which includes all unincorporated portions of Santa Fe County. Limit the use of other fireworks to areas that are paved or barren or have a readily accessible source of water for use by the homeowner or general public. Ban the use of all fireworks within wildlands in Santa Fe County and ban the sale and use of display fireworks within the unincorporated portions of Santa Fe County. With that I stand for any questions or comments.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Commissioner Johnson.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Thank you. I'm wondering if the City of Santa Fe has a similar ban in place or intends to?

FIRE MARSHAL BLAY: Madame Chair, Commissioner Johnson, I spoke with Fire Marshal Griego, Fire Marshal from the City, and he let me know that he was planning on implementing fireworks restrictions too.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Okay, thank you. That seems important to cover the area.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. Commissioner Hughes.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Yes. Is this the strictest we can get on fireworks this resolution you've brought to us? In other seems to allow some fireworks on paved areas or something.

FIRE MARSHAL BLAY: Madam Chair, Commissioner Hughes can you repeat the question please.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: I'm just wondering if we can be stricter reduce fireworks even more.

FIRE MARSHAL BLAY: Madam Chair, Commissioner Hughes, due to the recent moisture the only way we can pass this fireworks ban is per state statute is based on severe drought. And at this point that's what we're going to be passing. But we're looking at implementing open burning bans towards the end of the month prior to the 4th of July holiday.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Okay. I suppose we should sometime encourage the State to ban fireworks statewide. We've had two fires in my district that I'm aware of caused by fireworks that were rather scary. So, yeah, I certainly support this.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Madam Chair. Two questions: first one, does the state forestry also ban fireworks you said you had a note in here about the national forests do the state forests actually have that and maybe I saw the Governor proclaimed something related to that.

FIRE MARSHAL BLAY: Madame Chair, Commissioner Greene, the State Forestry concur with our decision to implement fireworks ban and also the

Governor encourage all municipalities to implement fireworks bands.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Great. And then do we have an outreach program to the pueblos because I know in past years from my experience you know the pueblos are actually places where the fireworks are bought, right. So they may be lit anywhere but have we done anything to try to mitigate that access with them and encourage them to close those firework shops?

FIRE MARSHAL BLAY: Madam Chair, Commissioner Greene, like in years past we will contact them and let them know that we are passing fireworks ban. I don't think we have the authority to tell them but we will definitely reach out to them and encourage them to please pass a fireworks ban also together with us.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Great, just from my experience I served on the Pueblo of Tesuque's Development Corporation and we had a lease with somebody that used to sell fireworks and on their land and we had a conversation with the governor at the time and said you know look we'd like to get rid of this lease. And they said well no wait there's money involved And I said, the money versus the risk doesn't make sense. And we very quickly said, how much money is actually involved for the Pueblo? And they said they did the math and they said, Oh, it's like \$5,000. And I said, It's really worth it for you guys to allow five you know to sell fireworks to all over the county and all over your territory and beyond just for \$5,000. And they acquiesced very quickly It was a It was just a little bit of a gentle nudge. I know it's up to them. It's sovereign but we fight fires on their property and we're there. And so I think you have some juice in the game to encourage them to close those shops.

FIRE MARSHAL BLAY: We will reach out to them.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Anyone else? Yes, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Thank you. Yes, I wanted to ask in terms of enforcement I reading all the documents. So we ban it but how do we enforce this are there fines, do we do a public service announcement to let people know this because even though when we have these bans people just still do their fireworks and if there's no consequences to doing so they will continue. So how do we enforce this?

FIRE MARSHAL BLAY: Madam Chair, Commissioner Cacari Stone, as far as the disseminating the information we will publish a press release with Olivia Romo. I'll get together with her tomorrow to put together a press release. We'll also disseminate all this information through our social media platforms, community groups like we do in years past. We have marquis that we will let people know that fireworks are banned. And as far as enforcement per state statute only law enforcement are commissioned to confiscate and cite for fireworks violations.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Right, so people if your neighbors if you're in these particular areas or shooting off fireworks people can call the County Sheriff? Is that what the process would be?

FIRE MARSHAL BLAY: That is correct.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Okay. I think and I appreciate your efforts and I so support what you're doing here. It's a no-brainer. But I think we need to increase the education in our public service announcements around the severe consequences of having a moment of fun, you know, and to really put the fear in the

public of the real dangers that we face with having fireworks. And I truly think that's needed because it's part of the local culture to still go bonkers with fireworks. And I would even say, you know, that we could go beyond 30 days. Why do we just keep it to 30 days why don't we just keep it we are in a climate change in a crisis. We're out there doing fire mitigation events. People are so concerned. Why don't we just ban them permanently and that might not be popular with the public. But it just seems to me there's just too much at risk for a moment of fun.

FIRE MARSHAL BLAY: Madam Chair, Commissioner Cacari Stone. This is a state statute and it would have to be changed at the state level.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Oh I didn't realize that. So we have to talk to our state legislators. We're only allowed to ban for 30 days; is that it?

FIRE MARSHAL BLAY: That's correct.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Okay, I will work on that and thank you for educating me on that.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you for that, Commissioner. As a follow up to that, the enforcement of it has been difficult and I'm in La Cienega. I have been through a period where literally people would shoot bottle rockets into my goat pen intentionally and it was awful. It's very hard on them. They were running around and I was out there trying to figure out which side of it -- I'd call the Sheriff. But I was trying to find where it was coming from and later I went for a walk and found where they had put the bottle or whatever it is the sticks which you can see it on rocks and where they put the stick to shoot it off into my property. That being said, I know, I get that in these very vast areas it's difficult to enforce it but I do really appreciate what Commissioner Cacari Stone is about communication. And I don't know I know that that community in particular has signs that say fireworks ban signs. Are there places you could put fireworks ban and remind people.

The other thing that I hope in the long run and this is really just something understanding now that we would have to work with the state legislature on this is, yeah, it's one to torment a bunch of goats and it's cruel; but, I know so many people whose dogs have such a hard time. And on top of that and I would say what breaks my heart more is are those folks who have PTSD from having come back from the war. And I have a neighbor who is very militant you know and he loves his gun but damn he hates fireworks. It's not good for him. And at some point you know people say why don't they just use drones now you know drones are a heck of a lot of fun and you can do all kinds of designs. So I think it's really something to -- and I'm saying it really more for the record -- to move towards and get away from this blowing stuff up that just traumatizes people who are already traumatized.

That being said we will go now to the public comment section for this. Do we have any other questions? If not a public comment section for specifically this issue. Do we have anyone online, Daniel? Is there anyone in the chambers who wants to speak to this issue? Do we have any comments, questions, concerns or a motion to approve or deny.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I make a motion to approve this resolution to proclaim extreme or severe drought conditions within Santa Fe County and to ban the sale and use of certain fireworks in the unincorporated portions of Santa Fe County and

within wildlands in the County.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Second.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: So we have a motion from Commissioner Greene to proclaim the extreme or severe drought conditions within Santa Fe County and ban the sale of the use of certain fireworks in the unincorporated portions of the County within wildlands and the County. We have a second from Commissioner Hughes.

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

14, Case No. 25-5140 – Tabled

15. Concluding Business

A. Announcements

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Do we have any announcements? I will raise the concern that if we're going to have an Animal Welfare event those poor mice who are giving everybody hanta should be protected. [Laughter] All right that was sarcasm and I know it doesn't go over well in public forum. So in all sincerity what's more important about that particular issue is that we will have people who will put out a lot of bait and that bait can get into other animals despite what many of the manufacturers say. So I'm hoping that when we have the animal welfare discussion and hanta's real right about now and we all woke up again with this recent issue very well publicized and to consider that if we're going to have this it's an opportunity to also say hanta is real and it's out there. And if you're going to get rid of your mice let's talk about alternatives to bait. So I appreciate the opportunity to give that announcement.

And are there any other announcements from the Commission?

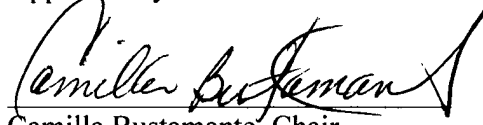
COMMISSIONER GREENE: No, but thank you very much for bringing that up because that is one of the things that we were talking about for the wildlife folks.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you.

B. Adjournment


Upon motion to adjourn by Commissioner Hughes and second by Commissioner Johnson and with no further business to come before this body, Chair Bustamante declared this meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Approved by:


Camilla Bustamante, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

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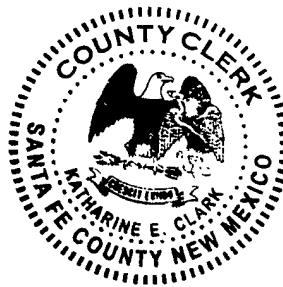
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