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1. A. This special meeting of the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners Board was called to order at approximately 2:15 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
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 **Isabella Rosas Lujan** of the County Manager's Office.

Commissioner Greene requested a moment of silence for Steven Ballinger who died on June 18th following a crash while he was cycling on Cerrillos Road. Mr. Ballinger was a champion collegiate bicycle racer and also a participant in the Santa Fe pickleball community.

[Chair Bustamante read the agenda captions throughout the meeting and the Clerk's Office provided resolution and ordinance numbers.]

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G. Approval of Agenda

Manager Shaffer noted no recommended changes to today's agenda and pointed out that the initial agenda for today's meeting was posted on Tuesday, June 17th at approximately 6:20 p.m. and an amended agenda was posted on Friday at approximately 4:38 p.m. The only change was with regard to miscellaneous action item 6A and that item appeared on the original agenda but the caption was updated.

Commissioner Greene moved to approve the agenda and Commissioner Cacari Stone seconded. The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

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

MANAGER SHAFFER: Thank you Chair Bustamante and Commissioners. I want to take a moment to celebrate some significant milestones relative to County employees with consecutive years of service as well as acknowledge our retirement and then welcome some new County employees and volunteers.

Starting with significant anniversaries, we have three individuals who are celebrating 10 years of consecutive service with Santa Fe County in the month of June all in the County Assessor's office. June 2015 apparently was a good vintage for County Assessor Employees. They are Pedro Armendariz, I hope I pronounced that correctly, Margaret Barela and Stephen Serna, all celebrating 10 years with the County in the County Assessor's office. In the Finance Division of the County Manager's Office, Jerome Blea is celebrating 15 years of service with Santa Fe County. So I want to acknowledge and appreciate the dedication of those employees to the County and our constituents.

I wanted to also recognize that in the road maintenance division of the Public Works department that Lawrence Imprescia retired or will be retiring at the end of the month of June and we wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

Relative to new hires at the County, I wanted to acknowledge the hiring of Isaac Romero in our Corrections Department as an officer. Also Donald Sabaugh who was hired in our Human Resources and Risk Management Division as an employee leave and development specialist. Also wanted to welcome Israel Ganderilla who joined us in the Community Services Department as a driver/cook's assistant as well as Frank Jones who's a code enforcement inspector senior in our Growth Management Department.

In the Sheriff's Office we welcomed four new deputy sheriffs all at the rank of deputy sheriff IIU; that's Jerome Broyles, Natasha Catori, Bryce Leavey and Christopher Wallenstein. Also in the Corrections Department, we welcome Bruce Gaul, Alejandro Gutierrez and Dolores Trujillo.

In the County Manager's Office in the Finance Division, I wanted to acknowledge and welcome Maciek Jasik and in our IT Division Sanketh Kota and Gabriel Martinez.

We had another drivers/cook assistance in the Community Services Department. Raul Morales Garcia. And then a public safety aide in the Sheriff's Department Carlos Mendoza Carrillo.

Relative to volunteer firefighters to be reflected on our tool as a volunteer it

means that you've achieved a certification that allows you to fight interior fires or wildland fires or respond to medical calls with the training level of at least an emergency EMT basic. So the following individuals have received one of those certifications and we wanted to acknowledge and celebrate their volunteer service to the County and they are John Burke, John Galicia, Jeremy Marchant and David Montoya. Also Alissa Petrosniak and Joaquin Romero and Michelle Sinclair. Again, all of those individuals are volunteering their time and service on behalf of our community so I wanted to celebrate those volunteer members of our Fire Department.

Thank you, Chair Bustamante and Commissioners.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you and thank those of you who have graduated up and accomplished more for those of you who volunteer and an absolute welcome to our new employees. Do we have any comments from the Commission? Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I would just like to say that it looks like there's a good crop of volunteers and folks coming in and maybe 10 years from now we will all look back and remember this day and that our volunteer Fire Department hired really well so thank you very much and congratulations. And four deputies we'll come back to that in 10 years.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Great, great news.

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

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Manager Shaffer.

MANAGER SHAFFER: Thank you, Chair Bustamante and Commissioners. So I'm going to recognize a few individuals in no particular order. First we are soon to mark a pivot relative to our customer service center that resides at 240 Grant Avenue. It was launched in August of 2024 as a pilot effort to increase our public-facing customer service in our most heavily trafficked public facing building which again is 240 Grant Avenue. A lot of individuals stepped up to take on the responsibilities relative to staffing that customer service center. The Board approved as part of the interim budget for fiscal year 2026 new administrative assistant position that will be primarily responsible for taking over the customer service center. So the individuals whom I'm about to name you know won't get an entire reprieve as they may be asked to help out from time to time as that individual takes leave what have you. But I did want to acknowledge their efforts, their commitment to customer service and willingness to again step up and assist the County in standing up this center.

So individuals who've been pulling shifts there include in the County Manager's Office, Emma Felt and Sara Smith, your own constituent services liaison Kimberly Vigil, Tina Salazar, Gabe Bustos, Ambra Baca and Brittany Lovato. Also many individuals from the Human Resources Division have been helping out to make that customer service center pilot a success and they include Tori Gallegos, Mellissa Martinez Melinda Jagles-Moquino, Jessica Casias, Trey Perea, Maria Escobar, Nadia Martinez, Alyssa Burn, Marissa Trujillo Sandoval, Annabelle Almager, Angel Larrañaga and our own Human Resource and Risk Management Division Director Valerie Aghaei

Park leading by example.

So I wanted to again thank everybody for their initial and ongoing efforts to make that customer service center a success.

Separately, the Fire Department wants to acknowledge and celebrate the fact that four regional staff members have successfully completed the 11-month paramedic program through the University of New Mexico. And those County employees who are now paramedics are James Law, Noah Cook, Jared Dominguez and Jonathan Kram, I believe is the last name of that individual. So congratulations to those firefighter paramedics on that accomplishment.

Finally, we have several individuals at the County who have achieved a variety of different certifications from the EDGE program administered by the New Mexico State University. We had four individuals who were graduated this spring: Christy Brusso and Maria Escobar and Michael Carr all received their Certified Public Supervisor Certifications. And our County Treasurer Jennifer Manzanares received, as well, her Certified Public Supervisor certification. So congratulations to each of those employees and to our County Treasurer.

Valeria Aghaei Park earned two certificates in the last quarter that will be significant as we move forward in addressing some areas of growth in the County. That includes a Certified Associate and Project Management Certificate as well as a Succession Planning Certificate.

Finally, our safety and risk staff have several employees in that business unit of the Human Resources and Risk Management Division have received a variety of certifications. John Baker received a Specialist in Safety and Health Certification both for general industry and the construction industry. Eric Martinez also received those certifications in general industry and construction industry as well as a Certified Safety and Health Official for general industry. I believe that qualifies Eric to instruct both OSHA 10 and OSHA 30 in general industry. Similarly, Isaiah Vigil also received a Specialist in Safety And Health for risk management as well as similar specialist certifications for general industry and construction industry and is also authorized to instruct OSHA 10 and OSHA 30 in general industry. Finally, Eppie Tapia received all of same certifications and authorizations as Isaiah.

That's a long list of accomplishments and acknowledgements spanning a lot of the County operations and so again thank you and congratulations to all of the individuals I named for their service to the County and their continued efforts to improve their skill sets and the value that they bring to our team and to our community through education. Thank you.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Manager Shaffer and thank you to all those who have sought to improve your skills and grow in your positions. Do we have any comments from the members of the Board?

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Just congratulations to everybody who's been working to improve themselves it's very good. Thank you.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. Commissioner Cacari Stone.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Yeah, I just want to appreciate that we're in a work environment that promotes growth, learning, professional and personal development and I think there's a lot to be said about that having that in local

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government. So I commend and congratulate everyone but also thank the leadership of the County for promoting that kind of environment.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Commissioner. So moving on and thank you all very much it matters a lot to what we do in service to our community members.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A. Request Approval of the May 14, 2025, Board of County Commissioners Special Meeting Minutes

Upon motion by Commissioner Hughes and second by Commissioner Cacari Stone, the minutes of May 14, 2025 were approved by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

B. Request Approval of the May 20, 2025, Board of County Commissioners Special Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Johnson moved to approve the May 20th minutes. Commissioner Hughes seconded and the motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

C. Request Approval of the May 27, 2025, Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Hughes moved to approve and Commissioner Johnson seconded. 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 June 24th as Girls Inc. of Santa Fe Day

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Madam Chair, and thank you for all the staff that helped queue this up today. This is a proclamation in support of Girls Inc and I know this is a pretty well-known organization here in Santa Fe. But I want to bring some additional light to what they do for young women in Santa Fe and how they really build cohorts and generations of amazing young women into the community. I got to take part in one of their presentations maybe it's a few months ago but certainly a few weeks ago and I was just so impressed with the leadership of the organization and the young women that were coming out of it. And I was like, Wow we need to bring them here to teach everybody that is here on the dais with us, some of the Santa Fe County staff that work in youth development about the value that they can bring to us.

The group will present a little bit about what they do and I've asked them to think about ways that we could support them. And so very specifically they may ask us for something and so listen adeptly and let's see how we can support this organization. They've got some exciting plans. Many of you probably know and drive by their facility that has been their facility over on Paseo de Peralta and Tommy Macaione Park over by

Hillside Avenue but they've got a new facility that is going to be in the heart of District 2 and is going to scale their organization at another level. I will read the proclamation later but right now I'd like to invite Ginger and her team up to the microphone to tell us a little bit about Girls Inc please.

GINGER WILLIAMS: Hello everyone, thank you so much for having us. I'm Ginger Williams. I'm the chief philanthropy officer with Girls Inc of Santa Fe and we are celebrating 70 years in Santa Fe. I brought with me some of the girls and they'd love to talk about their experiences.

MADONNA HERNANDEZ: So thank you so much for having us. I am Madonna Hernandez. I am the chief programs officer and I would just like to lead with every single girl in the county needs to have Girls Inc programming and you're going to get a chance to hear from some of our kiddos who can tell you about why. So let's have let's hear from them.

ALLISON DAVIS: When I grow up I want to be an anesthesiologist, Hi, I'm Allison Davis and a few weeks ago when I was hanging out with some friends we decided to make a sweater. We did we were wondering whether we should put buttons or zippers with my conflict resolution skills and communication skills that Girls Inc has taught me we could resolve our argument. We decided to go with buttons. I can take that communication skills and those conflict resolution skills into my anesthesiology life and make sure that everybody is safe and I can communicate with my colleagues and patients. Thank you. [Applause]

AMBER WILLIS BROWN: Hi. When I want to grow up I want to be a zoologist. I'm Amber Willis Brown and I've been going to Girls Inc for my whole life and over at Girls Inc I've been seeing their mission and how much progress they have been getting. Over the years, they have supported me in my dream to protect animals and make sure that they are safe. When I grow up I want to be able to take that mission and make sure I can make animals safe. Thank you. [Applause]

MIA MARTINEZ: When I grow up I want to be a dermatologist so I can support people with their health. A couple weeks ago me and me and my group were doing ME journals and we were using card stock but we couldn't decide how we would pass it around and I tried to get the card stock but I got pushed around and I thought and I was really uncomfortable and I'm sure my group was too. But Girls Inc taught me how to resolve these problems so we decided to take it around in a circle and everybody got the card stock that they wanted. I was so happy that everybody got the card stock and when I grow up I will take these skills so I can support people as a dermatologist the way I wanted to be supported that day. Thank you. [Applause]

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you.

LILLIAN FOWLER: When I grow up I want to be a physical therapist. I'm Lillian Fowler and I've been going to Girls Inc for years and years. But one of the most important moments just happened about a week ago. I was with my group climbing on a climbing wall and before I started I felt incredibly nervous when I finally got up to the wall and I saw everyone cheering me on, I felt like I could actually do it. I started climbing and they cheered me on the entire way even when I needed to take a break from Was climbing but didn't want to quite go down yet they kept cheering me on. Eventually, I made it to a more difficult bit and they kept cheering me on but eventually I made it to

the top. As I finally got off the climbing wall I realized the importance of the community that Girls Inc has helped me build. [Applause]

MS. WILLIAMS: Thank you, Commissioner Greene, for the proclamation about our 70th anniversary and thank you all of you for listening to our girls about the program.

MS. HERNANDEZ: We do video and we're very excited to share it and then if you all would like to ask any questions of our young people we are more than happy to let you chat with them.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: So while we're waiting for that to queue up, what is your slogan what do you your young ladies become?

MS. WILLIS BROWN: Our young mission is to make young girls strong, smart and bold.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: You do a great job, thank you. And I'll just continue talking until they cut me off for the video but I'm going to say one of the great things -- you address a gap in society both for women and for just an age group that need mentorship. Sometimes we don't have it at home; sometimes we just need a different perspective. And it's really blown me away what I saw over you know weeks ago and heard from you and Madonna you've been there for how long?

MS. HERNANDEZ: I am in my 26th year. So, yeah, I've seen Girls Inc through many things and really at its core is just helping -- well it's actually inspiring these kids to be healthy, educated and independent. So we're giving them knowledge skills and attitudes to be able to go out into the world and tackle whatever issues come up. We have economic literacy so they can learn how to use money and to be able to become smart investors. We have media literacy where they're able to take the messages that they're receiving and they can decide how they want to digest them. We have an outdoor leadership program that we heard Lillian talk about where they're essentially going out into the wilderness and being completely self-sufficient. Can you imagine being a 12 to 14 year-old going out into the wilderness and literally feeling like you can - - take on any challenge that comes up which we have. Those kiddos have been caught in rainstorms they have encountered bears, mountain lions, they have had altitude sickness at the top of a mountain and they've had to figure out how to get other kids down. They are the heroes of their own stories and that's really what we want to continue to do is just make sure that they are the ones who are stepping out using their voices and really being able to impact change in the community around them. So thank you so much for letting me explain that.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: No problem. And how long has this organization been in Santa Fe?

MS. HERNANDEZ: Well we just celebrated 70 years. It's been a really long time.

[Video shown.]

COMMISSIONER GREENE: So Ginger, can you take a moment to tell us about your future plans and a little bit about the new facility that you're working on.

MS. WILLIAMS: Yes, thank you so much. We serve about 1,100+ children a year and we do that in two different ways. We deliver programs at our Hillside

facility that Commissioner Greene was telling us about. We've been there for 68 of our 70 years. We can accommodate between 70 and 100 girls at a time at that facility but we have a goal to reach 10 percent of the girl population in Santa Fe and we were hoping to do that by expanding our facility. Our summer program fills in two minutes flat and then we have a waiting list that's twice as long as what we can accommodate on a weekly basis. So we purchased a 4 acre property the previous Santa Fe Greenhouses at the corner Rufina and Rufina Circle in February and we'll be spending the next five years raising money to build a building that can accommodate up to 300 girls at a time with a goal of reaching 2,000 to 3,000 girls annually.

We also do community-based programs through the schools where we are going into the schools during the school day and all of our programs are done with impact which means that all girls are getting at least 50 hours annually. You can't build relationship with the kids and teach them anything until you've actually built relationship with them. So we don't do single one-off workshops but rather extend exposure. Most of the girls that spoke here today are probably with us for 300 to 500 hours a year and you can tell based on their confidence of being able to speak at a microphone in front of big scary grown-ups.

We have big plans to expand and grow and continue to create a ripple effect in Santa Fe and beyond.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you and I encourage us to figure out how we can either help support your programs or your capital raise. You do such great work in the community and you've done it for so long. I have no doubt you'll do great stuff in the future.

MS. WILLIAMS: Thank you so much. I think the one other thing I wanted to mention about Madonna is she was just certified as a youth mental health professional trainer and I know that that's such an important thing for the county, the state the city -- New Mexico has some small hurdles that we are always trying to cross and so she'll be training people in the community for youth mental health first aid. That's part of our outreach and community engagement and family strengthening plan in the next years.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you. Any comments before I read it?

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: So we're on for comments. Commissioner
Cacari Stone.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: First I just want to thank all of you young persons who have purpose, integrity, you carry dignity and I think it's important for girls and gender non-conforming girls who aren't born at birth as girls as their sex, but there be all kinds of diversity. And I continue to wish you well on your journey. It's wonderful to have an organization like this that mentors you but also provide you the structure for your leadership, for your voice and may you always be who you truly are no matter what that looks like. Thanks.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, excellent. Anyone else? I too want to just commend you on what you're doing and the good work that you're providing. Seventy years what I would love to see are the metrics where all these young girls grew up to be women and what they did thereafter. So thank you so much for your good work. Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: So with that I will read this proclamation

and we can vote on it when I'm done.

Santa Fe County proclamation proclaiming today June 24, 2025, as Girls Inc of Santa Fe Day introduced by myself, Commissioner Justin Greene. Whereas, for 70 years Girls Inc of Santa Fe has stood as a steadfast presence in our community uplifting the voices, dreams and leadership of young people through mentorship, education and deep rooted care; and, Whereas,, the organization delivers research-based programming that equips girls and youth with the tools to navigate a complex world with resilience, self-advocacy and boldness; and, Whereas,, Girls Inc of Santa Fe partners with families, schools and local leaders to ensure access to transformative experiences from STEM exploration and conflict management to mental wellness support and civic engagement; and, Whereas,, in 2025 the organization is reaching over 1,100 young people across 29 program groups in 17 Santa Fe schools a reflection of both the urgent need and the enduring trust this organization holds; and, Whereas,, this milestone year marks not only just the passage of time but a celebration of generational impact, a legacy carried forward by alumni, mentors and youth who have found strength, solidarity and purpose within the Girls Inc community; and, Whereas,, the Board of County Commissioners encourages all members of our community to honor this occasion by investing in the future where every young person is seen heard and celebrated. Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County do here proclaim June 24, 2025 as Girls Inc of Santa Fe Day.

And if we take a vote this will be approved adopted and passed on this 24th day of June and I make the motion to approve this.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Commissioner Greene, please make the motion.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: So moved.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Second.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: We have a motion to proclaim today Girls Inc day from Commissioner Greene. We have a second from Commissioner Hughes all in favor.

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

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: With a resounding aye today is officially Girls Inc day in Santa Fe County. Thank you. [Applause] Let's get a picture.

B. Resolution No. 2025-066, a Resolution Defending our U.S. Constitution

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Commissioner Hughes, the floor is yours.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Thank you. This is a resolution to encourage Congress to take back its power as we all recognize the president has way overstepped his power. Perhaps the most disturbing to me is the fact that he defunded USAID with no cooperation from Congress, a very important program funded by over the years Republicans and Democrats supported that program and many other programs; FEMA is another one that he's essentially defunded. So this encourages our congressional delegation to take the leadership back and encourage their other members of Congress to

take their role in the constitution. And that's about it for me; what do you have to say?

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Commissioner Hughes, thank you very much and thank you for bringing this forward and giving me the opportunity to share with you.

There is international concern regarding the bypassing of Congress for taking action. And there are a lot of questions of the legalities of it. I'm grateful for having had the opportunity to teach environmental law and always going over the separation of powers which is literally what makes this country unique from any other and it is the one thing our constitution, when I was a young growling [inaudible] don't matter at the government person, and my dad said we have a constitution that makes us the place that everybody wants to be and upholding that is critically important to me and those who have appreciated the values that this country has stood for a very long time. There are many who wouldn't agree but usually when that happens it's because their forward thinking is about what their in their agenda is so in this interest the separation of powers is about making sure that the agenda is still a democratic agenda. I don't need to say that.

We do have two people here who would like to speak to this and I will let Commissioner Hughes introduce them and you may come to the podium please.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Paul and Julie.

JULIE: Well I'm going to talk about the Declaration of Independence because it's also a very important founding document. When the Declaration of Independence declared the English King George III, a tyrant, with quote a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, it listed a bill of particulars among 28 specific grievances that proved his tyrannical actions. Among these were six grievances that Donald Trump has already repeated. One, cutting off trade with the rest of the world. That's in the Declaration of Independence. Imposing taxes without our consent. Again, tariffs are a form of taxation. Depriving us of trial by jury. People taken and arrested without legal process and sent to other countries also in the Declaration of Independence. Maintaining standing armies during peace time without legislative consent. Well we all know what happened in California. Transporting us beyond the seas for alleged offenses. All very pertinent. Rendering the military independent of and superior to the civil power.

Those six things that I just read are all word for word in the Declaration of Independence. Trump has also imposed or threatened other measures injurious to our citizens including major cuts to Medicaid on which nearly 40 percent of our counties citizens depend; closing eight rural hospitals in the state of New Mexico which will inevitably lead to a patient overload in Santa Fe hospitals; cutting funds on which many of our nonprofits have already led to loss of personnel and services -- I'll give you a few examples the Supportive Housing Coalition the Emergency Food Assistance Program, the Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Program in the public schools all have been cut, federal funding has been cut; putting up for sale US Forest Service land now administered by Ski Santa Fe, Aspen Vista, Great Tesuque Campground, Chamisa Trail, Borrego Bear Wallow Trails and most and this is the most important most of the watershed land used to protect our reservoir, again, federal funds being cut without the agreement of Congress even though Congress appropriated those funds initially.

In short, Santa Fe County has its own bill of particulars against Trump whose tyrant –

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: I'm sorry. That wouldn't be appropriate at this

time. We're looking for support for this particular legislation and we've run a little bit over our time.

JULIE: Oh, okay. I'm at the end. I have half a sentence to go.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Okay.

JULIE: -- have striking similarities to George III as noted in the Declaration. In these terrible times we need to rely on both the Declaration of Independence and the American Constitution.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you/

PAUL DIRDAK: Commissioners, thank you and to both of you sponsors thank you as well. Thank you. I am Paul Dirdak in District 4.

Mr. Trump swore an oath to defend the Constitution and promptly began violating it. He has continued to do so every day much to the harm that Santa Fe County will sustain to our people and our environment not least to your and my commitments to public morality toward the poor. He swore to defend the Constitution of the United States and you swore to support the Constitution of the United States. You have upheld your oaths. He has not. You do support the Constitution despite his refusal to defend it. I hope that the awkwardness of his abandonment of your obligation weighs as heavily on you as it does upon me one of your constituents.

The resolution before you will cause someone to accuse you of wasting the people's time in an empty gesture. You will devise your own rejoinder of course I can hear a few of you already. But if it were me I'd say something like this, Sir, I beg to differ. I took an oath of office to support the Constitution. My oath was not an empty gesture. Mr. Trump's apparently was. I voted on this resolution to defend my own oath in light of the fact that his failure to do the same will cause pain and suffering in Santa Fe County. There is nothing, nothing empty about that.

Commissioners, thank you for considering.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, thank you very much.

Commissioner Hughes, if you will please read the resolution.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Unless there are any other comments from -- maybe take comments first.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Do we have any comments? Commissioner Cacari Stone.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Yes, Chair, thank you. Commissioner Hughes and Commissioner Bustamante I just want to thank you. I was very pleased to see this as a resolution you put forth and this is particularly timely and also dramatic in terms of the impact not just locally and for our state but nationally and globally, declaring war without congressional approval, Medicaid cuts and the whole litany of one party or one executive decision totally runs counter to our democratic principles and the separation of power was put forth to make sure we have checks and balances. It's part of the democratic process and I commend you on putting this forth. The danger and the outcome of concentrating power in one entity leads to mass oppression of peoples and I think that's what we're seeing and it leads to mass tyranny which is not -- our democracy was not intended to be set up that way. Excuse me for pausing, but I think many of us feel very frustrated with our situation and I also want to encourage our county our constituents and New Mexicans to get out and continue civic discourse and

for educators and our school system to continue to include this as part of the education curriculum around governance and the separation of powers because we need to have the next voters educated on why this is so important. So thank you so much, Commissioners.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioner Johnson.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Thank you, Madam Chair and thank you Commissioner Hughes and Chair Bustamante for putting this forward. I want to thank the speakers. Two very pertinent yet different speeches before us today underscoring the Constitution and the obligations of the Executive Office and how there have been failings is extremely a pertinent reminder for us. And the second speaker's comments on our on our oaths of office are also important because we are voted in a democratic election and we have certain responsibilities that we need to take seriously and we need the federal government and their elected officials to do the same. So to expect that at the local level to be projected onto the federal level, it's outrageous that it's not happening.

I attended the public and very peaceful protest yesterday and as Commissioner Cacari Stone mentioned those sorts of public demonstrations are also essential in part to give us energy to continue in the fight against tyranny. And so I want to thank Commissioners Hughes and Bustamante for this and we will of course or I will of course support it.

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

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Madam Chair and thank you, Commissioner Hughes. You know we have a difficult thing here where we're only allowed to have two sponsors so, you know, before it got to me it had its two sponsors so I would have sponsored it had I been given the chance, but that's okay.

The first thing that we do when we become Commissioners is take an oath of office and the oath of office is to defend the Constitution, right. So that's the first thing it's like the cornerstone everything else is almost superfluous at that point. You know, represent our community, absolutely, but defend the constitution above all things and so I take it pretty seriously. I love this job. I love representing our community with the lens of the constitution and how the separation of powers is laid out in that.

I wish Congress had some balls. I wish the Judiciary had some muscle and there may be some issues coming forward you know and we may have to look at this in the future as to ways to make sure that this sort of regime doesn't happen again.

I'll leave it there. We are blessed with our Constitution and we are the best country ever so let's, you know, we've got laws let's uphold them.

So thank you, Commissioners. Yes, all countries are wonderful but we are, we are the best.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you very much, Commissioners. I do want to say that I regret that we referenced specifically the president. This is not just on one individual. There is clearly a movement, there are clearly people who support this, so this isn't about one individual or calling out an individual. It's calling out a way of thinking that really matters and it is bipartisan because if we allow one entity to take it all on their own individual values and align with that then another entity, when we're not around, could possibly come in and bring a whole -- the way other countries have it right.

Many other countries where a whole new regime comes in and everything's different. There's a reason why we have had this separation of church, state; separation of powers. All of that assures that the voices that come to the table are heard and balanced and valued not just let's push everyone out. And it's not contingent on one person who's sitting in the executive office. It's a big picture so Commissioner Hughes with that if you'll please read our resolution and I will read the other half.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Thank you and I just I feel like we're in a room of people who appreciate democracy and this affirms it.

Whereas, the Santa Fe County Board of Commissioners Board believes that the United States Constitution is the basis for our democratic republic and our civil Society; and, Whereas, the first three articles of U.S. Constitution establish three separate branches of government, the executive, legislative and judicial branches; and, Whereas, the New Mexico Department of Justice has joined the attorney generals of numerous other states in the filing of multi-state lawsuits that alleged that officials or agencies of the executive branch have taken action that is outside of their constitutional or statutory authority or is otherwise unlawful including but law not limited to imposing tariffs and Duties, unilaterally dismantling federal programs spending and personnel without congressional approval, categorically freezing congressionally approved obligated funds including Federal Emergency Management Act FEMA funds and Department of Health and Human Service Grants and highway planning and construction, funds unilaterally creating and filling an office, usurping Congress's power to legislate under the elections clause and interfering with states inherent sovereignty and constitutional power to regulate and the time and place and manner of federal elections and declaring that birthright citizenship does not extend to any child born in the United States to a mother who is unlawfully present or lawfully present on a temporary basis and a father who is neither a U.S. citizen nor lawful permanent resident; and,

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Whereas, the Board finds freezing of US AID funds by executive order especially concerning since it may, and understandably is already but excuse me, may lead to many deaths overseas; and, Whereas, the Board finds that freezing FEMA funds by executive order is also concerning because communities hit by hazardous weather events or wildfires may not have the funds to rebuild; and, Whereas, each member of the Santa Fe County Board of Commissioners swears an oath to the U.S. Constitution and those elected public to a public office and thus has a duty to protect and defend the U.S. Constitution and the rights of residents within their jurisdiction that are being harmed by violations of the Constitution; and. Whereas, in accordance with its duty to protect and defend the U.S. Constitution, the Board supports the role of the U.S. Congress as a co-equal branch of the U.S. government.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Now therefore be it resolved that the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners hereby: one, declares its support of the role of the U.S. Congress as a co-equal partner branch of the U.S. government under the U.S. Constitution; and, two, supports and encourages the congressional delegation of state of New Mexico to lead their colleagues in ensuring the integrity of the U.S. Constitution.

We plan to pass and approve this 24th day of June 2025. And I'll make that a motion that we adopt this resolution.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Motion made by Commissioner Hughes and I

will second that motion.

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

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, resolution approved.

C. Resolution No. 2025-067, a Resolution to Establish a three-year Customer Service Plan

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: A year and five months ago we, as a Commission, passed a resolution to establish value for customer service by Santa Fe County and it has been amazing to see how much Santa Fe County departments have grown and working and understanding and it's never been a question of anyone's mind of whether or not we know and acknowledge that we are here in service every last one of us is here in service of our communities. Our jobs exist because there are people in our communities who rely on the services that Santa Fe County provides.

That being said we had a transition in oversight in the program specifically what we were moving towards with customer service. There have been meetings and we now have had our first meeting of customer service. I'm not going to read the entire resolution to you because it is available online, but it is important for us to acknowledge what's different today. And what's different today because we already have acknowledged that we value customer service and many of us are doing an incredible job that is absolutely measurable we want to make sure that we're affirming that. Customer service isn't just about what we do for those who don't work with us -- I mean sorry who work directly outside working with the County. It's also about those of us who work together and how we treat each other and there is enough data out there that shows that when people are valuing the position that they're in and treat each other and their external customers with respect that people are happier in their jobs and tend to feel more pride and frankly appreciate showing up to their job.

So for this resolution and acknowledging that we have already passed and that we are committed to this work I am asking that the Santa Fe County Commission adopt the following, that will be reflected in its strategic plan, which was again part of the conversation that had started with our previous oversight, with Cindy, we are looking To, one, and I'll read, Now, therefore, be it resolved by Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners as reflected in this adopted strategic plan it reaffirms its commitment to maintaining the highest standard of customer service for all individuals who interact with Santa Fe County government and directs leadership within each County department to develop a three-year customer service enhancement plan that aligns with the County strategic plan and establishes customer service goals. Each department shall include specific strategies and timelines for achieving the objectives of their three-year plan, methods for evaluating the effectiveness of the implemented strategies and measures to ensure accountability and timeliness of action.

So we know it's -- well, I know I'm a good customer service person, I know that but how do we show that? What is it that really demonstrates it and how can we get that information that feedback because frankly that's really what makes our work

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worth it when we get the feedback knowing we're doing a good job. So in this interest are there any comments, questions, concerns? Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Commissioner Bustamante, this is a legacy issue that we've been working on for a few years and so we have two new Commissioners on the Board here that have probably heard that we've made great strides in the last few years and hopefully their constituents as well as my constituents have noticed it. I've heard it from constituents all across the County that we're doing much better in this.

I do want us to, without amending this, I do want us to make a make a note that customer service starts internally right. When your own organization you need to break down silos and you need to work across the organization because then things get done so much faster and so much easier and you become -- you get out of your own way you being the organization. And so I want us to really focus not only on the externalities but also on the internal operations of the County so people don't feel like they don't want to talk to each other that they really like and they respect the team that is Santa Fe County.

And additionally, I would hope that we would look at technologies to make it a little easier for constituents to feel like they're being responded to and acknowledged and getting the results that they want it's not all the human factor, although that's a key aspect of it, but it is also technologies that go the extra mile to make sure that when somebody sends an email there's an acknowledgement that somebody has sent something in. We get people who volunteer for boards here that I hope we've overcome this but for a while I was hearing comments from constituents saying, Well, I volunteered to be on the Planning Commission, but I didn't get an acknowledgement that you even received my email. That's basic customer service and so I hope that we can get over that. It's a technology thing in that case there's so many different ways that we can do this so I thank you for keeping up on this. This is a nice aspect of your chairwomanship this year for you to memorialize this into a three-year plan. So, thank you, Madam Chair.

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

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Thank you, Chair Bustamante, I appreciate your leadership on this resolution. I fully support it. And I just want to add as the County leadership is looking at this three-year plan that maybe consider modules or awareness training on anti-stigma training and anti-discrimination training as part of customer service. As we think about all constituents all residents of Santa Fe being our customers whether they're low income or live in HUD housing that we don't have a pejorative attitude towards people when they say, I need this in my community. And there's a treatment as if, well, you know beggars shouldn't be choosers -- that that's what government typically does whether you're an immigrant or you speak Spanish or even if you're without housing and homeless maybe you can't get to the kiosk but they are customers as well and they may not have a zip code that they document as part of their home but that means they can go to any zip code in district and they're customers to all five districts. So I just want to emphasize that particularly at this time where there's a tone of some people matter, some people don't; we include everybody and everyone matters so thank you, Chair Bustamante.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Commissioner Cacari Stone. If there isn't anyone else, before I call for the vote, I want to thank everyone who has stepped up even when we just mentioned it a year and five months ago. There has been a lot of traction for everyone who has been at the kiosk and made sure it's covered, thank you Sara Smith, thank you to everyone who has stepped forward and made the mention to the various Departments. We have seen and heard a lot of growth in that area. So I'm I just want to acknowledge for what people are already doing and moving forward on the technology as we acknowledge that.

I do want to say something one thing about the technology and recognizing especially in parts of District 3 where we don't have the technology. We're about and this is with no disrespect to anybody just about over 70 or getting close like some of us are is that some people aren't technically competent. No disrespect. I always use my mom as the litmus test. But I know that some of these things are difficult for her so acknowledging. Well it's online, right, when we direct, well go ahead and find it it's online it's the first thing you're going to see and acknowledging that there are people who might see need some assistance with that. That if it is online is there a backup plan to help those who are making a phone call the good old fashioned way because that's how they trust that they're going to get the support. And I throw that out just as an acknowledgement that customer service really requires that we're acknowledging that everybody in our community comes from a different place and we're here to serve them.

With that I will call for a motion to approve. I move to approve this resolution and do I have a second?

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I'll second.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: We have a second from Commissioner Greene.
All in favor.

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

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you all for your good work.

4. Consent Agenda

- A. Request (1) Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 2024-0217-FIN/MB Between Santa Fe County and Moss Adams, LLP., for Annual Financial and Compliance Audit and Lodgers Tax Audit Services, Increasing the Compensation by \$143,140, for a Total Contract Sum of \$284,670, Inclusive of NM GRT; and (2) Delegation of Authority to the County Manager to Sign the Purchase Orders.**
- B. Request (1) Approval of Amendment No. 6 to Agreement No. 2021-0030-FD/MM with ImageTrend Increasing the Compensation by \$75,073.46 for a Total Contract Sum of \$324,283.10, Inclusive of NM GRT; and (2) Delegation of Authority to the County Manager to Sign the Purchase Order**
- C. Request Approval of May 20, 2025, Inspection Report of the Santa Fe County Adult Detention Facility Pursuant to**

Section 33-3-4, NMSA 1978.

Upon motion by Commissioner Greene and second by Commissioner Cacari Stone, the consent agenda was unanimously [5-0] approved by voice vote.

5. Appointments and Reappointments

A. Request Appointments of Two Members to Santa Fe City and County Advisory Council on Food Policy.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Jennifer Romero.

JENNIFER ROMERO (Community Services Deputy Director): Chair Bustamante, Commissioners, Jennifer Romero, Community Services Deputy Director.

We are requesting approval of the appointment of one County staff representative and one private sector representative to the Santa Fe City and County Advisory Council on Food Policy. The Santa Fe City and County Advisory Council on Food Policy was established in 2008 through resolutions of the City and County governing bodies. As stated in County resolution number 2008-5, the Food Policy Council is to consist of 13 members including two employees of the City of Santa Fe, two employees of Santa Fe County and nine members from the private sector; four of which are to be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. Members serve three-year terms with no limitation on the number of consecutive terms.

At present one County employee is appointed to serve on Food Policy Council. Historically, County staff appointments have come from the Community Services and Growth Management Departments given their alignment with the Council's priorities.

The Food Policy Council focuses on senior food issues such as nutrition and local procurement of food for senior meal programs, as well as, enhancement of the aggregate of Santa Fe County through improved cross-organizational coordination. Growth is currently represented on the Food Policy Council by Nate Crail, who administers the aggregate Santa Fe County program.

For the representative from the Community Services Department we recommend the appointment of Coy Maienza who is the Health Services Division manager and oversees the healthcare assistance program which provides funding and supports to vulnerable populations within Santa Fe County. She has been the liaison for the Health Policy and Planning Commission as well as the Food Policy Council since December of 2024. Coy has been working with and will be overseeing the Connect network which assists vulnerable populations with necessary supports including access to food.

The private sector position was advertised through a County press release and on the county website for 30 days. We received two letters of interest one from Shoshana Woodworth and one from Nina Rosenberg. County staff recommends the appointment of "Shana" Woodworth. Shana serves as the Farm-to-Table coordinator for the organization Cooking with Kids in Santa Fe. She has been participating in the Food Policy Council as a non-voting member for the past few months.

We recommend appointment of Coy Maienza to serve as the second County employee representative and Shana Woodworth to serve as a private sector representative

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on the Food Policy Council.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. Do we have any questions for Ms. Romero? Do we have either of the applicants in the chambers?

MS. ROMERO: Unfortunately, no, neither of them were available today.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Understandable. I there are no questions for Manager Romero, do we have –

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I will move to approve the recommendations of Ms. Romero.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: We have the recommendation for the action is to appoint both Coy Maienza and Ms. Woodworth in their respective positions. So we can actually go ahead and state the recommended action.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Okay, I will move to appoint Coy Maienza to serve as the second County employee representative and Shana Woodworth to serve as a private sector representative on the Food Policy Council.

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

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: I'll second.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: We have a second by Commissioner Hughes.

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

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Both very qualified. Thank you for putting that forward for everyone who serves on that as volunteers. Thank you, Ms. Romero.

B. Resolution No. 2025-068, a Resolution Appointing Five Members to the Board of Registration for the Term of July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2027.

ROSANGELA ORTIZ (Chief Deputy Bureau of Elections): Yes, Madam Chair, members of the Board, today we are going to be appointing five members to serve as on the Board of Registration for a period of two years. In the memo you'll see that the Board of Registration meets basically once every two years to remove any voter who has not appeared to vote in at least one statewide or local election in approximately four years after being designated as inactive. This year they removed a total of 3,379 voters and in 2023 they removed 4,225. That number keeps on decreasing only because we do a lot of outreach trying to get them to update their registration. There's two elections in the even number years. There's one in the odd number years so that number is decreasing every year.

Our Santa Fe County Clerk Katherine Clark asks that you appoint the five members to the board and in the exhibits you will see the list of qualified individuals interested for appointment. Exhibit B you will see the section 180 which is 21.4.34 designating all of their responsibilities and then Exhibit C are the proposed list. So we do have the same ones that served last term. So we have two that are declined to state, Solomon Sedillo and Russell Winslow. We have two that are from the Democratic Party, Marcia Mikulak and Thomas Morgan, And we have one from the Republican party which

is Zella Kay Cox. These are the five members and we also have their letters of interest.

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

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Just a quick question. Did we did we get other applicants?

MS. ORTIZ: We did not. We did do a press release and we did ask for other interested applicants but these are the only ones that submitted.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Okay.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. Any other questions? Hearing no questions do we have a motion to approve the nominated individuals identified in Exhibit A.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: So moved.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: And I'll second.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: We have a motion to approved the individuals identified in Exhibit A for the Board and we have a second. Motion by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Greene.

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

[The Commission recessed from 3:30 to 3:45]

8. Matters of Public Concern

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: 3:34 p.m., matters of public concern are heard at 3:45. Do we have any members from the public in the chambers who would like to speak now for matters of public concern? Anyone who would like to speak during this time? If there are none -- how many do we have anyone online?

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

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Okay, we have a three minute limit and go ahead, thank you.

MR. FRESQUEZ: All right. Our first speaker is Chris Mechels, our only speaker.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. Mr. Mechels.

CHRIS MECHEL: Yes, I've just unmuted. Yes, good to talk, to speak to you all again today.

As usual I have a I have a list of issues to raise with you. First, I would like to say that I'm disappointed with the with the Commissioners because even though you seem to have advanced degrees, three of you have PhDs, two of you have master's degrees and you seem particularly devoid of critical thinking. And because on and on you seem to defer to people on your staff without being willing to address things yourself and of course, the one issue that that continues to be raised by me is the fact that you're in continuing violation of the of the information of IPRA which is the public access -- of the public records access law which is one of your obligations which you seem to have no

interest in following this law. During your discussion of the role of the constitution concerning the president, you failed to mention that many of these things apply to yourself. But you don't seem to wish to address that. I've heard a number of you address the role of the oath of office which you seem to think should restrict the options of the president. Let me remind you, you also took an oath to office. You took an oath of office to the New Mexico Constitution and you took an oath of office to the rule to the laws of New Mexico. One of those laws, which I just reminded you of, is the -- and which you seem to have no interest in whatsoever -- is the Public Records Act. I have been waiting for records, I have been waiting for the record of the instructions given to the precinct judges since November 21st and I am yet to get a complete disclosure of those records. And you seem to have no interest.

So rather than wrapping your -- the president in his oath of office why don't you try looking at your own obligations to the oath of office. It's not only public records, you also are in continuing violation of Open Meetings Act and you're also in continuing violation, including today, in the rules of order. You actually have rules of order, though you act like you've never heard of them. They date back to 2009. You have -- most places including Doña Ana County and this Santa Fe County habitually pass rules of order every year. Your last rules of order were passed in 2009. Not only do you have -- they still exist but you don't follow them.

I've spoke with the Chair about this and she got upset with me when I, when I challenged her and provided her direct evidence from the minutes. Look at the minutes they support the contention. You are obliged to follow the rules of order and you don't follow them and the evidence is right there and you choose to avoid it. So rather than chiding the president perhaps you should take a look at your own operations. Please do, thank you.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. Are there any other comments? If not we will go back to our agenda. We have heard all of the issues of public concern.

6. Miscellaneous Action Items

- A. Resolution No. 2025-069, a Resolution to Amend Resolution No. 2023-067 to Add a Polling Place/Voter Convenience Center for the Consolidated Precinct Consisting of Precincts 59 and 60; Replace the Polling Places/Voter Convenience Centers for the Consolidated Precincts Consisting of Precincts 82, 83, 90, 146, 147, 152, 153, 169, and 177; Precincts 10, 22, 28, 30, 91, 122, 123, and 131; and Precincts 66, 80, 86, 92, 108, 135, 136, 145, 174, and 179; to Remove A Polling Place/Voter Convenience Center for the Consolidated Precinct Consisting of Precincts 11, 24, 25, 26, 27, 130, 155, 159, and 160; to Adjust Consolidated Precincts by the Reconsolidation of Precincts 16, 19, and 157 with Precincts 4, 17, 71, 165, and 168; and Designation of the Polling Place/Voter Convenience Center for the Reconsolidated Precinct Consisting of Precincts 4, 16, 17, 19, 71, 157, 165, and 168 for the 2025 Regular Local Election Only**

MS. ORTIZ: Good afternoon, Madam Chair and Commissioners. This

amendment to the 2023-067 resolution only impacts this upcoming election which would be the regular local election. So in the memo, there's six items that we're trying to amend and these items are very logical and they originate from leadership staff, actually working alongside our temp staff setting up and tearing down polling sites during the hottest months in June and you know the coldest month in November, during winter storms. I'm going to go ahead and go through and give you some insights as to why we're recommending these updates.

For number one, we're wanting to make Pojoaque Satellite an election day site and that's because it's already an early vote site and it just makes sense to add it as an election day site.

Number two, we have La Tierra Fire Station which, as you know, is very small and so usually the night before we set up the ballot and demand stations and our tabulators in between the trucks. And then that next morning at 5 we have to go in there and move and basically finish setting up the site on election day. We want to replace that with Unity Santa Fe which is a church and is really close by.

For number three, we want to use Fort Marcy Park Recreational Complex which Steve remembers used to be a polling site. We currently use Montezuma Lodge. However, they have a dinner on Monday night and even though we appreciate them feeding us we don't finish setting up that site till 11 sometimes midnight and we have to be back the next morning. So to prevent all of that we want to use Fort Marcy Recreational Complex and the City is more than willing to let us use that site.

Number four is Mandela Magnet School. That will be consolidated and so we will no longer use Mandela we'll just continue to use Gonzales Community School and so those nine precincts will still be under the cap so we will only use Gonzales Community School.

Number five, we use Nancy Rodriguez Community Center because it's already an election, an early vote site and now we're just going to use it as a election day site and that will replace El Camino Real Academy.

And finally we have the consolidation of precinct 16, 19, 157, 4, 17, 71, 165 and 168 which is a total of eight. Those precincts will now be voting only at the Galisteo Community Center instead of half of those precincts voting at the Stanley Cyclone. This is also to address a high turnout election like a general and then a low turnout/lower turnout election which is a primary and also a local which is usually around 30 percent.

With that I stand for any questions.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Do we have any questions? Commissioner Johnson.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Thank you, Madam Chair and thanks Rosangela. Did this consolidation happen the last time there was a City local election that the County handled?

MS. ORTIZ: No, this consolidation is something that we're trying to do moving forward. So we will present this type of consolidation for the next three years to make sure that we're using our resources adequately to accommodate for high turnout, low turnout but also we want to start it this election to make sure if there are any changes and we move forward with those changes next election season.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Okay, thank you. So this is like a pilot

and this only encapsulates the voting year 2025?

MS. ORTIZ: Yes, these changes are only for 2025, correct, for this upcoming election.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Thank you for that information. I think it might be interesting and I hope you intend to collect some information about what sort of voter changes happen. Of course you don't have a crystal ball you don't know who's not showing up because there's not one, you know, because you're consolidating stations. But it would be I think useful for us going forward in future years to know that there was lower turnout and to hear your recommendations based on that or higher turnout.

MS. ORTIZ: Yes, Madam Chair, Commissioner Johnson, thank you for that. We also do extensive outreach to these impacted communities via a postcard that they can put on their fridge. And then we let them know these are the polling sites where you can vote. There's also an election notice that goes out 45 days before informing everyone of the polling sites and it's just a list of all polling sites in our County.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Thank you.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. Commissioner Johnson.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Madam Chair, I'm going to abstain on this vote because I plan to appear on this ballot. So I just don't want to –

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Okay we're voting on voting locations and I don't know that that would be a conflict. But it's up to you. Anyone else?

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: I'll make a motion. What is the recommended action here?

I move to approve a resolution to amend resolution number 2023-067 to add a polling place and convenience center for the consolidated precincts consisting of those listed in 6A.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: We have a motion from Commissioner Johnson; do we have a second?

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: I'll second it.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: We have a second from Commissioner Cacari Stone.

The motion passed by [4-0] voice vote with Commissioner Greene abstaining.

B. Resolution No. 2025-070, a Resolution Granting the County Manager Authority to Negotiate the Purchase and Acquisition of Office Space in Santa Fe, NM to Support the Functions of the Santa Fe District Attorneys Office

MICHELE CASKEY (Public Works Real Property): Madam Chair, Commissioners, I am here today -- Real Property has been looking for suitable office space to rehouse the DA for over a year and as you may remember I was here last fall because we had found a property that we liked very much and I received your approval to proceed with trying to negotiate an offer on purchase of that. Which we were not able to negotiate. And so after that in looking at all available listed properties and finding nothing else suitable Real Property conducted an outside search and reached out to 50 of

the most busy commercial real estate agents in Santa Fe and seeing if we could find anything off-market or anything else that wasn't listed. And we found something. Actually that's worked very well for us. We got five responses to that inquiry and one of them has brought to us a building on St. Michael's Drive and it is right near the new cancer center. It's two-story, 26,000 square feet. Lots of parking and lots of things we like about it. Lots of things the DA and her staff like about it.

We are here today seeking approval to proceed with making an offer on this Building. We have \$6.7 million allocated towards the purchase and renovation of the property already in place and once we are able to relocate the DA we have also identified new need for the existing DA's building on Sandoval to expand the function of the Judicial Complex. So that's what we would be doing with the existing building and I stand for any questions.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Do we have any questions for Ms. Caskey?
Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you very much Madam Chair, thank you Michele. This is a weird flag lot and as I'm looking at a satellite it has that -- or the site plan -- is that an access point that comes off of Arroyo Chamiso?

MS. CASKEY: Commissioner Greene, Chair Bustamante, no, it's not an access point. There are two access points. One, the property has both kind of a low parking lot and an upper parking lot which is one of the things we like about it because there will be an opportunity to have a public entrance and a private entrance. But that little flag pole I think maybe might have been initially meant for utility access or something but it has got plants in it and stuff so that's not how you would access it and there's no need for extra access.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Okay, thank you, for clarifying.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, anyone else? If there are not no questions or concerns do we have a motion to approve?

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Question.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Oh, you have a question. We have a mot a question from Commissioner Cacari Stone.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Thank you, Chair Bustamante. I appreciate that you've put so much effort into finding a suitable space and maybe you could just educate me, what is the 6.7 million renovation type of money break down into? What does it pay for? To me it seems like a lot but I just need to know from your perspective.

MS. CASKEY: Sure, Commissioner Cacari Stone, Chair Bustamante. That was the money set aside for the original purchase that we had and were hoping to negotiate in last fall. And that was a more expensive building and still required renovations. In this case, the building purchase price is right around 3.2 million. It's probably going to need more like \$1.5 million of renovations so I don't know that we anticipate spending that full 6.7 but it is earmarked for this purchase.

The building has some deferred maintenance. So it needs some stucco repair, new windows, asphaltting of the parking lot, some security fencing of one of the parking lots, new HVAC system and some interior renovations to bathrooms and just to make sure that they have the right types of office space they need inside; carpet, paint that type of thing.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: I appreciate that. And you know one of the first things I did think about was security and what types of security are you adding given today's current climate with gun violence and people entering public spaces like this especially judicial spaces; what are you adding this time that's going to be an added value moving forward?

MS. CASKEY: Very good question, Commissioner. There will be secure entry from the lobby areas from the public entry. So first of all just having a public entry and a private entry will be adding security. With the need to replace the windows, we'll be able to do the bulletproof film on the windows. And then the lower parking lot will be specifically for staff and we will be building a security fencing around that parking lot and secure access point from that parking lot into the building. And then they have some specific needs which if they were here they could speak to it more specifically but in terms of their kind of surveillance/internal surveillance. So when we walked the building with their staff they have a whole security staff that was reviewing the building specifically to that concern and they felt it was the most easy, out of the buildings we've shown them, the most easy to secure because of having this private and public entry and ability to direct the public into public spaces in the building so that then the DA staff could move more freely. So it being on two levels and having multiple emergency exits and some things like this made it ideal.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Great. I appreciate that. And it's good to know that you've thought about all the security. Does the rooftop also offer an exit for safety?

MS. CASKEY: I don't believe so, no.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Okay, thank you.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Any other questions? If there are no further questions, do we have a motion?

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Move to approve the authorization of purchase of this facility for the use by the DA.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: I'll second.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Motion to approve by Commissioner Greene. A second from Commissioner Hughes.

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

- C. Request Approval of Amendment No. 4 to Lease Agreement No. 2010-0165-CSD/VO between Santa Fe County and Santa Fe Recovery Center, Inc. for the Lease of Office Space and Property located at 4100 Lucia Lane in Santa Fe, NM, Authorizing the Submittal of Amendment No. 4 to the State Board of Finance for Approval.**

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Michele.

MS. CASKEY: This is also me. Okay, this is in reference to a lease we have with Santa Fe Recovery Center and specifically their facility on Lucia Lane and this is a residential treatment center for women who can enter into either a 30 or 90-day program even with their small children to enable them to get prepared to re-enter after

their drug treatment journey.

In 2010 the Santa Fe Recovery Center acquired this land and the County put a modular building on it and now we have a lease with them where for in kind services they pay us a certain amount of money every year as rent and the lease allows and actually requires for us to reappraise the facility every five years and adjust the rate of the rent to market rate. And that is what this amendment does to the lease. And it has taken the value of the lease from \$14 a square foot up to \$16.50 a square foot. And upon your approval we will have to submit this lease also in to the Board of Finance for their . Approval

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

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Madam Chair, thank you, Michele and thank you to the Recovery Center for doing such hard work with this. They fill a niche for our community that is just tragic to watch and I appreciate that there's a family centric/ women centric facility here. It's also near schools so maybe these kids are actually able to walk to school and have some level of normalcy in their life. I'm 100 percent in favor of this.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. Is that a motion? Do we have any further questions?

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I will make that motion to approve amendment number 4 to lease agreement number 2010-0165 CSD /VO between Santa Fe County and Santa Fe Recovery Center and authorizing amendments to number four to the Board of Finance for approval.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Do we have a second?

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Second.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Motion by Commissioner Greene. We have a second by Commissioner Johnson.

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

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you very much, Michele.

- D. Request (1) Approval of Agreement No. 2025-0352-CSD with Behavioral Healthcare Services, Inc. dba New Mexico Solutions in the Amount of \$960,000, Inclusive of NM GRT, for Crisis Triage Services; and (2) Delegation of Authority to the County Manager to Sign the Purchasing Order**

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Alex, good to see you.

ALEX DOMINGUEZ: Good afternoon, Madam Chair, Commissioners. Alex Dominguez, Santa Fe County Community Services Department, Behavioral Health Program Manager.

This item is being presented to the Board of County Commissioners to request approval of services agreement with Behavioral Healthcare Services Incorporated doing business as New Mexico Solutions for the continued operation of the Crisis Triage Center

and Mobile Crisis Response team at La Sala Center serving residents of Santa Fe County.

The agreement term is from June 29, 2025 through June 29, 2026 with total compensation to the contractor in the amount of \$960,000 inclusive of New Mexico gross receipts tax. Pursuant to resolution number 2014-143, the total contract amount requires approval by the Board of County Commissioners. Background: Santa Fe County first entered into a multi-year agreement with New Mexico Solutions in 2021 to support behavioral health crisis services. Since the inception of La Sala Crisis Center and the accompanying Mobile Crisis Response team, service levels have steadily increased. In their first year of operation Fiscal Year 22 they had 650 client interactions. In Fiscal Year 23, 1,534 client interactions and in FY24, 25,320 client interactions. As of May of Fiscal Year 2025 they have had 1,638 client interactions. These figures reflect both in-person crisis services at La Sala Center and mobile response services throughout the County.

Over the past four years, New Mexico Solutions has demonstrated strong performance and an adaptive collaborative approach working closely with local hospitals, behavioral health providers, and county entities including the Sheriff's Office, Fire and Rescue, the Regional Emergency Communication Center, and the Adult Detention Facility. New Mexico Solutions has continuously refined its programming to meet community needs, expanding into behavioral health education and early intervention strategies that go beyond immediate crisis stabilization. The vision of the Community Services Department is to ensure that all County residents, regardless of income, have access to high-quality health care and are connected to the resources they need for health and well-being. The La Sala Crisis Triage Center aligns with this vision by offering a safe and accountable space for adults in behavioral health crisis and their caregivers to receive compassionate assistance during crisis episodes and linkages to community-based services. The total compensation under the proposed agreement is budgeted through the Community Services Department Behavioral Health funds cost center number 223-0495-467.

The recommendation is to approve agreement number 2025-0352 CSD between Santa Fe County and Behavioral Health Care Services Incorporated doing business as New Mexico Solutions in the amount of \$960,000 inclusive of New Mexico gross receipts tax and delegate authority to the County Manager to sign the purchase order.

Madam Chair, Commissioners, before we move on to questions discussion or comments from the Board, Dr. Lay and Ms. Kate Field are here with us today if it pleases the Board they would like to present a brief PowerPoint summary of the services at La Sala Center over the past four years or we can go into questions.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Alex, I believe that we would be grateful.

MR. DOMINGUEZ: Excellent. Dr. Lay.

DR. LAY: Thank you for having me, Commissioners, Madam Chair. I'd like to introduce Kate Field. Kate is the crisis services director here in Santa Fe, longtime Santa Fe resident and one of the reasons why the crisis center is the success that it is.

I have some information for you and I don't want to inundate you with a whole lot. I do want to acknowledge the crisis center is funded by Santa Fe County but also receives funding from New Mexico Medicaid and New Mexico non-Medicaid funding. I do all want to say we really treasure the relationship with Santa Fe County Community

Services Division. In my 25 year career this is one of the best funding relationships I've ever had it. Is collaborative, effective, focused on the right things in terms of serving the community. So it is a joy to be able to be here and continue to work with you.

La Sala Crisis -- I don't want to go through the whole timeline but a few things to point out to you. This started in 2017 when a County Gap Analysis identified the need for some kind of crisis center. The RFP was released. My agency at the time were based in Albuquerque submitted a proposal and were selected. In that period New Mexico Medicaid also recognized the need for behavioral health crisis center services and committed to funding Medicaid to behavioral health crisis center services. So we didn't want to create an operation that wouldn't then be able to access Medicaid funding. So we spent the next couple of years partnered with the County and the State developing what crisis triage center services should look like. We started operations in '21 and kind of the heart of the pandemic and I'll show you some numbers here in just a moment. One thing to note on here we have last year we started opioid use/disorder outreach services, that was funded actually by the State. We also started assertive community treatment services here in Santa Fe under a contract with a Community Services Division. Because our crisis center services had identified that many of the people we were seeing repeatedly had really severe chronic mental illness and we were seeing them repeatedly because they didn't have good wraparound services. One of the things you may note is that our numbers have actually gone down a little bit from '24 to '25 and that is because by starting that ACT program to take care of these very intensive folks, we siphoned them off so that they weren't in crisis as much and we're now receiving more ongoing services.

I will note, this is a lot of numbers for you, AI did the best it could to make this look pretty for me and it kind of gave up. But I will point out, look at the month of October 2021 and we saw 60 people that month. We're now seeing in recent months 120, 136, 84 those numbers have gone up year after year and we continue to see more people.

This is just a graphic depiction but it really shows the continued growth year after year of the services. Lastly, I want to point out several other crisis center crisis share centers have started in other counties and communities in New Mexico. The one here in Santa Fe remains the most successful. Others have closed. We've never closed. We've remained continuously open, continuously serving individuals.

Alex gave you some of the numbers to date but this also shows where folks are coming from. The majority of them are coming in from the public. We do have a robust partnership with City of Santa Fe Fire Department, Police Department and County Sheriffs as well as County Fire. One thing I will just quibble with a little bit here, you'll see that the numbers of referrals from the hospital seem low. Please know that many people come to us now instead of going to the hospital. So the ideal is for them to be diverted to us and never end up in the hospital. Is that fair Kate?

Lastly, just a little bit about the services we provide at Crisis Center. Anybody that walks in the door is going to be able to access case management, peer support, crisis deescalation, nursing, counseling, substance use intervention, medical care we do a fair bit of medical management, navigation to services, we are partnered with Santa Fe County and the Unite Us platform to assist people in accessing ongoing tracked services. We provide psychiatric assessment and because people in Santa Fe County have such difficulty accessing ongoing psychiatric care, we are providing ongoing medication

management for folks in crisis until they can get into ongoing medication management so that it doesn't trigger another crisis.

Before doing this would you mind -- would you mind sharing the demographics?

KATE FILED: Of course. Commissioners, Chair, the demographics we had started to collect regarding City residents and County residents are as such: for your information clients with a city address equal 42 percent of our clientele over the last three quarters; clients with a county address outside of the city limit 17 percent; clients who are unhoused 34 percent which is not a surprise. And then there's others who might come from out of state or passing through.

DR. LEY: We just started collecting those numbers in partnership with the County so we'll be able to report those more robustly in the future.

We are going to be partnered with the CCBHCs and I don't know if you're aware of that it's a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic model new to New Mexico. Santa Fe Recovery Center and PMS are going to be standing up as CCBHCs in Santa Fe County, we will be partnered with them. When we started this in partnership with the state we believed that a significant percentage of the people walking in the door would be Medicaid eligible. Turns out about half of what we were expecting were Medicaid eligible. So we've now partnered with the State so that Kate's staff can do presumptive eligibility for Medicaid, put people on Medicaid if they're eligible so that they can not only get services from us but get ongoing medical services in the community.

Finally, one of the things we've been struggling with over the past year and basically all providers are is the hiring workforce issues in terms of particularly hiring Therapists. Luckily, with some additional funding that we've gained access to and some changes in our Medicaid revenues we're going to be revising our payment strategies for therapist in just a month or two and we hope that that will solve some of the hiring issues that we've had that have impacted some of our access at the center.

I stand for questions. Thank you again, Madam Chair, Commissioners, we really enjoy this partnership.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you very much. Do we have any comments? Commissioner Johnson.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Yes, thank you, Madam Chair. It seems like and this is kind of back of the envelope math that you all see about 10 to 12 individuals per day in the 2025 thus far which leads me to believe that you're on track for seeing over 3,500 patients; is that accurate? Is that math --

DR. LEY: We see on average between 4 and 12 to 15 people a day. Our capacity is a little lower than that 15, the space gets pretty crowded. One thing to know is that we do see repeat customers at repeat clients that come in. So some of those numbers are not unduplicated.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Okay. Thank you. I had the opportunity to tour the facility with Commissioner Cacari Stone and was very impressed by Kate and her team. And I think this is an extremely important service. It's a model, as you mentioned, for other communities and I hardily support it. Thank you.

DR. LEY: Thank you, Commissioner.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. Commissioner Cacari Stone.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Thank you, Chair Bustamante. I

agree keeping your doors open, being a model, as opposed to the peer service models that had to close says lengths about perhaps leadership and positive implementation. I definitely think there's a growing need and I fully support this resolution for this contract of services. I'm just curious it seems like the greatest percent and it's good that we're self-referrals and maybe you can't answer this and we could ask the Warden but there was only one referral and I was just curious about that one referral from the detention center and is there more coordination that needs, is there just not a crossover, just thoughts?

MS. FIELD: Commissioner Cacari Stone and Chair, I think that the relationship with the re-entry is dependent on the particular staffing that they have and that we have and finding the right timing and inmate that might come to us for services. I think that that number is actually not accurate. I think we do see a lot more and we're always fostering that relationship.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: I appreciate that and I know that the Warden as well as the County Manager have all discussed the coordination across services and can I assume you guys meet on a regular basis and – [Ms. Field nods in the affirmative] – okay, terrific.

I look forward to when there's time to learn more about the cross coordination with your services and the courts.

I just had one other insight and the 34 percent that are unhoused; do you see that possibly increasing and to what extent are you able to offer people a step-wise approach to some sort of intermediate housing once they leave the recovery center?

MS. FIELD: Commissioner, thank you for that question. I do anticipate that number to grow. I don't foresee a whole lot of available resources in our community that might support our particular population. Generally, that would be identified as severe mental illness population. We're not seeing a lot of transitional or permanent supportive housing planning coming in. I hope that we do in the future. We have very close relationships with the shelters of course in our community as well as in Taos and Española and Albuquerque. However, the resources are not nearly enough and that is one of the daily struggles that our staff experiences and bringing that to resolution and the housing trajectory can take some time. It can be 12, 18 months to really get someone housed.

DR. LEY: Our team was successful the other day, Madam Chair, Commissioners, with an individual that had been coming to the Crisis Center was transferred to our ACT team so that he is getting wraparound services from our Assertive Community Treatment Program and they were, I think they've been serving him now for about six months, they were able to get him housed. He's been homeless for the past four years so it takes time but it does happen but we have to celebrate even those individual successes.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Yeah, I agree build on success and what's working. And you know I just look forward to further collaborations and support of the efforts around looking for options for people without housing with severe mentally ill diagnosis or interactions with substance use. I think we really need to keep talking about this as a team and I'm looking forward to working more with Commissioner Hughes and I know the City is very invested as well and I understand in talking with the County Manager that we could even tap into more use of our mobile crisis in terms of

going to where people are now that we're going to have some of these micro communities even though the City's providing it but how could we think deeply offering some onsite type of assessment, on-site wraparound case management. I think we need to pull together our County resources and what we do well with what the City's doing and not overlap but to complement. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you. Commissioner Hughes and then Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Yeah, I'm glad to see your services have increased. I know at the beginning we were a little worried that not many people were accessing it even though we knew there was a need and so I'm glad they found you.

I was wondering are you threatened by the cuts to Medicaid? Do you think that's going to affect your funding and the people's funding?

DR. LEY: Madam Chair, Commissioner, yeah it keeps me awake at night. I sit on the board of the National Council for Mental Well-being. It's a DC based organization that advocates for community mental health nationwide, and we're involved really closely. What I'm predicting right now is going to be the greatest impact is that people will roll off Medicaid, the periods of eligibility will be shorter, they'll have more headache and paperwork to stay on Medicaid, so it's going to be more work for Kate's staff and our team in Albuquerque because every time we see somebody we're going to have to make sure they're on Medicaid and if they're not, we're going to have to work to get them back on. Luckily that's the kind of work we do a lot and for people on behavioral health we actually see them a lot more frequently than people see their medical doctor so we're able to oftentimes catch that they fell off Medicaid before other folks do. So definitely we are planning how to deal with this amidst the chaos of not knowing exactly what's coming down the pike.]

c,: Okay. Well that's semi- good news I guess, that you can you can get them back on Medicaid if they fall off. Yeah and I intend to work with Commissioner Cacari Stone on creating some housing options for some of the people who are unhoused. Okay, thank you.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you for the work you do. It's amazing how many different organizations we need to support -- you do a big heavy lift but there's so many people surrounding you and you can't do it alone.

So you mentioned that 47 or some upper 40 percentage comes from the city and don't get me wrong they're all Santa Fe County residents. I'm wondering does the City, but you didn't show in your funding program whether the City supplied you with funding.

DR. LEY: We don't currently receive any funding from City of Santa Fe. Kate's team does a lot of collaboration with them. We've had conversations with them about potential funding opportunities over the years. Nothing ever materialized.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Okay, that's disappointing but okay. And then are you working with the court systems on diversionary programs so you know keeping people out of jail? I think that's being stood up more and more but maybe it already exists and you have some vision on where it's going.

MS. FIELD: Yes, thank you, Commissioner Greene, Chair, we have

founded relationships with AOC to start talking about the AOT program and how we might support particularly through mobile crisis and we regularly receive referrals from the Public Defender's Office in order to keep people out of jail. It feels like a very natural fit as far as our timing and access points so it's been great.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Great, good to know. Thank you very much for working on that aspect as well, thanks.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. I also want to commend your good work in understanding. I have shared with the Manager a number of times that I have actually had constituents who've reached out to me and one individual who really thought his son was all but lost and said. You have to keep these folks. And that was his direct order to us so very grateful for your good work sincerely lives are changed and protected because of the work that you do.

Do we have a motion to approve from Commissioner Cacari Stone?

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Yes, Chair Bustamante, I make a motion to approve the agreement number 2025 0352 between Santa Fe County Behavioral Health Services and New Mexico Solutions in the amount of \$960,000.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Do we have a second?

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Second.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: So we have a motion from Commissioner Cacari Stone, a second from Commissioner Greene. All in favor.

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

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: thank you for your very good work.

DR. LEY: Madam Chair, Commissioners, thank you.

- E. Request (1) Approval of Agreement No. 2026-0351-IT Between ITConnect Inc. and Santa Fe County to Provide Remote Security and Security Monitoring Services for Network and Infrastructure Support for a Four (4) year Term and for a Total Compensation of \$600,000; Exclusive of NM GRT; and (2) Delegation of Authority to the County Manager to Sign the Purchase Orders. [Note Agreement No. 2025-0351-IT]**

DANIEL SANCHEZ (IT Division): Yes, thank you, Madam Chair, Commissioners, good afternoon. Daniel Sanchez with the IT Division appearing for Jeff Espinosa who could not be here today. First of all just a bit of housekeeping. The agreement is actually going to be 2025-0351-IT. We start the contract in Fiscal Year 26 but we submitted in Fiscal Year 25 so bit of confusion. It is 2025-031-IT.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Noted, thank you.

MR. SANCHEZ: So we are requesting the use of the New Mexico State price agreement to procure cyber security professional services with IT Connect who has been a partner with us for some time. And also asking for delegation of authority for the County Manager to sign the purchase orders. With that I stand for any questions.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Do we have any questions from the Commission? Hearing no questions, do we have a motion to approve?

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: I'll make a motion to approve agreement number 2025-0351-IT with IT Connect for remote security and network support services in the amount of \$600,000 exclusive of NMGR and delegate authority to the County Manager to sign the purchase order.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: We have a motion from Commissioner Johnson; do we have a second?

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Second.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Second from Commissioner Hughes.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Just as a point of order just to make sure that we're doing it as 2026 or 2025?

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: It's 2025. He stated that it was 2025 and that that was incorrect. All in favor.

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

MR. SANCHEZ: Thank you, Madam Chair, Commissioners.

F. Resolution No. 2025-071, a Resolution to Commit Santa Fe County Fiscal Year 2025 Fund Balance.

YVONNE HERERRA (Finance Director): Madam Chair, Commissioners, Resolution 2019-7 attempts to establish reserve levels to address the predictability or unpredictability and volatility of revenues and expenditures, one-time costs such as disasters and immediate capital needs and dependency on the general fund by other operating funds for resources, contingent liabilities and economic downturns. With today's resolution, we are requesting the Board to commit fund balances as of June 30, 2025 in accordance with the County's current reserve policy. For the general fund special revenue funds supporting County staff and ongoing operations, enterprise funds and the County self-insurance fund for those reserve requirements that identify a percentage range of the unrestricted fund balance from the prior year financial report, there were no changes. The calculated committed amounts are in addition to any fund balance requirements or constraints imposed by law a contract or other sources outside of the County's policy. Exhibit A to the resolution presents the calculated committed amounts for each applicable fund based upon the current reserve policy as detailed in the memo and the calculation.

The County is currently working with GASB to replace the current policy with a new risk-based reserve analysis and policy. A draft is expected to be presented to the Board in August. The approval of this resolution will not limit the Board's ability to adopt a new policy in August and make any changes deemed necessary to the amounts committed for the County. And with that Madam Chair. I stand for any questions.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Yvonne. Do we have any questions for Ms. Herrera. If there are no questions, do we have a motion to approve?

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I will make a motion to approve a

resolution to commit Santa Fe County's Fiscal Year 2025 fund balance.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: I second it.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: We have a motion from Commissioner Greene, a second from Commissioner Cacari Stone. All in favor.

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

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Yvonne.

MS. HERRERA: Madam Chair, Commissioners, thank you for making that easy today.

- G. Request Approval of (1) Agreement No. 2025-0275-PW-TJ Construction of Santa Fe Rail Trail Segment #6 and Cerro Alto Trailhead; (2) Contract Award for Agreement No. 2025-0275-PW-TJ with Meridian Contracting, Inc. in the Grand Total Amount of \$2,470,589, Exclusive of NM GRT, for the Construction of the Santa Fe Rail Trail Segment #6 and Cerro Alto Trailhead in Santa Fe County, New Mexico; and (2) Delegation of Signature Authority to the County Manager to Sign the Purchase Order.**

DANIEL ANDERSON (Public Works): Thank you, Madam Chair and fellow Commissioners. I'm excited to bring forward the construction services for Santa Fe Rail Trail segment 6 and the Cerro Alto Trail Head. This is recommended and approved through the BCC of a capital outlay project. Our funding sources include the Lodgers Tax, two funds of capital outlay GRT, a Trails Plus grant and finally we have a Department of Commerce EDA reimbursable grant that we have a part of it. Our total budgets around 3.2 million for this project.

The trail itself is a 1.78 mile, crusher fine trail that will extend from Spur Ranch Road where the current Rail Trail segment 5 ends. It will proceed along the railroad right-of-way. We will go on to the Commonweal Conservancy land and follow the New Moon Overlook Road along the hillside there and finally crossing over the State Land Office and terminate with the new trail head on the Santa Fe County property which is adjacent to US 285 Highway. The location of that, if you know that, is right across the railroad where Cerro Alto Road goes down into Lamy, hence the Cerro Alto Trail Head makes sure it's a geographical location.

This was procured through an IFB. Meridian Contracting Inc was the lowest most responsible bidder. Therefore, we are requesting approval of agreement 2025-0275 with Meridian for a full contract price of \$2,470,589 that's exclusive of NMGRT. That bid includes base bid plus contingency. And we're also asking for delegation of signature authority to the County Manager for signing off on the purchase order. Are there any questions.

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

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: I just wondered are all the neighbors of the trail in agreement with this plan?

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MR. ANDERSON: Madam Chair, Commissioner Hughes, yes, they are. We worked long with one private citizen over there for trying to keep it off of their private property and try to get it below their eyesight. We feel we've done it. We've talked with them. They approve of what we have accomplished. We do have the one person up there right on Spur Ranch Road that we will work with because they've had a social trail where a lot of the horse riders use. They're wanting to do some divergent and get those people off. So we're going to try to help formulate that out and take care of it within our scope.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Okay.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. Any other questions? I have a question so am I to understand this is the final segment for this trail?

MR. ANDERSON: Madam Chair, no it is not.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: It is not?

MR. ANDERSON: It is not. We still have segment 7 that will take us down into Lamy. We're dividing it up into two phases. So currently I'm working with Procurement Office to procure the engineering services because we've got to get across above or below US 285 we can't do an aggregate crossing. So currently we're trying to get that under contract and try to get full construction docs so as we finish up this segment what that'll do is get us over or under and then down to County Road 33 and that'll be the end of phase 7A. And then 7B we're hoping we can do a road project in combination to get us into Lamy.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. Any other questions? Do we have a motion?

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: I'll make a motion to approve agreement number 2025-0275PW-TJ construction of Santa Fe Rail Trail segment number six and Cerro Alto Trailhead and etc.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: We have a motion from Commissioner Hughes.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Second.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Second from Commissioner Johnson.

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

- H. Resolution No. 2025-072, a Resolution to Delegate to the County Manager the Authority to Negotiate for Workers' Compensation Coverage for Fiscal Year 2026 and Execute Purchase Orders, Agreements, and Other Documents Necessary or Advisable to Effectuate Such Coverage.**

MELINDA JAGLES-MOQUINO: Good afternoon, Madam Chair Bustamante and Commissioners. With me today and to support and present Workers Compensation is Eric Martinez, the safety coordinator. HR and Risk Management Department request the Board of Commissioners to approve the proposed resolution supported by memorandum detailing the HUB International Insurance brokers proposals for Workers Compensation insurance for FY26. In your packet we have detailed information regarding the six options that HUB evaluated from New Mexico County

Insurance Authority and three options from New Mexico Mutual provided the analysis of the different options evaluated and has indicated the best financial option of New Mexico County Insurance Authority of \$100,000 deductible with a premium of \$446,269 and expected retentions of \$347,397 for an expected total of \$820,666.

The \$100,000 option has the greatest potential for savings on a low year end without taking any materially risk intent retention of a high year. Also remaining with New Mexico County's Insurance Authority provides a long-term benefit to the County by ensuring continued stability and success of that joint power agreement entity of which the County is a member and upon whom it depends on other coverages for which there is not much of any commercial insurance market.

Therefore, HR and Risk Management requests the Board of Commissioners to approve the subject resolution delegating the authority to the County Manager to negotiate for Workers Compensation coverage for FY26 and execute purchase orders agreements and other documents necessary for advisable to effectuate such coverage with the direction of the County Manager to select the thousand deductible option from New Mexico County Insurance Authority. With that I stand for questions.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Ms. Jagles-Moquino. Do we have any questions for Melinda? If there are no questions do we have a motion?

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: I'll make a motion to adopt 6H resolution to delegate the County Manager authority negotiate for workers compensation coverage.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Second.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: We have a motion by Commissioner Hughes and we have a second from Commissioner Cacari Stone. All in favor.

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

**I. Request Approval of the Affordable Housing Agreement for
Turquoise Trail Commons**

DENISE BENAVIDEZ (Community Development Department): Thank you so much, Chair, Commissioners. Today I come before you requesting approval of the affordable housing agreement for Turquoise Trail Commons also known as the Dominion Development. Just a little bit of summary, the preliminary and final plan for the development of the five-parcel mixed-use subdivision on approximately 27 acres will be approved administratively upon approval of the affordable housing agreement. Section 13.2.2.4 of the Sustainable Land Development Code does require the Board to approve and execute the affordable housing agreement.

The property is located at 4608 New Mexico 14 within the Community College District employment center sub-district under section 13.2.1.1 and 13.2.1.4.2 the applicant Exit 278 LLC, an unusual name, would typically be required to pay a residual fee. However, in this particular case the residual fee will not be required to be paid because what the developer has opted to do is to produce a 312-unit apartment complex fully affordable. It is a mixed-use. All the units within the apartment complex will be income restricted to tenants earning at or below 60 percent of the area median income at time of initial occupancy. In accordance with New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority

a qualified allocation plan rents for these units will not exceed 30 percent of the applicable income limits consistent with the QAP. In this particular case we definitely recommend approval and with that I stand for any questions.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Ms. Benavidez. Do we have any questions? Commissioner Hughes.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Yes, in addition to the 312 affordable housing apartments, what is the rest of the land going to be used for?

MS. BENAVIDEZ: There's another parcel, Commissioner Hughes, it is commercial and that has not been determined to date. However, I am scheduling a meeting between our economic development staff and the current property owners to move forward to make recommendations for that particular parcel.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: So there's no other housing other than the 312 units, right?

MS. BENAVIDEZ: It's all housing and the other piece will be some sort of commercial development, correct.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Commercial okay.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you, Denise. The range here it I can't quite make heads or tails of the affordable dwellings range but in the agreement it seems to not add up to 100 percent. So I'm trying to -- what percent are going to be at that 120 to 80 to 120 or do is that not all set up yet?

MS. BENAVIDEZ: Thank you, Commissioner Greene for the question. These units will be 60 percent of the area median income and below. So this is an all affordable low income true complex.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: And then the spectrum of the size of the units? Are there any one bedrooms and studios or are they all multi-bedrooms?

MS. BENAVIDEZ: It's a mix. It's a mix of I believe one, two and three that's what the discussion is currently today.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Okay, wonderful, thank you, good job/

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. Do we have additional questions for Ms. Benavidez? If there are no additional questions, do we have a motion?

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: I make a motion to approve the Affordable Housing Agreement for Turquoise Trail Commons.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I second it.

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

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

7. Presentations

A. A Follow-Up Presentation on Release Transportation Processes at the Adult Detention Facility

WADE ELLIS (Deputy Warden) Thank you. Chair and Commissioners.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you for your patience this meeting/

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MR. ELLIS: I'm going to present on the release and transportation process and options for the Adult Detention Facility inmates. This is a follow-up to our last presentation where we kind of indicated where we were in the process. This is going to cover the advancements we've made to this point.

In summary we're going to cover the increased access to the transportation offices this is done through ADF providing regular transportation services during those heavy release times. We're able to make a round trip about every 30 minutes. We're working with the North Central Regional Transit District to provide my blue service to ADF this is of course pending their board approval. Potential rides through Presbyterian Medical Services that are being explored, the public transit vouchers and Rail Runner and Santa Fe Trails that's currently being explored through the walking down the highway how we've created safer passage for those that choose to walk with the provision of reflective vests, funding plan to design and hopefully construct the offset trail along Highway 14 within the existing right-a-way which is included in the County Management's proposed capital budget, New Mexico Department of Transportation and the evaluation of better signage down the road and also finally the education and customer informed services. Transportation education which we've implemented through our intake and release procedures now. Surveys of current and former inmates have been used and will be used for future changes and I'll discuss a little bit about how we plan on implementing those as well.

Currently in the realm of transportation these are immediate actions that we were able to take. We have focused on the improvement of the release process and have made some strides to educate about their transportation options. Officers are assigned currently right now from the hours of 2 to 10 and they're located with the transportation vehicle now available sitting outside the door. We're still using the current drop off location which allows us to get every 30 minutes on that turnaround time. During the weekends and hours that aren't identified from that 2 to 10, that's an 8-hour time frame we have very minimal releases during those hours and so we're still doing it as requested for the transportation. And also on the weekends and we've got the stats to support that and I'll bring those up here shortly.

The cost to the County is we are having to assign an over-timer to cover that eight hour period because it isn't currently in our staffing pattern. It comes at a cost about \$81,000 per year to man that eight hours by our staff on overtime. We're also working with public transit is also still available at the current times but we are exploring some other times and we've got some things that we're working with RTD to improve more public transit options as well.

When it comes to the walking, we've implemented a new safety initiative. We went with the recommendation of reflective vests which we provide upon release. So currently our process anyone that announces to us that they intend on walking we are actually supplying them with the vest at release. We also understand that just because they say that they have a ride, oftentimes they get out to the parking lot and find either their ride hasn't arrived yet or their ride never did arrive or whatever those plans may occur. Then we also have put reflective vests located just in the lobby in case they have a change of plans. Oftentimes they like to start walking in order to meet their ride at the Allsup's or meet them in transit down to the Allsup's so those reflective vests are made

available in the lobby free of charge obviously for those that intend on changing their mind. We've added the signs in both English and Spanish at key locations; one exiting the booking right at release then there's that breezeway on the exit door out where we've also placed a sign that they see it immediately on release and then likewise we've placed the sign in the lobby where the reflective vests are located indicating that they are free of charge and that if you do choose to walk we recommend that you take one. On top of that our staff have actually become more aware of the situation. I wouldn't say more aware but we've just had heightened engagement they're encouraged to interact with people when they see them waiting outside for a ride or whatever the case may be offering them additional phone calls to ensure that the ride is still coming. get some kind of ETA on that or encourage them to get onto the transit or even if there isn't a van waiting during those hours those peak hours and we find someone we'll make additional calls do whatever we can to go out of our way to assist them in an option other than walking.

These are some of the data that we're collecting. I ran it – the data that's presented to you was started on 6/2 you got approximately two weeks and two days up there. We keep this data we're still running this data. I will have this data updated as frequently as y'all would like. What we're collecting right now is currently the date, you can see that there's the day of the week. I put that up there to indicate that you can see the minimal volume that we're talking about on Saturdays and Sundays for our releases. We got the release we got the total releases and then we separated two times, that late evening and early morning, we separated those times out so that you can see that our primary volume is during regular that 6:00 a.m. to 10 p.m. That center column up there is any individual that still falls under our release count but may not have been released to the community. Those are individuals that we either have to transport maybe they got sentenced to the penitentiary so we're making those transports they're coming out of our facility they have other charges in additional facilities that we have to transport them out that will reflect in our release counts as well. Or if an individual, medical deems that they need to be transported to the hospital for safety reasons those individuals will be collected in that column. The next column over is anyone that we -- I'm sorry that those columns are switched -- the column I just talked about was transported to an alternate location. The middle column up there is the ones that we are actually transporting. So having the van readily available outside the release area is reflected in about 83 total transports in this 2 and a half week period. If you remember from our earlier presentation we had 70 transports in a quarter. So we're making a big impact by having the van readily available. And what we found early on is people were saying, No, I have a ride or no, I plan on walking and as they walk out and the van's available, they were like well wait can I get on the van?" And we're like, Yeah. So we're having a drastic impact on that by having just the van available out there. We've already surpassed the entire first quarter with just two weeks of transports doing it that way.

The column that's labeled had a ride or walked, we were trying – we were making an attempt to say yes these are how many that walked and these are how many that actually had a ride it becomes kind of difficult to distinguish that data. What we know is we didn't transport them they indicated that they had a ride and we're assuming that maybe they hopefully did have a ride but if they changed their mind it's kind of hard to

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separate those two. What we do know is those that indicated that they were intending on walking. If they indicated that during the release process we marked it down under that column that they accepted a vest. We haven't had anyone refuse the vest actually that said that they intend on walking. So we had about 45 it comes out to about 15 percent of all our total releases indicate that they still plan on walking even with the available transportation. The last column there is we had about three people that made it out and got onto the RTD Blue Bus because they wanted transit specifically to the Rail Runner.

Also what we did too, one, is we wanted to conduct kind of an internal survey which was discussed. For us we have a bigger survey planned but this initial survey for us we wanted it to serve twofold. So what we did is we implemented the survey during the intake process so it wasn't just a release that we were telling people about the available options it was actually during their intake or classification process very early on of them arriving to the jail. What it allowed us to do is be more kind of proactive to informing them from the beginning that there's available transportation that the facility is willing to offer. It also gave us the opportunity to let them know that if you're between this 2 to 10 time frame, that eight hour time frame, when the biggest volume of releases are that if they're just going to if they're just willing to wait 30 more minutes a van will be there. So that was more of a proactive approach to informing them of the options. Likewise we wanted to collect and analyze some data that would inform us on anything that we could see in the future and how effective what our current plans that we implemented were and what kind of the sediment was towards the plans that we were implementing. These are the five questions that we asked: are you aware that the facility offers transportation upon release? That was simple it allowed us to get that entryway into it. When you get released, we were asking them, are you planning on getting picked up are you going to walk or do you need a ride provided by the facility? The percentages are up there on these. If you choose to walk would you like to wear a reflective vest? We wanted to know if this was even an option that they wanted to do or were willing to do or if we were going to find we were handing out vests and then just finding them thrown on the highway down the road. After you get released would you be willing to wait up to 30 minutes? It was kind of our lead in to let them know that once you're released if you can just wait 30 minutes the van's going to be back and we will be able to make that transport again. And then are there any other locations or drop off this was something that was a write in our officers wrote it in for them. We got a wide range of answers they were fairly sporadic but these are just three of the common answers we got. One, could you give me a ride straight to my house. Two, could you give me a ride to the Allsup's. I thought it was kind of surprising that the only ride you were asking for was the two-mile walk to the Allsup's. And then the other one was, can you give me a ride to Albuquerque? That was our furthest out request. And we'll talk about how we plan on attempting to address those things as well.

So these are the things that we're actively still in the process of pursuing: transportation time frames, we talked about how we're able to do this turnaround every 30 minutes. Our current stop location is located at Camino Entrada right there across from the police station. The Zia station is another option that we're considering. It adds an additional 10 minutes. It kind of puts you in the other direction kind of the east side of Santa Fe. It's still closer to the south side but it'd be the southeast versus the southwest

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kind of getting a different location maybe alternating. We did look at dropping off at the Sheraton that adds a lot of time and unfortunately we're afraid that what we would do is end up being too long between transits that people would stop waiting for us since we're generating success out of this 30 minute time turnaround.

We did hold some meetings with RTD or the Blue Bus to explore future partnerships, opportunities, potential services, that My Blue Bus the regional plans. The County Manager was able to set up some good meetings that we got some good explorations through there. Again, they're pending their approvals, staffing some other hurdles that they're going to be jumping through. The My Blue Bus it's going to be kind of like an Uber service potentially for that area. Those are going to help solve some problems as they get through their process. Presbyterian Medical Services have extended their hours this kind of works twofold for us. It allows us to get that continuum of care that we're always seeking from the facility anyways into the Presbyterian Medical System. They extended one of their workers hours till 6:00 p.m. They're still kind of exploring some transportation options from their end; if they've got an appointment can we transport, can their employees transport directly to them? That's some things that they're exploring.

We've been working in collaboration with HR. Legal. Community Services to explore the development of maybe a new volunteer program that's aimed at addressing the transportation needs across the County. This could serve as that cross functional. It could help with both the senior services during the day and then maybe augment or supplement some of the transport needs that we have during that 2 to 10 area for us in the Evening. We've met with Life Link. Life Link is a good community partner for us they're going to help us develop and conduct a third-party survey that's designed to gather information on individuals both pre and post release. So it won't be just people located inside the facility that are planning getting out we're hoping that they're going to be able to follow up with individuals after release to see if the sentiment or the recommendations may change post release. We're also going to utilize that survey to not only assess the transportation needs but we want to also take advantage of that to see if we can assess more of the community service needs and maybe develop some better linkages in that system as well.

Some additional strategies that are being explored is we could contract services out to augment the current facility transport times or maybe even take over the facility transport times through a contract service, provision of public transportation vouchers for the bus and train tickets. We're in the process, again, the County Manager was able to get a contact for us we're in the process of scheduling out something to discuss how we go about purchasing vouchers for both the Rail Runner and the Santa Fe Trails bus system which we're hoping that the Rail Runner will help us with that long distance request of how do I get to Albuquerque so that's in the process that we're working on. We looked at potentially like an automated call system that maybe if an individual opts in they get up a contact and upon release somehow it automatically sends a text notification to their point of contact that this individual is getting released just so that maybe family members are aware if they miss a direct call that they can read a text, Oh, he got released; and maybe they can come and pick them up in route. That's a little bit more difficult there isn't anything out there that we found that exists like that but it's worth exploring.

The development of offset walking trail along New Mexico Highway 14 from the Adult Detention Facility this trail is going to connect all the way to the Rail Runner on 599 and to the nearest trail system right there kind of by Dinosaur Trail area. This would improve the pedestrian access to connectivity to the public transportation and community resources. Initial funding is included in the capital budget recommendation as indicated earlier.

The last option that is potentially on the table is we potentially look into hiring FTEs to fill that transportation role that we are currently filling through overtime. This would reduce the cost of the overtime. That's a little bit more challenging as that we're not – we're always sitting around one or two vacancies of our mandatory post that we're trying to fill constantly. So it is an option that we could explore.

At this time I open it up to the Commission for any questions or comments.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you Deputy Warden Ellis. I also just want to point out and I won't be bringing them to the podium to speak but we did have a request from an Interfaith worker justice group. Reverend Holly Beaumont is actually in the Chambers and I will invite you to discuss at another time of the services that they provide and have experience with given release, post release and she can share the details with you so I just want to make you aware that you do have some support in the room and people who'd like to discuss things further.

Additional questions, Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you, Warden, Deputy Warden. I just want to give a shout out to you and County management and everybody that's been involved in this to address this as fast as possible. I can't say if everything's perfect but you're definitely trying to resolve it in a very dynamic and innovative way and I appreciate that. So thank you.

DEPUTY WARDEN ELLIS: Thank you.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. Commissioner Johnson.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Thank you, Madam Chair and thank you Deputy Warden. Like Commissioner Greene I appreciate the quickness of your response and coming back to us with data is really helpful. A couple questions, I'll be quick. The Blue Bus ride on June 3rd seemed to be the only time that that occurred and I know that the my blue service to the adult detention center has not been rolled out yet but it will be. What accounts for the three was that just a sort of happy coincidence or --

DEPUTY WARDEN ELLIS: So they do have a scheduled stop time so they come and it's around I'm trying to remember about 4:45 or 5:15 it's one of those two times. It just happened to be a group out but what we found is when we release them in groups cuz we're trying to get them in groups so that we're not overcrowding these vans what we find is if one gets on the bus all of them are like, Oh yeah I'm going to just ride with these guys. And so they all tend to pick the same option even though the Blue Bus was available, they still choose to ride with their peers. And so when one gets on there and they're like I don't want to go to the Rail Runner I'm just going to go all the way into town then the group tends to be it's kind of a group thing they all tend to travel together. And so once that option became available it's not that the Blue Bus isn't there those individuals that went on the Blue Bus specifically were looking at getting linkage to the Rail Runner whereas everyone else was very excited to ride together.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Okay, so good that's interesting to know. Does someone being released get a phone call in advance and how, I imagine they do but how long prior to their release do they get that call; because it does take about 45 to half an hour to get there.

DEPUTY WARDEN ELLIS: So often times our biggest releases are coming from the court system. So a lot of times they know that they're going to be released and they're making those phone calls prior to us being able to process them out. Once we get them into the booking area again we're allowing them to make a call. That's some of the staff engagement that we tend to find most frequent is they come out knowing that they have a ride coming are they going to wait for a ride and then we're usually pulling them back into the lobby area getting them with the front desk to make a secondary call to ensure that that ride is still in route.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Okay. So they're at liberty to call knowing that they're going to go through booking to be processed out of the facility; is that right?

DEPUTY WARDEN ELLIS: Yes.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: The intake survey is a good idea and I think that is smart to prime them for that so I just wanted to make note of that. I support and I imagine this Commission would support vouchers for public transit it's already a very inexpensive service but I think that extra help when you're you know leaving a situation that you need you need a little bit more help with would be great. I'm intrigued by this automatic call system too just to have an emergency contact point of contact to inform people because it seems like some of the issue that occurred with the unfortunate deaths was that no one really knew that they were being released in the first place. And so when they walked right they're sort of it's at night they're sort of they're on their own and if someone knows, right, they might they might meet them halfway. I think that's worth doing. I think about appointment software things like that. But anyway I applaud your creativity and thinking through these problems.

DEPUTY WARDEN ELLIS: Just to bring that up. You just brought up another idea that I think we're going to start exploring too, is calls from the facility if y'all have ever received a call from a county phone usually come up as four digits or sometimes looks at scam calls and people don't recognize and a lot of times they don't get people to answer. I think just thinking about the way you posed the question just kind of got my brain spinning maybe we could look into a text maybe an option to where they can send a text because individuals will read a text maybe and not answer a call that's from an unfamiliar number.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: I think we all do that, so yeah.

WARDEN WILLIAMS: Madam Chair, Commissioner, I would just make an add to this, we have a justice meeting with the magistrate court which we you know all the defense counsel and prosecutors also attend. In recent communications one thing we've asked is or I've asked is that the defense attorneys let us know anytime they're making a motion for a release particularly for people who have severe mental health illnesses or homeless issues. Getting them to send correspondence to our re-entry team as soon as they know that that way we have a little bit of time before we get a release order so that way the re-entry team can then start working with the resources we

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have in the community to try to help provide that connection to them in the community before they get released. So hopefully that'll be an addition to this too.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: That's good to hear, thank you.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you Commissioner, thank you, Warden. Commissioner Cacari Stone.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Thank you, Chair Bustamante. Deputy Warden and Warden Williams, I just want to commend you. It's a sign of hope when you activate yourselves and you activate with others to find solutions together and I think I just really wanted to say that hope and finding solutions is so apparent tonight and that was different from when we were talking about the people who have died. And so I think that we're moving forward. And would you consider it a success now – and I don't know the numbers before so I appreciate the data you pulled with all the different options and not knowing the numbers before I'm adding up that there was in this time period between June 2nd and June 17th there was 166 rides or people choosing to use a reflective vest as a result of these new strategies which would mean a 56 percent spike in offering options. Would that be correct?

DEPUTY WARDEN ELLIS: Yes.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Okay, so we actually are improving by over half, right. So would you consider that a success?

DEPUTY WARDEN ELLIS: Absolutely. We were always offering the rides but I do feel that just the ride being outside, them seeing it is changing their mind and making it a more viable option I think this has been a huge success on that end.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Yes, thank you. And then in your slide on other strategies that you're thinking, what do you both think is the most promising of that list of strategies?

DEPUTY WARDEN ELLIS: On the additional strategies?

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Yes.

WARDEN WILLIAMS: Madam Chair, me personally, I think the FTE request at the at the bottom is probably the most prominent only because having as the Deputy mentioned having that 2 to 10 vehicle and that transport officer readily available to get them has made great strides. Having an FTE and I will add I don't envision that position being an officer position so you know that would make a big difference too as far as the difficulty to fill, but I think that would be a huge cost savings to what we're incurring now with the overtime and still accomplish the availability of having that readily available transportation.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Thank you so much. I have just two reflections, it seems like when we went with you in May to the facility and when Commissioner Johnson and I went again as new commissioners there was a high use of the iPads by all the inmates. Is there maybe a creative strategy that will tap into them always on their iPads and that would give them immediate options to engage with a ride?

DEPUTY WARDEN ELLIS: So they are able to send messages through those tablets. Another creative strategy that when we were talking about sending out a third-party survey that wasn't necessarily coming directly to the jail is we're looking into actually implementing that survey, a more in-depth survey, through the tablets as well that will allow the vendor to collect that information and then send it back to us.

Obviously, there's potentially endless it's just a matter of that is a contracted service and what options they allow on the tablet is kind of okay on them. It's not free range they very well vet it doesn't go on to the internet it goes through another server that they own and then they're able to filter the information that comes in and out through those tablets. So it's just a matter of what is what is the idea that we're looking at and can they accommodate that without breaching any kind of security risk on their servers.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Understood. I hope that that's a potential option and then it seems like peer-to-peer really matters and peer preference matters and with people choosing options and behavior change it seems like an amount of time where certain options would be normalized and then you can systematize it might be, you know, I don't know six months to a year. But I hope that normalization of increased uptake of getting a ride will increase based on peers. And I just thank you for mentioning that because it seems like that could also be an option for some solutions is that peer. And I appreciate that you actually implemented a survey to include those most impacted in the solution. I think that's really important. So thank you for doing that.

DEPUTY WARDEN ELLIS: Thank you, Commissioner.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. Anyone else; if there are no others, thank you very much. I also echo the good work you jumped on it and you've got some plans so thank you and you're tracking what's already implemented. I'm very grateful for your work and look forward to hearing the successes and hearing that there are no problems on Highway 14. Thank you.

DEPUTY WARDEN ELLIS: Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you, Commissioners.

B. Presentation on Fiscal Year 2026 Capital Budget

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: This is a presentation that will be continued on Thursday if deemed necessary. So if we have a lot of questions today, it is my hope that we can keep questions that can be delved into more deeply on Thursday otherwise, Yvonne you're on. Actually it's both Manager Shaffer, Leandro and Yvonne Herrera. So thank you, Manager Shaffer.

MANAGER SHAFFER: Thank you, Chair Bustamante, Commissioners, as the Chair indicated this really is some stage setting for a deeper discussion that we're going to have on Thursday at a special meeting. So I'm going to be exceedingly brief in terms of the information that I'm providing. It's really to help orient the Commissioners to upcoming discussions about resource allocation.

I really wanted to accomplish the following goals during this brief highlighted discussion. One, is just to level set relative to the availability of debt financing for our capital projects; discuss a little bit the pros and cons of self-funding versus borrowing for capital projects specifically as it relates to revenue bonds. Talk at a high level about significant recurring and non-recurring resources and then you know set the stage for some future discussion relative to the infrastructure capital improvement plan in relation to those resources and unknowns. And then also just provide a high level summary of how County management was thinking about approaching this year's capital budget process.

This is an itemization of some significant capital and maintenance resources that are available to the County. They include general obligation bonds, revenue bonds, capital outlay, gross receipts tax, the first 1/8 hold harmless gross receipts that's currently dedicated to the road maintenance fund as well potentially is the general fund which would be uncommitted and unassigned balances should the Board choose to use them for capital purposes that are not used for affordable housing and associated capital needs. State appropriations are also a not insignificant source of funds to the County as well as federal and state grants and congressionally directed spending and community project funding.

Just a reminder general obligation bonds are required to be approved by voters. They are actually repaid using property taxes that are levied specifically for debt service. What that means is general obligation bonds provide resources that would not otherwise be available but for that voter approval because you're not using general tax revenue but again property tax revenue that is specifically dedicated to debt service.

Revenue bonds are repaid from pledged revenues only so it's not backed by the full faith and credit of the county and its property tax owners but instead a revenue stream most often gross receipts tax. It could also be system revenue for utility bonds are pledged to repay specific debt.

So when you look at potentially funding capital, self-funding, meaning you're saving over time for a big purchase versus using revenue funds there are benefits and disadvantages to both. Benefits of self-funding is that you earn investment income while funds accumulate. You reduce interest expense because you're not borrowing money and you can preserve bond capacity for extraordinary capital events. It also doesn't constrain future for policy makers and it provides you with flexibility with regards to recurring revenue.

Some of the disadvantages of self-funding which are not insignificant is it may take too long to accumulate adequate funding. So if you're setting aside you know \$10 million a year for a big water project, for example, that means you're potentially having five years to accumulate \$50 million in order to allocate to that project. Whereas, issuing revenue bonds allows you to receive those funds at one time when they might be most needed relative to the capital needs of the community. There's also an equity component in terms of how you pay for long-term assets and debt allows those assets to be available earlier to current taxpayers whereas accumulating funds over time means that future users you know get the benefit as opposed to current users. You also have the risk of potential price fluctuations as well as inflation risk in terms of self-funding capital improvements.

Looking forward what we're trying to present to the Board is a five-year look forward in terms of what resources we anticipate being available through some of these main resources. Capital outlay gross receipts tax is the largest single source. If you start with the beginning uncommitted fund balance and then you project forward what we anticipate in terms of revenue through fiscal year 2031 that sums to approximately \$94 million. As noted, there are certain assumptions that are included in those revenue estimates as I'll mention in a second. We do anticipate that a revenue bond might be advisable in order to fund significant water and wastewater infrastructure improvements and if the Board were to adopt that strategy we would anticipate that that debt service would come online in or about fiscal year 27. We also have debt that

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is expiring in fiscal year 2030 which is why you see that estimate go up at that point in time.

Hold harmless gross receipts tax at this point, we're pledging that primarily to support the road maintenance fund and we anticipate that will continue for the foreseeable future. But there are uncommitted fund balances in the hold harmless gross receipts tax fund that could be used for maintenance or for capital projects.

Assuming that the 50-50 split between the lodgers tax facility fund and the lodgers tax advertising fund continues, that would yield the stated amounts in terms of money that would be in the lodgers tax facility fund to support potentially open space trails what have you and other potential tourist facilities and attractions. And looking forward to 2031 that sums to about \$9 million.

When we look at non-recurring resources which you know again is debt financing. It might be a little bit of a misnomer to call the general obligation bonds non-recurring because voters tend to approve those when asked. But nonetheless, they're not a sure thing and the principle comes in large amounts when approved by the voters

Working with our financial advisers we believe that there's approximately or we estimate \$35 million in general obligation bond capacity that the voters could authorize in 2026 at the general election with an additional \$38 million in estimated capacity at the November 2028 general election. So just a reminder the way we structure our debt is that we try to keep materially stable debt rates on property tax over time so even though this is again additional capacity we think will be available as our property tax base grows we try to issue the debt approved by the voters so that the actual property tax levy for general obligation bonds again is materially stable over time. So as old debt is retired and paid off, new debt is issued to meet the capital needs of the community.

We looked at potentially a capital outlay gross receipts tax revenue bond using \$2.2 million in annual revenue from capital outlay gross receipts tax. Depending upon where we borrow that money from and assuming we could obtain near zero interest rate financing from the state, that would yield approximately \$50 to \$55 million in bonds for water and wastewater projects. Some of the major ones that the Board is aware of and has committed funding to include Pojoaque Basin Regional Water System, the interconnect between that system and the Santa Fe basin the refer the return flow pipeline in order to maximize utilization of existing BDD infrastructure as well as San Juan-Chama project water that is unused and reclaimed through the water reclamation project or, excuse me, systems of the City. And then finally we are moving forward with significant expansion of the so-called Quill Water Reclamation Facility but also all of the infrastructure that will take additional waste water to that plant for potential reuse in a variety of ways.

Finally, looking forward to known and identified needs, we are planning and recommend that the Board self-fund some of the preliminary engineering and design and programming work for a significant remodel and expansion of the Adult Detention Facility to help make it better suited for its current use, if you will, in terms of being a very large behavioral health facility as well as a medical and detoxification facility. Obviously, when the facility was constructed in or about 1997, the needs were much different in terms of the clientele than they are today.

So again looking forward the existing debt service for the bonds that were issued

to build the current facility, those bonds will mature in February of 2027 and so that will free up revenue that could be repledged, if you will, to new bonds to fund that expansion and remodel.

We also have estimated not insignificant funds in the fire operations fund that we would anticipate leveraging to meet the needs of the Fire Department in terms of facilities as well as maintenance. We'll be talking with the Board in the upcoming months both as part of our affordable housing discussion as well as youth behavioral health center what additional resources could be available in the EMS health hospital/indigent healthcare assistant program funds. So again these aren't included in this presentation and that's the reason why is we think that they're more appropriately dealt with on a standalone basis looking at the behavioral health needs that have been identified in the youth space as well as potentially providing additional source of resources for permanent supportive housing and associated services that are necessary to support users of those facilities.

As we think forward to future meetings where you consider what goes into the infrastructure capital improvement plan we want to reposition that as a true planning document as opposed to a potential list of projects that we don't necessarily have the resources to complete within a 5-year planning horizon. As you think about what to put into the ICIP, the things that I wanted to highlight is that for any project costs aren't firm until you have a construction contract and you're actually putting the project into the ground. And as projects are developed the estimates become more firm but again it's still plus or minus not in significant amounts in terms of certified engineer estimates as to what a project might cost.

We have a significant amount of projects on the books that are at various stages of development. I think when you look at the proposed fiscal year 2026 budget, again, these aren't new resources these are resources that the County has accumulated over years as projects have been identified and money has been allocated to them. We're carrying close to \$235 million worth of projects. If you take a rough estimate and assume that the cost associated with those projects might require 40 percent over and above what's been allocated that gets you almost to \$90 million just to complete those projects and again that's just a ballpark way of thinking about it. And then when you think about some of the investments that the Board is already making in terms of the pipeline of projects if you will that was referenced earlier in the specific context of the CDBG program, some of those projects as they're developed in the pipeline will come at a not insignificant cost to complete them so I just highlighted two examples, there'd be many others that you could go through the list and look at. But as we allocate funds for site acquisition and design of a replacement regional fire station for the Agua Fria district to replace the existing station that again is beyond its useful life, you could anticipate again plus or minus construction of a modern facility to house the apparatus and our regional crew could easily be in the \$10 million range and if that's something that's going to be prioritized by the Board you'd want to be anticipating that expenditure in the tail years. Likewise, San Ysidro Crossing would be another example you could look at you know potential low-water crossings along County Road 84 as well. I just highlighted these as representative. We could go through every single district and find projects. That sort of demonstrate this point as you invest in preliminary design and engineering

work again to get those completed within a reasonable time frame which we're looking at five years will come at a significant cost.

We also wanted to highlight that there are a variety of planning efforts that are already in the works. These were just a few examples they include water and wastewater study and master plan for La Cienega and La Cieneguilla. Water utility master, there's also a transportation safety study that is ongoing in the La Cienega area or it's about to get kicked off and then finally we have a wastewater reuse plan. So, again, active planning efforts that will generate their own potential time frames that -- excuse me, projects that the Board may want to consider funding within the one to five-year time horizon.

So generally speaking and we'll go into this in greater detail on Thursday, but we did have some projects that we identified as likely coming to construction or to a construction contract in the next fiscal year that we recommend adding funds to either by reallocating funds from completed projects or allocating new resources to them and then we anticipate again that that would be spent over the next fiscal year to make sure that the next well-defined phase or the complete project can be done in a timely manner.

We also recommend a select group and there aren't very many on the list of new projects. The one that the Deputy Warden and Warden spoke of which I understand to be a priority of the Board is to look at how to make a safe passage from the Adult Detention Facility to New Mexico 14 and 599 and the trail infrastructure that is otherwise being constructed to go south. We estimate and it is just an estimate that that trail will likely cost approximately \$2 million, again, that could be higher, I don't think it will be lower. That's based in part upon the contract that the Board just approved for a similar trail for Rail Trail segment 6 but we'll work through that as the design is done should the Board fund that project. Obviously, that helps our constituents who are being released from the jail who choose to walk to provide safe passage it also provides a broader community benefit in so far as you would now have a offset trail that could be used for biking as well as walkers on that scenic byway.

There are included in the packet material a variety of preliminary engineering design or feasibility studies that the Board could look at and determine whether or not you want to allocate resources to those at this time. Again, recognizing that we're looking to try and build a plan for the next 1 to 5 years and so investing in that preliminary work now could help develop a project pipeline that could be funded in the out years as we get firmer numbers and the Board can make cost benefit analysis as to what's a priority for some of those potential projects.

As indicated, I think that we should be planning that there's a high degree of likelihood that revenue bonds would be an advantageous strategy for the County to pursue in order to meet major infrastructure. I talked about the critical water and wastewater infrastructure some of that could be funded through general obligation bond debt if the Board decided to go in that direction. We're recommending planning on some revenue bonds simply because those are must haves not nice to haves and while the voters have supported the County bond issuance consistently those are things that we want to make sure that we're able to fund in a timely manner to continue to build out our critical water and wastewater infrastructure.

And then finally something that's I think for a variety of reasons is more

appropriately funded through revenue bonds would be the expansion and remodel of the Adult Detention Facility. So as you get through and as we talk about on Thursday and at future meetings how we would potentially allocate resources as we did last year. We don't recommend that every available dollar be allocated to a specific budget or project at this time. That's because while the estimates from engineers and other design professionals are becoming a little bit more accurate you still have to say that they're plus or minus a certain percentage. So, in other words despite our best efforts in terms of estimating what the cost might be it is quite possible as was the case this past year that additional funds will be needed to actually allow a project to be constructed that the Board has prioritized and want to make sure that resources are available in those instances should the Board allocate that additional funding so that we're not caught in a cycle where we go out to bid on a project. The bids come in higher than the money that's allocated for the project and you have to wait until future years and revenue becomes available or you try to redesign a project and all the while costs continue to rise. So these are all the attachments that are included in the packet material may augment and update Exhibit G between now and Thursday but I'm not going to go through this in detail really at all other than to identify what we included to prime that conversation on Thursday. But I wanted to give you an overview of conceptually what we thought the revenue would look like in the next five-year planning horizon, provide you with an index of what information is included to have a robust discussion on Thursday and then again give you at a high level at least how we started to think about where resources might want to be allocated during this fiscal year. So with that I'd be happy to stand for any questions but again this was a high level overview to help prepare us for a more detailed discussion on Thursday but also to hopefully give you some useful information as the ICIP is discussed with the Board. Thank you, Chair Bustamante.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Manager Shaffer are you amendable to answering any questions if and you can say we'll be getting into this more on Thursday, if you like.

MANAGER SHAFFER: I'd be happy to answer any questions that the Board has for me. But again I had assumed just as you said that we would be really getting on the project level what have you on Thursday and at future meetings, thank you.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Very good. Do we have any preliminary questions for the Manager? Okay thank you very much appreciate it.

8. **Matter of Public Concern** [See Page 19]

9. **Matters from the County Manager**

A. **Miscellaneous Updates**

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: We're going to wait for you to get to your seat and then we're going to say, do we have any items from the County Manager?

MANAGER SHAFFER: Just to remind the public and the Board we do have a special BCC meeting scheduled for this Thursday at 9:00 a.m. to further discuss the capital budget as well as potentially ICIP projects and then finally we've scheduled a

second special BCC meeting on these same general topics for July 10th at 9:00 a.m. again subject for to the Board's determination of whether or not that second meeting is necessary.

Finally we will be doing robust public outreach on this topic but I wanted to alert the Board to the fact that our Fire Marshall will be issuing an order that bans open burns beginning this Friday, June 27th until future notice. And what that means is that permits that had been issued for open burns will be suspended during the pendency of the Fire Marshall's order and that no new permits for open burning will be issued during this period. So this is taken in response to or in light of the fact that a large portion of Santa Fe County lies within or near the wildland urban interface. In addition current weather notwithstanding we anticipate that we're going to continue to experience hot dry and unstable conditions that will dramatically increase fire potential. Again, the U.S. Forest Service has already enacted stage one fire restrictions across the Santa Fe National Forest and there are multiple wildfires actively burning across the state. So this is an effort to prevent an open burn from getting out of control and creating a situation that taxes resources but also puts property and life at risk.

I would just underscore that as we face these potential conditions that we recognize that there are a lot of other you know ways in which fires can begin. They can be as innocuous as pulling a car that's been running off the road into dry grasslands, that's been known to create a rapidly expanding grass fire to even welding or doing work around your home near fuels that are dry that created, Chair Bustamante might recall, that was the source of a rapidly expanding grass fire that happened in the winter down in the Stanley area. So again the risk of such events happening is real and they can get out of hand very quickly and so it's just incumbent upon us all to make sure that we're doing everything we can to minimize that risk.

And that's all I have relative to updates. Thank you, Chair.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Manager Shaffer.

10. 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: Next on our agenda we have matters from the County Commissioners. I'm going to start with Commissioner Justin Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Madam Chair. It has been moderately busy. Last week I went up to Española to take part in the Department of Transportation's discussion of the Onate Bridge closing. This bridge is not specifically in Santa Fe County but it does get very close and connects across the Rio Grande into Santa Fe County and so I thought it was appropriate for me to be up there to hear what the prognosis is for the bridge and it does serve a number of people in Santa Fe County every day. The short of it is they don't know they're going through an assessment right now and there are three scenarios. There is one fix it. There's one tear it down and do not replace it. And then there's the third version which is replace it 100 percent. I have opinions on this and I just won't bring it up here so but they do need that bridge it's a critical link.

We've been working actively on an animal welfare summit, I've mentioned this before, it is going to be July 22th to 27th and I hope you all attend and get excited about it. If there's some topic that you would like to have included in it please send it over we'd love to have it included the Friday of the show of the conference will be a bunch of roundtables and professionals in the area that will discuss different areas and we're going to handle things from you know how the pueblos can work together to deal with -- handle their own strays and animal control to how we need an to expand our workforce for veterinarians across the county and the region.

Culturally, onto the cultural side of things, I went to the Exodus Ensembles new show that was really good I don't know if you've ever gone to an Exodus Ensemble show but it is phenomenal. This is one of the coolest things that we've managed to sustain in Santa Fe in the past few years and this is a great new theatrical ensemble that is based here in Santa Fe. Their new show is based on Cyrano de Bergerac. It is a modern interpretation; modern interpretation is a little loose because it actually is based on the concept that you are going back to your high school reunion from 2010 and it is really every emotion in two and a half hours it was one of the best theatrical events I've seen in a long time.

The same day, it was it was theater and arts and culture day for me, I got a tour of the Dark Winds production. It was really cool it was sort of action moment and you know they I was there for a couple hours and they showed me how things were sort of the behind the scenes sort of thing. It was really great. I want to congratulate the Dark Winds team they are going to wrap their fourth season later this week and we can keep our fingers crossed that they get recruited or signed up for another season.

It was Tesuque Pueblo Feast Day I think I might have mentioned that but somewhere but that was wonderful and want to thank the pueblo for hosting.

And then this past weekend, Chimayo had one of their fiestas and car show and of specific note from that is in the car show there was an EV from 1917.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: No.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Yeah and I got to ride in it. So that was like the coolest thing you know for me. And so it was so cool. It was from the Detroit Motor Company from 1917. It was very cool and it resides up in Chimayo. It still works it drove there and it drove back and it drove back to their house with me in it as a passenger. No steering wheel. You steered it with a tiller and you had another gear or accelerator with another thing no pedals just for breaks. It was very cool anyway that's everything from me for now. I really appreciate this moment, thank you.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioner Hughes.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Yeah, just a few things like to mention that the Pride Parade is this Saturday at 10 o'clock and I'll be participating with the other Eldorado Democrats but anyone can join us if you're not from Eldorado you can still join us.

The BDD, Buckman Direct Diversion, approved some repairs or at least moving in that direction and the fixing that plant.

Tony Mortillaro is retiring from RTD he's been the director for like 20,000 years. No, 20 years but he has really built the RTD up to what it is but he deserves to retire so

I'll be attending that on Thursday his retirement meeting.

Commissioner Cacari Stone mentioned this earlier we did meet with Jamie Cassutt, City Councilor Jamie Cassutt to talk about supportive housing and other cooperative efforts to address homelessness. That went well.

And, finally, Greg and I met with Representative Szczpanski and one of the things that came for me with that was how we present to them things we want them to fund. And so I have some good ideas that I will share with you and Greg heard them as well and that's it.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Excellent, thank you. Commissioner Cacari Stone.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Thank you, Chair Bustamante. I'll be brief. I just wanted to use this time to reflect on this get on the bus and defend girls' legacy to be in sports led by the former governor Martinez. And I just want to stand for the rights of gender non-conforming, gender identity not what you're born at, not your sex that you're born at, to support transgender, gender non-conforming girls, women of all continuums to be in sports but what we saw earlier on the Santa Fe Girls Inc is that it's so important to support all kinds of girls and not to use this as an excuse to draconize transgender folks as we are in Gay Pride month and we talk about human rights and laws and why policies are important.

I just want to say I stand with the County and with my fellow Commissioners and continue to have a community of inclusion and a community that supports and does not in any way and we have zero tolerance for transgender hate. I just think that's a really important time right now.

And I'll just focus on practicalities. Our Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area committee we had our finance committee this last week. Other services was our Santa Fe SWMA joint powers committee was I think a productive one that many of the other Commissioners sit on. It was positive to move forward with Councilor Cassutt. She brought in some ideas to the table but it's really time to reinvigorate cross-sectoral and to really kind of push leadership on some positions moving forward on a continuum of options of people who are homeless so I look forward to that engagement.

And then today I wasn't able to go because of our meetings but the executive committee of the state legislature for behavioral health reform and the new funding was today so I look forward to our county and myself as well being engaged in planning our regional area and see how we can leverage some of these funds for timely issues.

And, finally, having worked for former Ted Kennedy as a fellow the Senator Kennedy not the current Kennedy. I was very honored and it's a privilege to learn at every stage of your life -- on Monday is my last day at UNM. I'm very excited and you know I get choked up because it's a career of service but I feel so blessed and honored to be doing this public service and to have some more pause time to really dedicate -- excuse me I didn't think I get choked up -- but it was it's been 25 years of work and to have some pause time to really focus deeply in this public servant role. And I know it's been a year since we ran and campaigned and I was honored to be accepted to the Harvard Kennedy School executive leadership program and policy implementation those resources are coming not from the County but is an opportunity to continue to learn and as JFK once said, Don't ask what your country can do for you but what you can do for your

country. And I deeply believe in this importance of continuing learning as many of our County staff showed earlier all their training programs are doing but then I continue my training to deeply build the capacities to both develop and implement very effective policies that really serve our communities so this was a program that brought together over 30 representatives globally from 12 different countries from different sectors some from city councils and the trainers are Harvard faculty but many of them have worked for the World Bank using a model that really looks at effective policy implementation. So I look forward to applying that. We finish up in September but again bringing those skills and opportunities I just wanted to share that's what I've been sort of busy with it was a boot camp and I came back sick so thank you for the time.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioner Johnson.

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Thank you, Madam Chair. I don't have too much so I'll keep it brief. O attended the No Kings Protest last weekend which was well attended. I also attended as I mentioned before the protest -- what is the right word -- the protest protecting public land that was in coordination with the Western Governors Association which was held right across our parking lot. I went to both with my daughter who's seven so you know I wasn't on the front lines but it was really great to see Santa Fe's community come out and in sort of different capacities. One to protest tyranny and the other to try to mobilize support, bipartisan support I should say, for protecting our public lands, our open spaces, our public spaces, our diverse ecosystems especially in the American West which you know once they're gone they're gone. And they're under threat from extractive private industry primarily, it's you know, a lot of these sites are very remote. It's not condo developments. It's mineral extraction.

So we're seeing a lot of those in Santa Fe and I hope to see -- I've seen a couple of you out there already so let's keep let's keep showing support for our constituents.

Commissioner Hughes mentioned that Anthony Mortillaro is retiring from the NCRTD one of his many achievements is the completion of a facility in Taos, so not in Santa Fe County but an operations and maintenance facility in Taos that will serve the North Central Regional Transit District as a hub and I will attend the opening ceremony tomorrow. So I really look forward to that.

On that note, I do want to acknowledge that there was a shooting on the Blue Bus and it appeared to be a targeted event but I was -- though it's a horrible act -- heartened to see the immediate response from that group to address safety concerns to increase the comfort and security of riders on the Blue Bus.

And then finally in my own cultural events world, I helped throw the Canyon Road Summerwalk which will have its second event on July 2nd so from Paseo de Peralta to Palace Avenue on Canyon Road it's largely closed. It's pedestrian only sort of like the farolito walk in the summer. Bring your kids, bring your adult friends, bring your grandmother everyone is welcome. There's tons of live music. Tons of food vendors and stands and trucks, art activities, galleries will be open and let's hope it does continue to rain in Santa Fe but just not from 5 to 8 on Wednesday next week. Thank you.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Commissioner. I have a very brief presentation or discussion what I want to share is to just remind people of the free days at BuRRT the first Saturday is coming up. All first Saturdays are household hazardous and

electronic waste. It's very important that those are managed properly as well Saturday and Sundays green waste unbagged and eight tires are allowed for free tire disposal. So you can start dismantling those things you made out of tires; don't put them in bags.

All right, so that's all I have to share with everyone today.

B. Elected Officials' Issues and Comments, Including but not Limited to Constituent Concerns, Recognitions and Requests for Updates or Future Presentations - There were none

11. Matters from the County Attorney

A. * Executive Session. Limited Personnel Matters, as Allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(2) NMSA 1978; Board Deliberations in Administrative Adjudicatory Proceedings, Including Those on the Agenda Tonight for Public Hearing, as Allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(3) NMSA 1978; Discussion of Bargaining Strategy Preliminary to Collective Bargaining Negotiations Between the Board of County Commissioners and Collective Bargaining Units, as Allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(5); Discussion of Contents of Competitive Sealed Proposals Pursuant to the Procurement Code During Contract Negotiations as Allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(6); Threatened or Pending Litigation in which Santa Fe County is or May Become a Participant, as Allowed by Section 10-15-1 (H)(7) NMSA 1978; and, Discussion of the Purchase, Acquisition or Disposal of Real Property or Water Rights, as Allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(8) NMSA 1978, including: (1) Discussion of Claims and Potential Claims Against Santa Fe County Relating to the Operation of the Santa Fe County Adult Detention Facility; (2) ~~Performance Evaluation of the County Manager~~ and (3) Consideration of a Request by Spencer Fane to Waive a Conflict of Interest Involving Spencer Fanes Anticipated Representation of a Client in a Property Tax Dispute with the County Assessor.

ATTORNEY BOYD: Good afternoon Chair and Commissioners. Yes, it is time for us to go into executive session and I'm informed by Manager Shaffer that we will not be discussing item two identified in Section 11 of the agenda; that is the performance evaluation of the County Manager. So we are limiting ourselves to items one and three. I would be seeking a motion to go into closed executive session to discuss threatened or pending litigation in which Santa Fe County is or may become a participant under section 10151 (H)(7) of the Open Meetings Act and to discuss the two items identified one and three.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Do we have a motion to go into executive session?

COMMISSIONER GREENE: I will make the motion to go into executive session stating that we will only cover items one and three of the agenda as presented by the County Attorney.

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COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: I second it.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: We have a motion from Commissioner Greene and a second from Commissioner Cacari Stone.

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

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

[The BCC met in Executive Session from 6:03 - 7:03]

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: I'm ready to call this meeting back in session. Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Madam Chair, I would like to come out of executive session stating we did that we did not discuss anything other than items 1 and 3 as stated as the reason to go to executive session.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Do we have a second?

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Second.

The motion to come out of executive session passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

B. Potential Action on Items Discussed in Executive Session

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Madam Chair.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Yes, sir.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, as a follow up to what we discussed -- I would like to make a motion that the County agrees to wave the potential or actual conflicts of interest in connection to the with the law firm of Spencer Fane, LLP representation of Christus St. Vincent Medical Center related to property tax dispute with the Santa Fe County Assessor.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Do we have a second?

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Second.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: We have a motion by Commissioner Greene a second by Commissioner Johnson. All those in favor .

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

12. Public Hearing(s) on Proposed Ordinance(s)

- A. Ordinance No. 2025-01, an Ordinance Approving a Community Energy Efficiency Development CEED Block Grant from the NM State Energy, Minerals and natural Resources Department, Energy**

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Conservation and Management Division Pursuant to the CDDE Black Grant Act to Support the Execution of a CEED Program Project, Accepting the Terms and Conditions of the Grant Agreement and Authorizing the Santa Fe County Manager or Designee to Sign All Documents Necessary to Accept the CEED Block Grant

JACQUELINE BEAM: Thank you, Madame Chair, Commissioners. I'm not Will Donahoo as stated in the agenda. I'm Jacqueline Beam Sustainability Manager with the Community Development Department and I'm here on behalf of Will Donahoo and the Sustainability Division to recommend the adoption of an ordinance that will allow our CEED grant agreement to go forward and enable the implementation of a County administered CEED program.

On July 29, 2024, EMNRD awarded Santa Fe County \$835,000 in CEED funding. The County's CEED program will be administered in alignment with its existing home rehab and energy efficiency or HREE program. Households may be eligible for one or both programs based on need and income level.

On May 27, 2025, County staff presented the CEED program overview to the Board Of County Commissioners and received approval to publish the ordinance title and summary. The required legal notice was published in the *Santa Fe New Mexican* on June 5, 2025 satisfying the statutory minimum 14-day notice period. And no comments have been noted.

The CEED block grant act requires counties or municipalities to enact an ordinance formally approving the CEED Block Grant and adopting the associated grant terms and conditions. The proposed ordinance fulfills the statutory requirement and will allow Santa Fe County to proceed with accepting administering the grants award. And with that I stand for the public hearing process; any questions?

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Jacqueline Beam. Do we have anyone from the public who would like to speak to this matter both in the chambers or online? No one in the chambers anyone online? Do we have any questions for Jacqueline? Do we have a motion?

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: I'll make a motion. I move to adopt an ordinance approving a Community Energy Efficient Seed Development Block Grant from the New Mexico Energy Minerals and Natural Resources Department and to authorize the County Manager or designee to sign all necessary documents to accept the CEED Block Grant.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: And I'll second it.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: We have a motion by Commissioner Johnson a second by Commissioner Greene. Roll call please.

The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows:

Commissioner Cacari-Stone	Aye
Commissioner Greene	Aye
Commissioner Hughes	Aye
Commissioner Johnson	Aye

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Chair Bustamante

Aye

13. Public Hearing on FY 2027-2031 ICIP

A. Presentation and Public Hearing on the Santa Fe County Fiscal Years 2027-2031 Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan

MAXX HENDREN (Growth Management): Good evening, Madam Chair, Commissioners. I am Maxx Hendren in Growth Management Department. I am the Capital Planning Team Leader. The Capital Planning Committee and I want to thank you for this time to present the Santa Fe County's draft fiscal year 2027 to 2031 infrastructure capital improvement plan, the ICIP, and then the Board Of County Commissioners can conduct the first of two public hearings. A second public hearing will be held on July 8th at that meeting or a special meeting to be held on Thursday July 10th, the Board will be asked to adopt by resolution the final fiscal years 2027 to 2031 ICIP.

So the infrastructure capital improvement plan it's a vital short to midterm planning tool that helps Santa Fe County identify, prioritize and align the capital projects with the County's strategic goals and our available funding sources. The ICIP is not a funding source nor a grant application nor should it be considered a wish list. It should be a structured plan that supports the County's capital budget, legislative advocacy and grant application processes. Per our resolution 2019-103 the County established a formal capital planning process supporting the Capital Planning Committee and the Board in annually complying, prioritizing capital projects. On October 8th the Board adopted Resolution 2024-133 approving our current fiscal years 2026 to 2030 ICIP. That is Exhibit B in your in your packet.

This ICIP covers a five-year planning window it prioritizes projects that are based on feasibility and need, it aligns with County goals and our available funds. The ICIP is adopted by the Board annually via resolution and submitted to the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration. Our ICIP is shared with New Mexico elected delegation to support capital outlay funding requests and the ICIP informs the broader capital budget planning but it excludes fully funded projects.

The Santa Fe County's Fiscal Year 2027 to 2031 ICIP is due to the DFA by July 11, 2025.

So the CMO and the committee have made some macro observations about the Santa Fe County's ICIP. Our ICIP may have become both under-inclusive and over-inclusive. Under-inclusive in that it does not reflect all of the County's planned, partially funded and prioritized capital projects partly because projects were removed from the ICIP when they were thought to be fully funded. As an example, the presentation that was given earlier by our CMO and Finance on the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 capital budget, this Exhibit A from that presentation, displays projects that were removed from the ICIP because they were thought to be fully funded yet they continue to have funding gaps. When I look at it I see La Sala, Avenida Vista Grande, Avenida del Sur, Arroyo Hondo Trail projects. Continued inflation and price volatility have led County staff to reconsider when a project should be considered fully funded perhaps this

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should happen only after construction contract has been executed. So adding back to the ICIP these projects with funding gaps would give a more accurate and complete view of the capital planning. This method would also offer our legislators additional projects for allocating gap funding. For example, Senator Jaramillo could have been presented an option to fund the complete furnishing of the Abedon Lopez Senior Center had it remained on our ICIP. The furniture is being self-funded by the County.

County staff will work to identify these projects for potential inclusion on our ICIP before the next ICIP hearing.

On another note, the ICIP might be over-inclusive because it includes too many projects some of which the county does not expect to start within that five years due to current projects and available funding sources.

The current ICIP also has early stage work like preliminary engineering reports and assessments that once completed will determine if a project is feasible and identify these potential costs. These early stage reports help decide if an idea should become a project and provide a timeline for that implementation.

County staff suggests that this early stage work not be included in the ICIP instead they should be tracked separately and funded with County funds -- more to come.

So public engagement: it's the cornerstone of the capital planning process and to inform and gather feedback from our stakeholders, staff held two virtual community outreach meetings one was on February 26th and the other was held on April 22nd in addition on March 25th staff briefed the Board on the capital planning process and gathered feedback for improvement.

The Capital Planning Committee convened to review, score and recommend updates to the ICIP in accordance with the adopted capital planning process. Exhibit G in your packet provides all of our scoring criteria that was used for capital projects. Committee's evaluation of the new project request is displayed on Exhibit C and it includes all the considerations from the scoring criteria. The committee reviewed each new request and identified the phase of the project and how shovel ready it is for implementation and scored these projects accordingly. The committee considered whether the project addresses a basic public need, they considered available leverage funding and evaluated how the projects align with the County strategic goals to have a healthy, safe and sustainable communities. Also, the committee reviewed the departmental capacity to implement a project and move them forward. Contained in Exhibit D, are the projects the committee recommends removing from our current Fiscal Year 26 to 2030 ICIP or to the new projects recommend that they don't be added to our ICIP either because the project is identified or defined that defined phase is funded or underway or the project is a study or preliminary engineering report. So the projects on this Exhibit D that are in green letters are the new projects that we don't recommend be put on the ICIP because the County is going to fund those and then of course the rest of them are surveys for the most part.

Also there were some new projects that were scored yet the committee recommends some of these projects not be included in the ICIP because they're self-funded. The committee also recommends the studies and the PERs be separated into a dedicated list, that's Exhibit E. And we want to prioritize and assign a budget using County funds that will be determined by the Board that way those potential projects can

be assessed in future capital planning cycles.

Finally, as indicated before, County staff recommends that projects that are currently underway and partially funded be added back into our ICIP. There were several new project requests that were reviewed by the committee and not recommended for inclusion on the ICIP nor for County funding. Those projects are listed in Exhibit H. The whys vary but include reasons like, new project area is included in a study and once completed could identify potential infrastructure projects or the project request is on private land, it's not owned by the County or the road is not a County-maintained road or that request is not consistent with existing County policy. Those are all the conditions that need to be addressed before they are added to our ICIP.

In addition staff did meet with Las Golondrinas, Madrid Water and the Cañada de Los Alamos requestors to kind of give them other options for their projects, their priority projects. But kind of -- it's their initiative for instance a Madrid Water Mutual Water Consumers Association, we set up a meeting with [inaudible] our North Central New Mexico Economic Development COG and New Mexico Environmental Department to try to provide them the capacity to move forward with their own ICIP process and keep these important projects moving forward in their own arena. We will reach out to all of the requesters and give them reasons maybe why we didn't move forward with some of these projects.

Okay, so let's call our attention to the draft Fiscal Year 27 to 31 ICIP, it's Exhibit F. In this list we are all the projects that will continue to be a priority from fiscal years 2026 to 2030 ICIP. And they're not recommended for removal. There are also the new projects from Exhibit C that have been incorporated in here/ The list of projects is prioritized based on basic need, yes no, and the score and the highlighted in green are the top five top ranked projects from fiscal year 26 to 2030.

So between now and July 8th Board meeting the committee will review the feedback from this public hearing finalize the list and highlight the top five projects for inclusion in the fiscal year's 2027 to 2031 ICIP and recommend approval of the Board by resolution.

At this time I want you to also notice that the estimated project costs and funding gaps on the draft ICIP list have been excluded between now and the second ICIP public hearing, County staff will add that information based upon updated estimates, the potential of adding new projects to our list, the allocations of funding and other information.

In conclusion the purpose of today's meeting was to provide information on our CIP and gather valuable input from our community. I now yield the floor to Chair Bustamante, the Commissioners and the public for questions and comments during the public hearing. Thank you.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Maxx. Okay, we'll open this up to the public; is there anyone online? Do we have members of the public who would like to speak to this issue?

LYNN PICKARD: Madam Chair and members of the Commission, last time I was here I was sworn in. I guess that this is just information so I'll just make my comments.

My name is Lynn Pickard, I am the chair of the Tesuque Valley Community Association which is the Tesuque CO. I am here with Margo Cutler who is also a director as I am of the community association and a member of the community and a member of the community association Dr. Jamie Gagan.

We are here because three years ago we participated in a Tesuque roads safety Study. It was adopted two and a half years ago and published. Since that time virtually nothing has been implemented. Three of the projects that that study recommended made it onto the ICIP in past years but for future years like 2028, 2029 on the current version of the draft I don't see any years. One of the projects which has to do with complete streets in the Tesuque Village core, a very dangerous place between the school and the post office where there are a couple of restaurants a lot of people walk around. People walk their dogs that has dropped off of the ICIP. Two other projects continue to be on the ICIP but very far down at the bottom. One has to do with a bike lane going up on Bishop's Lodge Road where we're getting lots and lots of bicyclists particularly mountain bikers impeding traffic and it's a dangerous situation. The other one has to do with traffic calming in the Village particularly on Tesuque Village Road there was a recommendation to have a welcome sign in the middle of the road and to have ballasts around the welcome sign so that people would naturally be encouraged to drive more slowly.

So those things are on the ICIP, the Bishop's Lodge Road bike lane and the welcome sign and we would like to see them continue on the ICIP and moved farther towards the top.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: One question, Honorable Lynn Pickard, were you ever informed of why that was removed from the list and did you say that a traffic study has been done in that area?

MS. PICKARD: Well, maybe it's just an initial study but the County hired an engineer and members of the community were out there counting cars, explaining to the engineers where there were danger areas and that study was published. But it was not funded or it wasn't studied by a professional engineer who drafted up plans and this is what needs to happen and this is how much it's going to cost and that sort of thing. Is that accurate?

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you very much. Do we have any understanding of why the traffic study hasn't been moved on to address any of the findings or if it was a study that was not engineered -- what is what is the circumstance with regard to the Tesuque?

MS. HENDREN: Chair Bustamante, the projects that we're asking to be removed are all any of the studies that are on the list. There is one project that will remain on the ICIP that's Tesuque welcome signs and bulb medians those are true infrastructure projects. The rest of them are studies. Infrastructure projects have not completely been identified yet.

And so we're going to remove all of our studies and put them on a separate list for prioritizing to get projects to the point of infrastructure projects.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Okay, so item F says that these are the approved are the infrastructure plans moving forward, it would or would not be on this list? All I see is Tesuque welcome signs and bulb medians and is that bulb medians the to address the safety concerns that the community has.

MS. HENDREN: They have other studies. They have the Tesuque Village Core Complete Streets Network. That's a study. It has not identified any infrastructure projects. That will be on another list to prioritize projects for the village, same with uh Bishop's Lodge Road complete streets that does not identify a true infrastructure project.

But Tesuque Bishop Lodge Trailhead PER that does not identify an infrastructure Project. We want to separate those from our ICIP on a whole other planning process to prioritize projects. Once these studies are completed then we can line them up in the in the cycles moving forward.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Okay. I appreciate that, thank you very much, Maxx. Leandro, you might be able to answer this one, Maxx may as well but I'll ask Leandro when we have these studies and the priorities are studies and I see a lot of trail completion. I'm sorry I would like to open this for further discussion on the with the rest of the Commissioners but it does raise a big flag for me and we can study the heck out of things and know that certain drive areas have their potential risks. So when I see trails highly ranked and we're studying the daylights out of things and I you know we have extended studies I'm trying to understand when the actual activities to address those whatever the findings are going to be from those studies are going to be provided and moved those activities moved into something that would require the capital improvement?

LEANDRO CORDOVA (Deputy County Manager): So Madam Chair, Commissioners, I'll be very transparent and explain that there was a bit of a breakdown in the process between planning and implementation with Public Works. We're now working with Public Works to identify the next steps. Some of these we hope can be addressed through maintenance and through some of the maintenance funds at Public Works the rest will be looked at in terms of the next step of that study to do more of a engineering and design to be able to give us more cost estimate and understanding of what it would actually cost so that we can pursue the funding for these projects.

I do believe both PJ Montano in our projects team as well as Ryan Ward in the roads are working to try to understand what the issues are so that we can take it from a preliminary feasibility to a design project to then be able to know what we need to ask for and address the concerns.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: We really need to close that gap. We have traffic studies that are being conducted in the county that are now almost two years old if not more and we don't have actual projects that we're enlightened to yet. So I appreciate some kind of closure of that gap. I hear the neighbors here and I'm very concerned about that.

Thank you. Is there anyone else from the community who would like to speak from the Commission? Okay, yes from the public.

JAMIE GAGAN: I'm Jamie Gagan, I live on Bishop's Lodge Road. I've been out there for about 38 years and I support everything that Lynn has said as well. The market area is of great concern to all of us and we thought when we were participating in this study that it was more than a feasibility study. That there were engineers involved and that we thought there would be some implementation implied and so we're just a little disappointed that that hasn't happened. Although, Ms. Hendren has given us a little bit of

information about how the ranking system worked in terms of all the categories trying to match up with the County's goals and mission and priorities how some of the other smaller aspects of this road study might not necessarily check all the boxes that you've used in the ranking system. But we just want to emphasize that that market corridor between the school and the post office is very dangerous and it's accidents waiting to happen every day. There are no crosswalks for the kids during the school year to be able to get to where their parents may be parked at the market. The market thinks of Griego Hill Road as being a parking lot and it's a disaster every day trying to get through there as a resident of the community because the parking is so helter skelter there.

So we just want to remind you that this was something we thought was going to happen a couple of years ago and we don't want it to be dropped so thank you for your time.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, sincerely. The other thing I would ask is that we would be able to see the scoring sheets if necessary. I just think it's important. Did you want to comment to that?

MR. CORDOVA: If I may, Madam Chair. That is a big reason why we're recommending removing the planning and feasibility studies from the ICIP and from the evaluation. I, again, will be very transparent and say that the current evaluation and scoring does not bode well for plans. A lot of times we run through the scoring of it and when we identify it as a preliminary engineering report there may be times it gets all the way through with two to eight points out of a possible – I can't remember the total number – but the scoring is meant more for infrastructure projects and infrastructure projects tend to always score higher because there's a lot more detail to them and those then rise to the top. What we want to do and part of why we want to propose taking them out is so that we could work on a better evaluation process specific to planning feasibility and again asking the Board to allocate funds specific to those needs so that we can take it to the next phase which would be a design getting us more solid numbers and then lead us to an actual infrastructure project that would then be put on the ICIP and we can pursue different funding sources. Whether it be state capital outlay or federal grants, state grants, there's a lot of opportunity once the project has solid design numbers.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. I appreciate that. I'm going to say one last thing then I'll pass this on to Commissioner Greene. When I look at and I'm just pulling right out of the hat here and I see that we have a rail trail segment seven ranked before a water quality and quantity assessment and I look at the criteria I get that there are other shovel ready elements to it but when we talk about water quality and quantity and that is below getting trails completed it throws flags all over the universe for me and it sounds like a very privileged opportunity but I'm going to leave that right there and give us to Commissioner Greene, thank you.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Madam Chair. I want to speak at a higher level than specific projects and at a certain point I want to get into specific projects but I want to talk about two different aspects that we're dealing with right here.

There is a timeline of maturity of projects from idea to ribbon cutting, right. You're not even groundbreaking in here and when we have this spectrum of someone has an idea let's get the let's see if it's worthwhile pursuing. We do a feasibility study or that not even preliminary engineering but feasibility beginning ranking, first money in. Then

you get to preliminary engineering. Then you get to design and engineering. Then you get to construction and then you get through this whole process here and it's a long process. As Leandro said there was a sort of disconnect somewhere in here. So I think part of what we need to do is start to reform a little bit of how we look at this and create that timeline that once something passes that first gate, that it's a good enough idea to pursue, that it starts to have a timeline and a steady drum beat of it moving. In one year you want to achieve this and move it along in the pipeline. So when the folks from Tesuque say well you know it was on the list for 2029. Well, that's fine but did it progress any towards maturity so it will be ready by 2029 instead of it's just sitting there languishing.

That may be a resolution that we have to do to sort of do something in our ICIP and or our capital planning process here to make you know Maxx's life easier/Maxx's life more difficult whichever way it goes. It's just to make us more effective really sorry.

But that's the first thing that I would like to sort of have us start thinking about and looking at this process here. We know the process right. And the process starts with an idea and scoring and then those things so we need to lay that process out and see on a big giant wall all the different projects that are on each step of the process not by project but by timeline, right. I look at this line right here and I see it by project that's good but I want to see it by timeline so we can see that pipeline of projects and it's a same stuff but just looking at it from a different dimension. That would make our life a little easier and I would hope that we would have that and there can be a price tag on it and so we can see at the bottom of a certain year what that price tag is and what the next year is and so on so. That's the first sort of metaphysical sort of thought process of this thing.

The second one is that that when I look at this list here and I see that it has what district it's in and that's great for us here for the five of us. But from another side of this last year when I was at the legislature we were given a chance of one ICIP project for each district. And based on what I just heard a little while ago it sounds like you're going to recommend five again and I think that that's wrong. I'll tell you why. I was asked to choose one and I went for the biggest one which was the Aamodt Pojoaque Basin Regional Water System, \$100 million or \$48 million, whatever it was, an insane amount of money for one project which I probably, we probably, could not get the money through the legislators and maybe we would have been able to get through the Governor's Office but probably not all of it. And when I went to each legislator and I said, Hey would you give me some money for this you know I want to bring home and wouldn't you give us some money? I went to Bobby Gonzales and so if you know who Senator Bobby Gonzales is he represents Taos. But he also represents a small fraction of Santa Fe County at a southern edge of his county. And when I asked him because he was technically part of part of the delegation and represented part of Santa Fe County he said. Well do you have a project in my district? And I said, Well no. He goes, Well you're out of luck. And so we should have as another column in this matrix here who the target legislator would be so that we can go to them and say, Look this legislator normally gives \$150,000 to Santa Fe County let's give them \$150,000 project or \$275,000 projects for them to give us some money instead of saying, No you didn't give me an opportunity. We should target this list as much for us and for the communities but also for the legislators who actually give you write the check. That would be the second sort of metaphysical sort of how we organize this to target who the ask is to.

Obviously the projects have to be worthwhile to pursue for us but instead of having five projects we should have a project at least one per legislator per district Senate, House and so on. And we should have a conversation before we get to July 8th with each legislator. Every single one that has any part of this thing should say, Look here's our ICIP list do you think we should put this as a priority for you and if so we're going to expect you to put your money where your mouth is.

And so I'm going to close this with one last little thing and I'm going to talk about specific projects later but I'll pass the mic in a second.

Senator Linda Trujillo stopped me a couple weeks ago and said, You know Santa Fe County produced the nicest letter I've ever received as a legislator. And I said, Oh, my god what was that? And if you remember at the end of the session we asked to write a letter to our legislators thanking them for the money they gave us. She said, Nobody's ever done that. And that just bought a lot of goodwill with Linda. Senator Trujillo loved that. I'm sure the other senators loved that. So I think if we proactively on this frontend go to them and say, What would you be interested in here's our list is there something that we're missing? One and two, is there something that you think that would be a good opportunity for you to fund when January comes along and we come knocking on your door. We will get a lot more money because they will feel like they had some buy-in to the process so far ahead that they they're going to feel obligated to give us money. Madam Chair, thank you.

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

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Well interestingly, my conversation with Representative Szczpanski was the same thing. We need to divide these up by which legislative district they're in and have one project that's a reasonable amount of money for each legislator. I've always done that for Eldorado because I'm very close friends with Matthew McQueen and he tells me, I want an Eldorado project so we come up with an Eldorado project. But we need one for you know the other representatives as well. I think that would be very worthwhile.

My concern is with Spur Ranch Road not being on the ICIP. I understand why you didn't put it on but this is such a complicated project and the residents on that road it's the only minor collector that's dirt. And it's very hazardous to drive on during the rainstorms. Lots of people depend on it. And if not the ICIP I want to have a very definite process for getting that paved. We tried four years ago when I just first became County Commissioner to create a community improvement district and that wasn't possible because it was way too much money for them to afford it pave it themselves and pay for it they were willing to try. But it just wouldn't work. So I'm going to find out tomorrow what they expect them to apply for to adopt it. But I also sort of want it on the ICIP now because we may come to that point by legislative where we are ready and I hate to like miss a whole year of it. I mean it's a very bizarre project because Spur Ranch Road was a driveway into Spur Ranch and then we some previous Commission, not us, approved all this development along it and now it's a mess. And they can't really drive on a driveway anymore. And they have a road association they have improved it a little bit but it really needs to be paved and so I don't know. I mean you can address that if you want to but I'm just very concerned and I see it as one of the biggest needs in my district

because you know it is a road and it does involve life and safety.

MR. CORDOVA: Madam Chair, Commissioner Hughes, we totally appreciate your passion for that road. We understand the reason why the committee did not recommend it for a few reasons. And it's also in line with why we didn't recommend some of the non-profit or private requests. If we do not own the project we do have a very difficult time implementing capital outlay. We've had that struggle with some of the other non-profits that we've been given money for. Santa Fe Animal Shelter, for example, or the Opera. We were able to work with these entities I still have not been able to get a resolution with the Santa Fe Animal Shelter. It's been three years and they're on the clock with that appropriation. We may not be able to get to a place to get it to them before we're looking at a reversion. The reason why we didn't recommend those types of projects was we couldn't realistically take the money and put it into action in a timeline that met the requirements of the capital appropriation. Rancho de los Golandrinis is another example. They had a request to try to pave their private parking lot. We met with them we asked would you be willing to give the County the parking lot that's one option that's one way for us to be able to do the project. That wasn't an interest of theirs; however, we did talk to them about other opportunities. Turns out as we do our transportation study in La Cienega there's a opportunity to address the cause of their problems in the parking lot which might be the drainage issues coming off Los Pinos Road. That is a direction we would really like to work with them on and try to make a win-win where we can then maybe ask for money to help us improve our road get a benefit to the County as well as provide a true benefit to them and their parking lot problems. They would be willing to perhaps give us a small piece of property for a retention pond or a drainage issue. That's just one example, but that I just want to explain why as a committee we find it difficult to be able to recommend a project that we don't have the ability to implement. That's why Spur Ranch Road as we continue to try to find a way to follow existing processes or come up with a solution that can work. And I don't want to give up on it either I think we will continue to work on how we can get there but the truth is we do ask developers, and you're right of the past we can't go back and make fix those problems of the past, however, in fairness to the current situation we do ask new development to put their money into a road and that is typically passed down to the eventual buyers of the property that are going to benefit from the road. Therefore it the end user does end up paying for that infrastructure somehow. That's part of why we weren't able to, at the committee level, recommend that. I just wanted to put make that point.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Yeah, well so assuming things change for Spur Ranch Road and it gets does become eligible what's the latest we can put things on the ICIP if we get some progress this year?

MR. CORDOVA: Madam Chair, Commissioner Hughes, we have in the past come back and opened up the ICIP and done some revisions to it after the due date. However the reason for the due date and the concept of the ICIP is that it's a planning document that reflects our short-term to mid-term needs. If we are not identifying it as a Short- to mid-term need we're kind of going out to -- it looks more like a wish list than it does a true planning document and that's the goal of this year. And I think we I very much appreciate the feedback we're getting right now from Commissioners our

committee agrees with so much of what you're saying. We have ran into this in practical experience that it isn't working the way it was intended perhaps in 2019 and we do need to improve the process. Some of what we're recommending through this is the beginning stages of it.

So yes I think if we get to that point where we could put it on or we find a resolution to fund the road and we end up adopting it somehow I think then it becomes a preliminary engineering report or a feasibility study that we may ask the Board to consider funding internally so that we could then take it to the next step of a design to get us solid numbers to then make it an infrastructure project where we can pursue multiple funding sources including state capital outlay.

I really would like to get to the end goal that you're trying to get to as well. I think we're working towards the same end goal we just feel somewhat constrained within existing County policies and requests from the state and the requirements of the ICIP.

To answer your question, we can amend the ICIP as we did last year all the way into October but that isn't always looked upon favorably when they ask. Well, didn't you have a proper plan in July. And that's what we're really trying to work towards now is to have a ICIP that truly reflects the CIP and the needs that we have are ready and why we need to put some projects back on that maybe we thought were fully funded but by the time we get to the complete design we realize it wasn't. That's an opportunity as Maxx mentioned Abelon Lopez, I think that's a great example that we missed this year that was an opportunity and now we've learned our lesson from that.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Okay, well I look forward to your help on getting through this process because you know I feel I feel badly for the people who have to drive on this road every day.

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

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Thank you, Chair Bustamante and Mr. Cordova and Maxx for your tremendous work here. And I want to be honest here from a community perspective, I have been, you know I've been pouring over this and bugging Maxx since I started in January – when's all this going to happen? I've been meeting with Leandro. I've talked to the County Manager and, you know, I'm reading this. I've reread it. I read it a couple days ago. Again, last night, this morning and Maxx, I get it but I'm still thinking, if I was a community member and I put in for an ICIP; where do I stand? Am I on list C? Am I on the consolidated? Am I on the exclusion list?

I think we have to have a way to standardize this even more and I know you agree. And we take the example of the Agua Fria Village Historical Arts Cultural Center Community Center and these people have been ready for a long time. So we have some gap and disconnect when we have community readiness to really invest in the infrastructure, community design, and similar to what Commissioner Greene was talking about when I hear the word “shovel ready” it leaves people in the dirt, literally. Like, okay, this is shovel ready so now this is going to be kicked out or this is kicked in and I think from my notes here we just have to say; is it feasible? is it community ready? is there large community support? Because we don't want it to become just a County government internal driven process where we want to be sure that the community can determine and have equitable access and parity to new projects and maybe we need to

consider ICIP phase 1, phase 2, phase 3 categories rather than that well that's just a study. Maybe my question to you is where does the Agua Fria Village application stand because these folks with Commissioner Hansen have been working on this. I've been meeting with them so many times and it's an excellent countywide opportunity to really make a mark on the history of Santa Fe from the Camino Real de Adentro and a marker of why this traditional village and what Santa Fe is about and we really need a historical cultural center that marks that especially as we're looking at more development, you know, like the development where it's Dos Acequias and they destroy it but the third acequia – it could have been tres acequias. Where do they stand? Because I'm trying to give them a good answer and I don't see a clear standing where they fit in the long-term plan and it seems very piecemeal, I know you agree, year to year we're trying to figure it out.

MR. CORDOVA: Madam Chair, Commissioner Cacari Stone, I do agree with you and I do want to say that we have supported the efforts to this point the Main Street grant that they pursued was Commissioner Hansen asking the County to support that and helping push them to that funding source and they got that. They are now being recommended for the next phase of taking that preliminary study and making it something that the County can use to take to the next stage of hard numbers. But I will say it is part of the entire process and as Manager Shaffer pointed out earlier in his presentation our resources that we do have to consider the resources available and balance out the other requests that we have. We do still have a major pipeline of projects that have started from the beginning where they're at now. They're no longer at the very beginning they're at the next stage where we would hope to do a better feasibility and an assessment. There are great ideas and sometimes those ideas need to be specific to what the County is able to achieve and we also need to consider the future operational expenses and needs of these things. That's why we're asking for an extension of their feasibility study specific to what the County would need to be able to get hard numbers and then we can make a request for the full funding. At this point the funding stack or the capital stack as we might call it, doesn't exist yet because we don't know what it is we're asking for but we do from the study I think I saw was a rough estimate of \$12 million for what they had suggested might be the kind of building they want to see. And if that's the end number that number is something we could work towards but the \$12 million was also a high priority and you can see that that's the same amount of money that's been allocated to Agua Fria sewers. And that was a process over an 8-year period that got to this point now where the money is sitting there to continue that next phase and we're not even at the completion of those phases. So I think where they stand right now is they're in the next phase of the preliminary and they're at that point where we can now understand what it's going to take for us to find that capital stack and how much we may want to pursue and these are all options that the Board gets to choose at the end of the day but do we want to include it as a GO Bond question at some point when we know how much it is? Do we want to pursue besides state capital outlay, grant funding, federal funding? There's lots of ways to create that capital stack but at this point we don't know exactly what we're asking for. So we got to get to that point to know exactly what we're asking for. Also to see what's the best benefit and cost benefit for the taxpayers of Santa Fe County. I get that there's a great need for it and there's a great desire for it but there's

also a need for Agua Fria fire station right across the street we have a million dollars allocated to that project that's now we realize probably only 10 percent of what it's going to take to create that project. So there's money attached to that now we need to look for the rest of the capital and we understand where we're going to put it and how we're going to prioritize what -- you ask the Chief is a high priority for him in a 24-hour 24-7 manned facility so that we have a true residential setting as well as the ability to house our apparatus.

So I think they're in line; they absolutely are. But it's going to take a while to move the line and I just want to be candid about that.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: So, Mr. Cordova, Maxx, and those who work on your team, you know I really respect your work and value all of what you've done and put into this very thoughtful -- I'll be candid, I think we really need to push the next step because as you know and I'll say it in public because I brought it up with you already is when people put in for capital projects and they're not engineers and they're not working for the County or they're not working for an organization that does this on a regular basis, right, we could not find any examples and you guys couldn't pull any preliminary engineering reports from our County system to give them ideas of what things cost. So 12 million was in there and you know I was with them in the process searching, searching they search, they search for case examples looking at Bernalillo County we should be able to provide standardized particulars when they put in a capital outlay project request. They're just -- people are guessing because we don't have any example engineering reports that we could have access to. And if you don't have it we should have a compendium of examples from idea to the final and have it as case examples here's what happened, here's what it costs; here's what happened at this stage, here's what it costs and that we put to invest in the next year creating at least three case examples from idea to the end and what it took to get it done, how long it took because when we don't have that then it's kind of like that saying I don't know where I'm going but I'll tell you when I get there. And people are really in the lurch and it doesn't give them access and parity neither does it as I as a Commissioner access and parity. Now if I'm serving and I'm on my eighth year I might have the tricks of the trade but I'm on my first year but I'm here to advocate for what's needed and what could be funded and opportunities for example the Agua Fria Village.

That's my statement in public, we need case examples from beginning to end and then more technical assistance going through those examples. Thank you.

MR. CORDOVA: Madam Chair, Commissioner, I appreciate that and I understand the frustration in that. I will make this statement though we have over \$200 million already allocated to projects that were based on estimates and guesses that ended up becoming antiquated and unrealistic as time went on and major cost increases came to kind of bite us to a certain degree. We didn't want to create that false sense of the 12 million is the number and then by the time it gets through the entire process the design says actually now it's really 16 million. That's what we've seen in so many of the projects over the last three years that we've really focused on trying to fill the gaps on the estimates and the good guesses kind of got us into the situation we're in now where we keep asking you to fill the holes because our guess wasn't good enough. And that's why Manager Shaffer is really adamant about we need to know and we don't know until we

have a contract for the most part and we don't know until we've put out an RFP and we've gotten responses from contractors saying, Okay we can do this project for 10 million. We have nine and that's why we're coming back to you on certain projects saying, Can we have that extra million and lock down this contractor that says he could do it at 10 so that we could get it completed and off our list to move the next round of projects through the list. But we still have quite a number of projects that we need to complete because once upon a time we took our best guess.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Well, I think you just made the case for creating some very solid concrete example case studies from beginning to end and what they actually thought they cost and what they cost because there are opportunities for us to learn and to give access and parity and information for people to put in requests. So I think you made a great case right now for that.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Okay, Commissioner Johnson.

COMMISSIONER CACARI STONE: Thank you. What I'm hearing and I really appreciate all of the Commissioners' comments and the your back and forth has actually also been really helpful to understand the process.

What I am seeing myself and I agree with Commissioner Greene who first mentioned it although I think it's basically endorsed by every other commissioner who's spoken thus far is that if we could have a dynamic timeline that shows these sort of phases that projects go through. That they don't drop onto lists that that sort of get filed elsewhere and I think it would be really important because it's, as Commissioner Cacari Stone says, you know when can a community see when their wish – right, which is based in a desire to improve where they are – when does the wish actually become an application, a project that has a scope that can be implemented or an RFP can be issued for it.

I think I'd looked at 2019 resolution that governs the process it seems to me like we might think deeply about updating that particular resolution or at least amending it. I believe you mentioned that Leandro so it's certainly on your mind because it's really important to understand where someone is in the process and I think as this kind of dovetails with your last point, original estimate and then it's actually the true cost is 10 times/15 times that amount. One could divide, this could just even be on a spreadsheet but any number of ways to do it where there are thresholds where cost estimates get reconsidered and shown, and I think this would speak to Commissioner Cacari Stone's point too, what you thought was going to cost a 100,000 actually costs a million and so in phase two the community, the project, whatever it is sort of re-evaluated and understood that. And we see this in the case with the Cañada de los Alamos, right? It's a great idea, it's just extremely expensive and so once you sort of digest that you see how projects that would have been great for ICIP may not actually be because of cost benefit analysis.

So I'll stop there. I don't need to belabor this But I think Resolution 2019-103 needs to be updated and I want to endorse the compendium of examples because that's the best way I in other areas of my life apply for grants, apply for projects looking at other ones is actually how you learn that sort of thing. Some communities have the time and energy to pour into research like that others don't and it'd be helpful to have examples.

So I know that's a big ask and but it would be really nice I think and a great gesture to the inclusiveness that is baked into the ICIP process to kind of get moving on that. So I really appreciate your feedback there that helped me understand, you know, how complicated this gets and why we need to make these decisions that sometimes it's it is and I agree when a trail system is above a water system how are we ranking these. how are we understanding that. So thank you.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. I want to also follow up on that. When we look at these projects and one thing that we've discussed before and the opportunity to have the transparency of the project and then the process and where it is, you know, similar to what we have Growth Management. When an ICIP project is proposed that it's very clearly identified what would have to happen and I'm just going to recommend taking a look at Thurston County, Washington public works process page. If we include something like the ICIP component that says this was scored at this level and this is how so that it's transparent to the public. It should be something where it becomes evident that I see this, I see why this is put this way. So there is an opportunity and there are I understand there are software packages that could provide that process flow so that it's all very – because we're all going to fight for you know I'm sorry I'm going to go for a road project before I'll go for a you know a historic building or whatever in the interest of health and safety but if all of those items are disclosed in this process map that a person can click on to see the status of the project. This much has been acquired financially. Like literally there's statements in an additional 3.5 million was received for XYZ that gives people an understanding of where things are sitting. And we've talked about that kind of I would say transparency but it's also part of that huge customer service component because I do agree that people say well we had been talking about this for how long? And yeah you may have but other issues do come up and other issues have more immediate needs sometimes. And we need to make sure that that's transparent to our public. I appreciate you listening.

Are there any other comments, questions, concerns this is an open a public Meeting? Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Madam Chair, just to take the mic back for two seconds to discuss specific projects that I would hope to see if they, you know, both in the sense that this is an early, let's call it a wish list, and that if these projects can get pulled, put on the list to DFA now and then if they can't become ready whether it's Spur Ranch Road or some other thing that's in here or a center in the Agua Fria Village, if we can find the way to get something ready for November/December right before the session, it's on the list and it moves forward and then in December/November before we publish the final, final, final list all we're doing is cutting. And we cut down at that point. So my concept is so, like okay look, Spur Ranch Road it's not ready right now that doesn't mean remove it that means keep it on there and give Commissioner Hughes a chance to figure out how to put something together for that. Whether that's a financing thing a design thing or whatever the p the pieces are to get it ready for that. If it's a small project in Tesuque that the neighborhood wants to do there, let's figure out how to get it ready and if we can't, so be it we tried, you know, but instead of precluding it now we were on it don't cut us out.

So the projects that I would like to see us with the chance of trying at least in my

district and some other areas on things: 1) Pojoaque baseball fields. There's been a request for years to turf one more field. It is goat heads and dirt out there a ball field with turf a few of them have been done or one of them or two of them have been done, a third one would be great out there and it's an easy thing that the neighborhood would love to do. Chimayo I was there as I mentioned earlier has been asking for support for the plaza restoration. They've identified a wastewater system that would bring in instead of a bunch of septic tanks around the plaza potentially a collective wastewater project over there. Again, this might not be able to get be ready in time but let's put it on the list and see if we can do it. Commissioner Cacari Stone and I have been approached I think even more of us have been approached about helping Moving Arts put find a new location up in Sombrillo. Now that's a private situation but let's figure it out. If we can figure it out in time I know a senator that will give it a lot of money and make this thing a make this thing happen so let's figure out how to get it ready for the legislature so that legislator, that senator, will say, Thank you for getting this ready for me and for our community. And then lastly, Girls Inc was here earlier today and they're going to be building and a project that going to take them a few years but maybe we can find a way to start putting money aside for them that's the County's contribution it's right at the edge of the Agua Fria Village. It's technically in the City of Santa Fe but it provides services to everybody with all well, not everybody young women across Santa Fe County and I think those four projects have a chance if they hustle and know what the benchmark and what they need to get to be qualified for us to move forward and support their projects if that was possible.

So thank you, Madam Chair, those are the four that I can think of off the top of my head.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Commissioner Greene. In the interest of time I'm going to start my list right now and I hope that you all are very comfortable because La Cienega has been waiting for its open space park like a park, a place where kids can play and I'm kidding in some respect I'm saying this is something that was discussed in the 1990s so when we talk about that thing -- and I'm not asking us to consider that here today I just want frankly in the interest of the other Commissioners knowing that there are projects that have been sitting on these lists for quite some time and to call them wish lists and to call those other things priorities is really important. So I'm going to leave that right there. I'm going to say that that there are parts of our County that have not received any adequate attention to some of those things that could have improve even the visibility and quality of life in the area when people look and say, Wow what's going on over there?" And it's not a health and safety issue right away but it's not it's also not something that's very inviting to the community.

All that being said, there are a number and I and I'm really actually just trying to praise you in being able to sort all through all of these knowing that each one of us sitting here has something that we have been hearing community ask for for a very long time.

I think that their greatest opportunity is communication and exposure of what those processes are and how they get here. And I say that out of absolute trust that you all are doing the best you can with what you have knowing that you're going to get it somewhere so how do we put that out there so that we can all live for our particular projects and understand where we are based in relationship to other things that are

important to other parts of the County: what's health and safety? what's more immediate? etc etc etc.

I'm grateful for that. I is there anything else that anyone wants to say in the interest of closing our conversation. Leandro.

MR. CORDOVA: Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you for the Feedback. It is great. We are listening. And speaking of praise I do want to take a quick second to really thank Maxx and our committee for the work they've done. I appreciate the example of Thurston County but Maxx has also reached out to Los Alamos County, Bernalillo County, City of Albuquerque because we know we could do better and there's examples out there that we're looking towards. A lot of the recommendations coming forward this year are based on some of that research they've done; how to work with nonprofits has come from some of that research we made it a point to reach out to the entities that we felt we may not be able to help but we wanted to make sure they didn't feel like we just left them without help. Madrid. La Cañada, Golondrinas all examples of great conversation that we had and that's probably came from an example of Bernalillo County.

So we really, really appreciate the feedback. We are listening and we'll continue to work to make it better. And you guys are definitely helping us make it better. Thank you.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. Thank you, sincerely. Is this all that we have for public? We have people online; do we have anyone who can help us with the people online? We don't have a way to take comment online at this time. Okay, we have William Mee online and that would be the only one? [Chair advises those wishing to speak to raise their virtual hand] I will allow William Mee to contribute to the community input for ICIP.

WILLIAM MEE: Madam Chair and Commissioners, you know talked this afternoon about the issues in Agua Fria and there was a lot of clarification made then and County Commissioner Lisa Cacari Stone made several good points this afternoon and now that we're in the evening session you know I see some really good ideas coming to the forefront. And you know other than me just saying I support everything in a Agua Fria Village uh to go forward which I do but you know I think there's a need for us to get together with our Commissioner and also with Maxx and the Deputy County Manager and kind of see where we are with all these projects and see how we can move them forward. So thank you.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, William Mee. Anyone else with their hand raised to speak?

MR. FRESQUEZ: Chair Bustamante, I don't see anyone else with their hand raised to speak.

CHAIR BUSTAMANTE: Okay, this is the close of public comment. Thank you. Thank everyone for your participation. Sincerely, thank you for your patience and spending the afternoon with us we appreciate it.

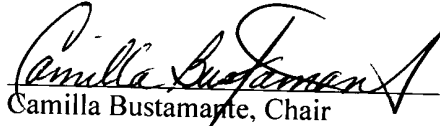
16. Concluding Business

A. Announcements – None were offered.


B. Adjournment

Upon motion to adjourn by Commissioner Johnson and second by Commissioner Greene and with no further business to come before this body, Chair Bustamante declared this meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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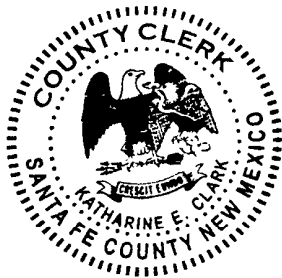

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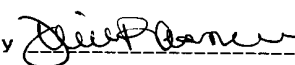
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