

SANTA FE COUNTY

REGULAR MEETING

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

May 26, 2015

I. A. This regular meeting of the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners was called to order at approximately 2:10 p.m. by Chair Robert Anaya in the Santa Fe County Commission Chambers, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

B. Roll Call

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

Members Present:

Commissioner Robert Anaya, Chair
Commissioner Miguel Chavez
Commissioner Kathy Holian
Commissioner Henry Roybal
Commissioner Liz Stefanics [telephonically for parts of the meeting]

Members Excused:

None

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. State Pledge

E. Moment of Reflection

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Carlos Markham-Lopez, the State Pledge by Jesse Lara and the Moment of Reflection by Antoinette Baca of the Public Safety Department.

Commissioner Anaya recognized the presence of Mayor Brad Hill of Edgewood. He thanked all veterans, noting there would not be a specific recognition under item H.

F. Approval of Agenda

1. Amendments

2. Tabled or Withdrawn Items

CHAIR ANAYA: First, we don't have any special recognitions today for

our veterans. We honor our veterans at every single meeting, but I want say a special thank you to each and every veteran in our United States of America. Those that have gone before us, those that paid the ultimate sacrifice, and I would ask, are there any veterans in the room with us today? If you would please stand. Let's give Mr. Caldwell and all veterans a round of applause.

Under item H, I'm going to put item III. C. 2. That's the resolution supporting the construction and operation of the Health Commons Complex in the Town of Edgewood, New Mexico, along with support and cooperation of the Town of Edgewood and federal, state and local governments. Ms. Miller.

KATHERINE MILLER (County Manager): Mr. Chair, we have a couple of items, amendments to the agenda since it was posted last Tuesday. On page 2 under the Consent Agenda, item II. C. 3, ratification of signature of landlord letter was added, and on page 5, under item VI. A. 2, Matters from the County Attorney, threatened of pending litigation as allowed by law, there are three items added there. And those are the only amendments to the agenda since last Tuesday.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Ms. Miller. Are there other amendments proposed by any Commissioners?

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: I would like to request that item III. C. 8, which is the resolution regarding the Old Santa Fe Trail National Park Service Building, to be heard as soon as possible in the agenda because Mr. Ernesto Ortega is here to speak about that issue.

CHAIR ANAYA: Excellent, Commissioner. We can move that to right after III. C. 2. Is there a motion to approve the agenda as amended?

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Mr. Chair, I'll make a motion to approve the agenda as amended.

CHAIR ANAYA: There's a motion to approve the agenda as amended by Commissioner Chavez. Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Second.

CHAIR ANAYA: Second from Commissioner Roybal. Any further discussion? Seeing none.

The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote. [Commissioner Stefanics voted telephonically on this and the following issues.]

I. G. Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of April 28, 2015 BCC Meeting Minutes

CHAIR ANAYA: What's the pleasure of the Board?

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: I move for approval.

CHAIR ANAYA: There's a motion to approve from Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Second.

CHAIR ANAYA: Second from Commissioner Roybal. Any further discussion? Seeing none.

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

III. C. 2. Resolution No. 2015-70, a Resolution Supporting the Construction and Operation of a Health Commons Complex in the Town of Edgewood, New Mexico, Along with the Support and Cooperation of the Town of Edgewood and Federal, State, and Local Governments

CHAIR ANAYA: Mr. Hill, Mr. Mayor, if you'd come forward as well. Or Mr. Flores.

TONY FLORES (Deputy County Manager): Mr. Chair, the item that we have before you today is a resolution in support of the Health Commons Complex that is being contemplated in the Town of Edgewood. The Mayor of Edgewood, Brad Hill, and Mr. Steve Shepherd have been in communication with the County Manager's Office for a few months now on the development of this project within the town and the town has requested that we pass a resolution or consider a resolution for support of this project within the Town of Edgewood. And with that, Mr. Chair, I would like to turn it over to Mayor Hill.

CHAIR ANAYA: Mr. Mayor, thank you for being here. The floor is yours.

BRAD HILL: Thank you, Chairman Anaya, members of the Commission. I am Brad Hill. I am Mayor of the Town of Edgewood. First Choice Community Healthcare has been a long-time part of our community in the Town of Edgewood. They are a healthcare provider. They are located in the heart of our community on state trust land, what we call Section 16 which is rapidly becoming what we are referring to as Edgewood Commons. It is the heart of our community and it is also where Santa Fe County recently built their new fire station. Thank you very much. It's a beautiful building. We're currently under construction with our new animal control facility and our new police station directly across from the fire station in what will be Edgewood Commons.

The heart of Edgewood Commons though is intended to be our health commons which is a facility which will be operated by First Choice Community Healthcare. First Choice Community Healthcare has been in our community since 2001, I believe, serving our community, serving the region. There is a population of about 55,000 people in the East Mountain area and Estancia Valley that is the market area for First Choice. First Choice is a community healthcare. They are a non-profit entity and they provide services on a sliding scale basis and so they serve all elements of our community.

They are currently seeking a grant for planning for this facility. The ultimate

facility will be a 42,000 square foot commons, which is the same facility they currently operate – similar facility that they operate in the South Valley of Albuquerque. They have several facilities in the mid-Rio Grande Corridor and have again served southern Santa Fe County, Tarrant County and eastern Bernalillo County. So this resolution is requested so that the County can go on record saying that this facility is being supported by the County and they will use this in applying for their federal grant. And Mr. Bob DeFelice, who is the executive director of First Choice is here as well, and so if you have any questions specific to the First Choice he's here to answer those questions as well.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I'm going to make a few comments. I very much appreciated your continued work with the County. We have various aspects that we continue to partnership with the Town of Edgewood on including fire but not limited to fire. Our open space arena and our road projects in coordination and many other things. I appreciated the meeting that you had a few months back where you engaged the entire community in seeking feedback from the community on the various projects and initiatives that you're carrying forward. This was one of the highlights of that discussion and was something that the members of the public present at your meeting were very supportive of in moving forward.

I'm supportive of the resolution and want to put my name as a sponsor on this resolution today before we vote on it and will now defer to my colleagues. The other thing I wanted to say to you, Mr. Mayor, and to the council is thank you for your vote of confidence and support on the facility at the Cyclone Center that we also took and put on at that meeting, so thanks to your gracious allowance of that and appreciate your support and the council's support on that and other initiatives that we've had. So we'll go to Commissioners. Commissioner Chavez.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I wanted to read a little bit into the record, and I support – I'm in full support of the resolution and the effort that's been undertaken here. But I want to read some of the background into the minutes, and I know, Mayor, you probably know this maybe by heart but I think it's worth mentioning, because local governments are having to put on a collaboration between our state, local governments, our state legislature and our federal government. We cannot do it by ourselves and we shouldn't do it by ourselves. And so having said that I'll read some of the statistics that are in the memo that's in front of us, because that's not captured in the resolution. It doesn't even – it just glosses over it.

The population of southern Santa Fe County is approximately 40,000. Of the total population, 10,000 are living below the 200 percent of the federal poverty level. About 5,000 are on Medicaid or other public insurance programs and 5,000 are still uninsured. The New Mexico Department of Health indicates the area has an underserved population of 26,718 and is short by 7,634 providers. So again, we're a little upside down in the math, if you do the math on that. The current population to provider ration is 18,341 to one. There's the math. The scarcity of healthcare services is a real dilemma for families. A community survey in 2014 found the need for urgent care, afterhours access and emergency care ranked highest of all needs in the area. Transportation is a barrier as there is no public transportation system to help people get to city centers for x-rays or medical or dental appointments.

So we're talking about healthcare for those that can least afford it and have no

access to that healthcare, to the providers or to the facilities. So that tells us the situation that we're in and it means that we're going to have to depend more on collaboration with our state and federal government. For our residents to think or expect that Santa Fe County can do it by ourselves or that the Town of Edgewood can do it by themselves – we can't. We need that collaboration. It needs to be done in fairness and with equity but we need to partner and we need to collaborate. So I just wanted to read that into the record, Mr. Chair, and touch on some of those points.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Mr. Vice Chair. Other comments from the Commissioners?

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: I would gladly be a cosponsor on this, Mr. Chair, and I think it's something we all need to embrace. It's work that needs to be done and I would hope that we would all be able to sign on this resolution.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Mr. Vice Chair. I'm going to go ahead and move for approval.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Second.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Second.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Chavez and Commissioner Holian second the motion. Any further discussion? Mayor, is there anything else you'd like to add before we vote?

MAYOR HILL: Chairman Anaya, Commissioner Chavez and Commissioner Holian, I just want to thank you. Thank you for the comments, Commissioner Chavez and thank you for the support, Commissioner Holian and so I appreciate the consideration that the Commission has give this matter.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Well, and if I could add just before the vote, the Town of Edgewood – you could have beat your own drum and tried to make this happen. It would probably take a lot longer and the work would be much harder. So when we collectively beat that drum then we're sending a stronger message again to our state legislature and to our federal government, because I think that, excuse me, is sometimes the weakest link. But we have to send that message and we have to do it collectively so it can be louder and maybe heard more often. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Commissioners, Commissioner Chavez, for those comments and remarks and reading in those very important notes. I want to say as a Commissioner I'm absolutely supportive of the project, but I'm an actual consumer of services that's utilized this facility. And when it comes to needing services in your community you need to have access that's not an hour away or 45 minutes away and that's what it's all about is providing direct access to the consumers of healthcare, that need healthcare in the immediate area in and around Edgewood. And I would just add, Mayor, that as you know and you collectively have been working on, it's Bernalillo County, it's Torrance County, it's Santa Fe County. It's the entire region that this particular facility currently serves and the expanded facility will just provide more access and more service to all of those residents. So as Commissioner Chavez said, it's all of us – I think that's an important analogy, beating the drum. But in the interest of the collective needs of that entire region. So thank you so much, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR HILL: Thank you.

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

[Clerk Salazar provided the numbers for the approved resolutions throughout the meeting.]

III. C. 8. Resolution No. 2015-71, a Resolution Calling on the President of the United States, the Congress of the United States, and the New Mexico Congressional Delegation to Support Local Efforts to Keep the Old Santa Fe Trail National Park Service Building Open to the Public as a Cultural Resource and Ultimately Designated as Either a National Historic Site or a National Monument [Exhibits 1 & 2: Supporting Material]

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Holian, the floor is yours.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. This resolution is regarding the preservation of a building on Old Santa Fe Trail that was the regional headquarters of the National Park Service and my cosponsor, I'm happy to say, is Commissioner Chavez. I knew he would be interested in this topic. First of all I would like to thank Mac Watson and Jerry Rogers for bringing this to my attention in the first place, and I will say that Mr. Ernesto Ortega, who is here with us today, as well as they, have been instrumental in working to preserve this building. So I'm not going to read the resolution because it's a long and lengthy resolution but I will say that you have some information about this building at your desk and also there's some more information as well, which Mr. Ortega was kind enough to bring with him.

But I would like to start off by making a few comments and then I will turn it over to my cosponsor, Commissioner Chavez, to say a few words, and then I would like to invite Mr. Ernesto Ortega to give us a little bit of a history of the building, as well as to tell what your vision is for what this building could be in our future. I think that's really, really important.

So just to set the stage, this building that's on Old Santa Fe Trail and was the regional headquarters for the National Park Service until 1995 is very, very historical. It was built in the thirties and it was specially designed at that time by the Park Service so that it would be consistent with our local historical style in this area. Also, it was – and this is another very interesting historical tidbit about it – was built my men, and maybe women, from the CCC and WPA. That is the Civilian Conservation Corps and the Works Progress Administration.

Also, the furniture that's in the building was built by local craftsman and the furniture was built especially for that building so that it would fit in perfectly into the building. So the purpose of this resolution is, first of all, to join with both of our state legislative bodies as well as the Santa Fe City Council in calling for the preservation of this building, either as an official CCC and WPA historic site, or even better, as a national monument, which President Obama actually can make the decision and sign his name to that and sort of create that with the stroke of a pen. So first of all, just to get it over with, I'd like to make a motion for approval of the resolution.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Second.

CHAIR ANAYA: There's a motion from Commissioner Holian and a second from Commissioner Chavez. Discussion, Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Discussion. And so now I would like to turn it over to Commissioner Chavez for any remarks that he would like to make.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Well, I don't know where to start but I'll take a stab at it. We don't build building like this anymore; I wish we did. And we did this at a time when it was a very challenging time that this building was built, similar in many ways to the challenges that we're facing now. But people figured out a way to do it and it wasn't always about money because the CCC and the WPA put people back to work. They trained people after they came back from their tour of duty. The programs, to me, mean just as much as the building or more and it's unfortunate that we don't have more of those programs today, because I think that would really help us with our aging infrastructure and other things that we're challenged with.

The WPA period has influenced me in my endeavors as a furniture maker, so without the WPA, where would I be now? What would I have to look to? What would I have as a model? There wouldn't have been a model for me. So the WPA program and the furniture that they produced influenced people like myself and many others to continue that in whatever small way they could.

There was an exhibit that was done at the International Folk Art. You may know of the exhibit. The exhibit was titled *Sin Nombre*, or without title, without a name. *Sin Nombre*. And in the WPA and the CCC programs are not unique to New Mexico; they were across the country but what was unique about New Mexico is that at that time, I guess we didn't want to sign our names on the furniture or on a tapestry that we did so we were anonymous. So the International Folk Art Museum did an exhibit focusing on the WPA and they collected works but they didn't know who had done the work. So the majority of that exhibit was not about the item or the product that was produced, but who did the work, because they didn't sign it.

So that's been done. So that's why I feel that the programs were beneficial to all of the residents, the citizens in this country at that time and it's unfortunate that we don't have more of those programs today. So I also have a background in adobe construction of abode buildings and restoration of adobe buildings and we're not staying true to that form either. So this is a classic example of both of those forms – true adobe architecture in its purest sense and the production of furniture that has lasted – will last generations So I would hope that the President of the United States before he's out of office will make both the building and the furniture a national landmark and recognize the people that did the work. Thank you for being here.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Mr. Ortega.

ERNESTO ORTEGA: Commissioner Anaya, members of the Commission, as has been stated, I am Ernesto Ortega, resident of Santa Fe. However, a native of La Madera in Rio Arriba County. I am retired National Park Service, 32 years with the National Park Service. After retirement from the National Park Service I served as Director of New Mexico State Monuments for five years as well. And now we just get involved in a few little projects here and there.

But this is a particular project that we are most interested in, not only because I worked there, because I had the pleasure of working in that building for 14 years and

servicing as the ad hoc superintendent, overseeing the preservation, the management and the care of the building for seven years of those 14 years. As has been stated already, this particular resolution is looking at three principal points. It's a long resolution but there's three principal points.

Number one, we would like to have recognition of those young men – there were not young women at that time because this was a CCC program primarily for young men, ages 17 through about 26. And that particular building, the Old Santa Fe Trail building – I shared a brochure of that building with you, was constructed between 1937 and 1939 by 200 CCC young men from Hyde Park Camp, Camp #833. We would like to recognize those young men who worked on that building, constructing that building, because of its iconic structure or nature that it has here in Santa Fe.

Secondly, we'd like to recognize through this particular resolution, if the President were to designate it a national monument, to tell the story of the National Park Service, the National Park Service idea that we, this country, shared with the rest of the world. It is copied throughout the world. National parks, national monuments throughout the world and I have now had the pleasure of working in South American countries as a consultant in park management – Bolivia, Columbia, El Salvador, Costa Rica, etc.

Thirdly, as has been mentioned, especially by you, Commissioner Chavez, the CCC, the WPA, are programs that took our country out of the Great Depression, saved our country out of the Great Depression. CCC boys were paid a total of \$25 a month and I think later it was \$30 a month. Five of those dollars were kept by the CCC enrollee and the other \$20 or \$25 were sent back to the family so that they would be able to survive. These two programs were absolutely incredible, not only throughout New Mexico but throughout our nation and our territories as well. Nowhere in our country's history and even the National Park Service, we claim – we pride ourselves, the National Park Service prides itself in telling America's story, our national story. But nowhere in that national story is the CCC program and the WPA program told exclusively. We do share tidbits of the CCC/WPA in various units of the National Park system, in various national forests, as well as state parks, but we don't have a center where we tell the national story. And also, locally, I don't know if some of you remember that – I remember as a youngster that some of my relatives, some of the men from my community there in La Madera, would talk about the CCC and the WPA – the *diablo a pie*. That's the way they would mention it.

So as has been mentioned, we are interested in having the County Commissioners adopt a resolution that we could share with the President of the United States and our congressional delegation to either have it designated as a national historic site or a national monument. As has been mentioned, the President has the authority through the 1906 Antiquities Act and the Antiquities Act of 1906 has its genesis here in Santa Fe through Edgar Lee Hewitt, our first director of the Museum of New Mexico. He was instrumental and a key person in the actual passage of that law back in 1906.

Commissioner Anaya, Commissioners, I stand before you for any questions or any comments.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioners, any other questions? Commissioner Chavez.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Just one other comment. Even though the

WPA program has not been maybe recognized in the way that it should be, but I do know that in the furniture realm and those that collect, when someone can say I have a WPA piece, or I'm looking for a WPA piece, and they put a dollar price on that piece, those are collectible. And I would venture to say that there are not many pieces from the WPA period that are available to purchase. They're far and few between. They're probably maybe in private collections scattered across the country or maybe hopefully in the homes of the relatives that produced the work, but I've been building furniture now for about 15, 20 years and it took me a while to comfortably say that I was building some of the best that's ever come out of the Santa Fe area. Because it's a lot of work. And there are not many people that are going to want to go into that field. But there are people that want to collect those WPA pieces and they're going to be pretty rare.

So the WPA, people know about it a little bit but not the way you want to educate them about the WPA period.

MR. ORTEGA: Commissioner Anaya, members of the Commission, I was remiss in mentioning that the building is still occupied by staff from the National Park Service, primarily cultural resources preservation staff and now our National Trails program for the Intermountain Region.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Mr. Ortega. Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Well, I'm extremely supportive of this being preserved, hopefully as a national monument. I think that's the best designation for it. But I would like to – I think it was mentioned to me that one thing that could be done also is to make part of the building kind of a museum to the CCC and WPA and to have exhibits. And I think that would be a wonderful thing to have that as kind of a center in our community to showcase what they did in those years. I'm not sure that there is a museum in the United States that does.

MR. ORTEGA: Chairman Anaya, Commissioner Holian, no, there isn't. As I mentioned there isn't a particular center where this particular program or these programs are interpreted, and that would be part of the national monument status where the national monument designation would mandate that a museum, exhibits, and with our technology today, to be able to develop appropriate technology to share with social media and television programs, etc.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you. And also I wanted to just add that Mr. Watson and Mr. Rogers offered to set up a tour for us if we would like to go see the building and so I would like to extend that invitation. I'm sure that Commissioner Chavez and I are definitely going to sign up for that one.

MR. ORTEGA: We'll be available to do that.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Mr. Ortega, I'm supportive of the resolution and would be interested in a tour as well. There's a motion and a second on the floor.

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

I. I. Employee Recognition
1. Introduction of New Employees.

MS. MILLER: Mr. Chair, actually, many of the employees, new hires for

March 28th through May 1st, if they could be here have already been here. I would just point out that in the back of your packet there is a list of those new employees. There's about 12 to 15 of them. Many of them are in our Public Safety. But I did want to introduce, and he doesn't know I'm going to do this, Adam Johnson again. He was – Adam, would you please stand? Adam is our new budget director. He took Carole's place. Carole was promoted to Finance Director and Adam comes to us from the New Mexico Finance Authority and we're really lucky to have him. So he just started last week right in the middle of all of our budget. Or two weeks ago, right? Right in the middle of our budget session. So he's getting the training by fire hose. So I just wanted to welcome him because he will be helping Carole present the budget in a little bit.

CHAIR ANAYA: He's smiling.

MS. MILLER: He's still smiling.

CHAIR ANAYA: That's a good sign. Welcome to the County, as to all the other employees. Ms. Miller.

MS. MILLER: So that's all I have under employee recognitions.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Final Order

1. **BCC CASE # PCEV 14-5480 Homewise Inc. Vacation of Easements. Homewise, Inc. Applicant, (Cornerstone Land Surveying), Jeffery Ludwig, Agent, Request Approval to Vacate Three (3) Private Access and Utility Block Easements Totaling 0.31 Acres +/-. The Block Easements are Located in the Tessera Subdivision-Phase One, Within Section 17 & 20, Township 17 North, Range 9 East (Commission District 2) (Approved 3-0) Miguel "Mike" Romero, Case Manager.**
2. **CDRC CASE # Z/PDP/FDP 14-5370 PNM Caja del Rio Solar Energy Center Project. Public Service Company of New Mexico, Applicant, Laurie Moye, Agent, Requested Master Plan Zoning, Preliminary and Final Development Plan Approval to Allow a 5 Megawatt Electric Solar Facility on a 40 Acre Site. The Property is Located North of New Mexico Highway 599 and Takes Access Via Caja del Rio Road, Within Section 3, Township 16 North, Range 8 East (Commission District 2) Jose E. Larrañaga, Case Manager (Approved 5-0)**

B. Resolutions

1. **Resolution No. 2015-72, a Resolution Requesting a Budget Increase to the Law Enforcement Operations Fund (LEOF-246) to Budget (1) Grant Awarded Through the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in the Amount of \$15,000 (Finance Department/Carole Jaramillo)**
2. **Resolution No. 2015-73, a Resolution Requesting an Increase to the State Special Appropriations Fund (318) to Budget a State Grant Awarded to Santa Fe County to Equip the Vista Grande**

Library in the Amount of \$10,000 (Finance Department/Carole Jaramillo)

3. **Resolution No. 2015-74, a Resolution Authorizing the County Manager to Negotiate and Execute an Agreement Concerning Santa Fe County's and New Mexico Bank & Trust's Security Interests in Santa Fe Brewing Company's Accounts (County Attorney/Greg Shaffer)**

C. Miscellaneous

1. **Request Authorization of the Use of District 3 Capital Funds, Per Capital Outlay Policy, Allocating \$30,000 for Capital Improvements to Three Fire Stations; \$10,000 for Madrid to Complete the Ongoing Fire Suppression Water Project, \$15,000 for Galisteo to Complete Construction of an Additional Apparatus Bay, and \$5,000 for a Marquee Sign at the Bruce and Alice King Stanley Main Station (Finance Department/Carole Jaramillo)**
2. **Request County Manager Signature Approval on Purchase Order in the Amount of \$559,487.52, Inclusive of GRT, for the Agua Fria/San Felipe Road Improvement Annexation Project Utilizing the On-Call Road Construction Contract No. 2013-0119B-PW/MS with Mountain States Constructors (Purchasing/Bill Taylor)**
3. **Ratification of Signature of Landlord Letter of Consent for Improvements to the La Familia Medical Center to Allow Application for a Health Resources and Services Administration Grant (Public Works/Adam Leigland) [Exhibit 3: Staff Memo]**

CHAIR ANAYA: We're going to go to the Consent but before I entertain a motion I just want to highlight a few items that are in the Consent Calendar. Item B. 1 is a resolution requesting a budget increase for law enforcement operations funds in the amount of \$15,000.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Chavez.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: And on that point if I could I just want to – since I'm going to be on a little theme of collaboration and recognizing our other partners, Bureau of Land Management, BLM.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Commissioner Chavez, Mr. Vice Chair. Under item B. 2, a resolution requesting an increase to State appropriations special appropriations fund to fund \$10,000 to the Vista Grande Library. Item C. 1 is an item that I'm utilizing some District 3 capital funds for \$10,000 for the Madrid fire station to complete ongoing fire suppression project, \$15,000 for the Galisteo Fire Department to complete construction of additional apparatus bay, and I would say on Commissioner Chavez' point, all of these fire projects have multiple sources of money. Each fire district

will save resources and build up funds so that they're able to complete a project. Correct, Chief? And these funds are going to help, essentially fill the gap toward completion of a project. Can you just comment on that briefly? Because I know those dollar amounts seem small but the public may wonder where the rest of the monies come from. So the name of what Commissioner Chavez brought up, could you talk about how are districts are funded and how many times they just need a little additional support and from multiple sources to make it happen?

DAVE SPERLING (Fire Chief): Thank you, Mr. Chair. You're very correct. These additional funds do assist our individual fire districts by reducing the amount of money that's dedicated from their funding sources, including their state grant funds, their impact fee funding sources and some of the money that earn through response through our wildland program to do these ongoing fire projects to improve their facilities. And these additional funds then alleviate the need to use some of their own funding sources and they can use the money then for purchases of additional equipment and upgrading personal protective gear and that sort of thing.

So while \$30,000 in the scheme of things may not seem like an enormous amount of money for us it's a very important improvement in what these three individual districts are able to provide.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Chief. Appreciate that. And then also under item C. 3 have request approval on a purchase order for Agua Fria/San Felipe road improvement annexation projects in the amount of \$559,487. So in this Consent Agenda multiple projects in multiple parts of the county, funding over \$600,000 of improvements. I'd defer to the Commission now on the Consent Agenda, if there's any other comments or a motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: I move for approval of the Consent Agenda.

CHAIR ANAYA: There's a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: I'll second.

CHAIR ANAYA: Seconded by Commissioner Stefanics. Any further discussion? Seeing none.

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

III. ACTION ITEMS

B. Appointments/Reappointments/Resignations

1. Reappointment of Vivien Heye to the Health Policy and Planning Commission

RACHEL O'CONNOR (Community Services Director): Thank you, Mr. Chair. Mr. Chair, members of the Commission, we're bringing forward to you today three new appointments, one of which is a reappointment to the Santa Fe County HPPC, or the Health Policy and Planning Commission. I asked Patricia specifically if I could bring Vivian. Vivian is a former colleague of mine from the New Mexico Department of

Health. She has a long history in working with public health issues including AIDS prevention and working specifically with people who have overdosed. She also worked with what's called the YRRS at the Department of Health, which is the Youth Risk and Resiliency Survey, of which you've seen the results of in the time being that I've been here.

We are requesting reappointment of Vivian. She's been a terrific member to the Health Policy and Planning Commission. She's done a lot of work around reducing opiate use and opiate overdose in Santa Fe County and I'm respectfully requesting her reappointment.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: The chair had to step out for a minute. He asked me to take over this portion of the meeting, so I could not decline. So are there any questions from the Commission? Comments?

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Mr. Chair.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Yes.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: I'll move for approval.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Second.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: There's a motion and a second.

The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] voice vote. [Commissioner Anaya was not present for this action.]

III. B. 2. Appointment of Anna Voltura to the Health Policy and Planning Commission

PATRICIA BOIES (Community Services): Mr. Chair, Commissioners, this is the second of three appointments we're bringing before you today. This is an appointment to HPPC, one of the District 1 positions and there were two people who applied for this position when we put it out on notice and we recommend that Anna Voltura be appointed. She is a medical doctor. She is currently a surgical oncologist at the UNM Cancer Center in Albuquerque. She a long-time Santa Fean in Santa Fe County and she worked for many years, 13 years, before that at the Christus St. Vincent Breast Institute, and she's also served for eight years on the board of directors at the New Mexico Medical Insurance Pool. So she really understands the insurance and healthcare landscape here in Santa Fe County and she'd be a valuable addition to the HPPC.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Mr. Chair.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Commissioner Stefanics.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: I am very familiar with Dr. Voltura and I would move approval.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Second.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: There's a motion and a second. Any discussion?

The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] voice vote. [Commissioner Anaya was not present for this action.]

III. B. 3. Appointment of Kim Straus to the Health Policy and Planning Commission

MS. BOIES: Mr. Chair, the third appointment is recommending appointment of Kim Straus to one of the District 5 vacancies on the HPPC. Kim Straus is the foundation manager of the Brindle Foundation and he has worked actively on early childhood and youth policy issues, both locally and statewide, and as will be presented later on the agenda via an early childhood resolution, the HPPC and Santa Fe County as a whole have a great interest and investment in early childhood issues and programs, so Mr. Straus' experience will strengthen the expertise of the HPPC.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Mr. Chair.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Commissioner Stefanics.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Mr. Chair, Kim Straus and the Brindle Foundation have [inaudible] have program initiatives at Santa Fe County and it's a pleasure to have them on the HPPC and I would move approval.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Second.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: There's a motion and a second.

The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] voice vote. [Commissioner Anaya was not present for this action.]

III. B. 4. Appointment of Maria de Anda Hay to the Santa Fe City-County Advisory Council on Food Policy

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Mr. Flores, you're going to take this one?

MR. FLORES: Yes, Mr. Chair, thank you. We're asking today for an appointment to the County appointed member of the Santa Fe City-County Advisory Council on Food Policy. As you recall, we had a resignation from one of the board members in March. As a result of that resignation the Board directed staff to go back and out and do a call for interested individuals to serve on this council. As a result of that advertisement we received one applicant to fill the position, Ms. Maria de Anda Hay and staff is recommending that the Board accept her on the Food Council for this term. And I stand for any questions.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Questions of staff?

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Mr. Chair.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: I just want to make a comment. I know Ms. de Anda Hay and I know that she is very knowledgeable, even passionate on the topics of food security and agricultural preservation in our community, so I move for approval.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: And I would ditto your comments, Commissioner Holian. I think all of these applicants that are asking to do volunteer work are first in their field and very knowledgeable about the work that is ahead of them, and

so I would just ditto that. There's a motion and a second.

The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] voice vote. [Commissioner Anaya was not present for this action.]

III. B. 5. Appointment of Carole Jaramillo and Greg Shaffer to the Santa Fe County Audit Committee

CAROLE JARAMILLO (Finance Director): Mr. Chair, Commissioners, back in May of 2011 the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners approved a resolution to establish an audit committee for Santa Fe County. Its purpose was defined as three core functions: to ensure County management is maintaining a comprehensive framework of internal control, and that the established framework is adequate to protect the assets of Santa Fe County. Number two, to ensure that the financial statements are properly audited and that any problems therein are disclosed and properly resolved, and number three, to oversee and review the internal audit function of the County as applicable.

The membership was also established during that resolution. It's a three-member committee. Two members are to be appointed by the BCC; one is a staff representative from the Finance Division, the other would be a staff representative from the Legal Division. Finally the third member would be appointed by the County Manager.

At the beginning of the committee Teresa Martinez was the Finance Director and she was the staff representative from the Finance Division. She has since retired, and Rachel Brown was the staff representative from the Legal Division and her term has expired. So we are requesting that you make appointments to these two positions to fill the vacated positions of Member Martinez and Member Brown, and I'm requesting that you appoint me as the Finance Division representative and that you appoint Mr. Greg Shaffer as the Legal Division representative. And I stand for questions.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Mr. Chair.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: I move for approval.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Second.

MS. MILLER: Mr. Chair, for the record, I recommended Carole. She didn't just recommend herself. So when we were going through the names I did recommend Carole and Greg for those two positions.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Well, she's asking us to give her more work to do, right?

MS. JARAMILLO: Absolutely.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: There's a motion and a second.

The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] voice vote. [Commissioner Anaya was not present for this action.]

III. B. 6. Appointment of Kim Anaya as the Trustee for Stanley Cyclone Center

ANNA BRANSFORD (Community Services): Good afternoon, Mr. Chair. Good afternoon, Commissioners. We are bringing forward to you recommendations to appoint a trustee out at that Stanley Cyclone Center. This appointment was previously tabled at the May 5th BCC meeting. Currently, with the other seven community centers that we have – the original seven community centers that we have in Santa Fe County, we have five trustees that currently serve at those community centers. We do have a couple of vacancies. The Stanley Cyclone Center and the Max Coll Center are newer centers so we are looking to add Kim Anaya as the trustee for the Stanley Cyclone Center.

The trustees, their responsibilities include working with the County schedule process and put on the calendar events as well as take on other responsibilities associated with running the centers at the request of the Director of the Community Service Department or his or her designee. When a trustee comes on we do train them as far as all of the rules regarding the rentals of the community centers. The trustee is given keys after they are trained. They are also required to submit a conflict of interest form and so then they are given keys and they maintain a calendar and then work with us on the official calendar for all the rentals of the trustees to let us know if there's any issues with the center that require maintenance, etc. With that we ask that you appoint Ms. Anaya as the trustee to the Cyclone Center and with that I will stand for questions.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Questions of staff?

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Mr. Chair.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: So Anna, as I understand it you do provide training for the trustees for all of our community centers so that they know, first of all, how to go through the procedure to set up events and then also what events are appropriate for which centers and so on and so forth. Correct?

MS. BRANSFORD: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Holian, yes, that is correct. I also have regular trustee meetings with all of the trustees to go over any issues of the facilities and new rules or resolutions that are brought up and any maintenance issues, budgets, all of the above.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: So if an event is planned for the center, does the trustee report that to you first before – for approval?

MS. BRANSFORD: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Holian, the process is that when someone wants to rent the center they will initially go to the trustee to ensure that that date is available. They will fill out an application. The trustee then signs off on it. Then the person wanting to rent the facility brings it to myself or my staff and we then approve it and receive the payment for that facility.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: So the trustee can't just decide to open the center on their own for some sort of an event. Correct?

MS. BRANSFORD: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Holian, this is correct.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Okay. Thank you, Anna.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Follow up question to that. Do we have a list of all of our trustees and contact information?

MS. BRANSFORD: Mr. Chair, yes. On the information that you have in your packet I have a list, but we also do have their contact information on our website, under the community centers.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: So people know how to contact them and when to contact them, because I'm sure these people are working regular jobs.

MS. BRANSFORD: Mr. Chair, that is correct.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Okay. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Mr. Chair.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Yes.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Is there also something posted at each community center where if somebody goes there they can actually get the contact information off the door or anywhere there where it's posted?

MS. BRANSFORD: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Roybal, I believe each one does. I haven't been out to every single one in a while but I know Nancy Rodriguez, which is utilized a lot definitely does have that information. I can make sure that those are posted at every single community center.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Okay. Any other questions of staff. What's the pleasure of the Commission?

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Mr. Chair, I'd like to move for approval.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Thank you. We have a motion. Do I hear a second? I'll second the motion. There's a motion and a second. Any further discussion? Seeing none.

The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] voice vote. [Commissioner Anaya was not present for this action.]

III. C. Resolutions

1. Resolution No. 2015-75 Resolution Adopting the Interim Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 (FY 2016) [Exhibit 4: Interim Budget Presentation; Exhibit 5: Renewal and Replacement Chart]

MS. JARAMILLO: Mr. Chair, Commissioners, I am bringing to you today a request to adopt the interim FY 2016 budget. If you recall back at the last BCC meeting on May 12th we had a discussion regarding various points of the budget to be used to get formal direction to be used for creation of the budget this year. The general points and informal direction we were given were for compensation regarding a COLA for staff, two percent COLA for staff earning greater than \$50,000 and a one percent merit pool for non-union employees with the equivalent being budget for bargaining unit contracts that need to be negotiated. You approved nine full-time classified positions, nine temporary positions, and three part-time positions across various departments.

The expanded program that we presented was approved and that was recurring and one-time totaling \$976,000, an asset renewal and replacement schedule including vehicles approved or rather recommended by the Vehicle Utilization Board totaling \$4.7

million was presented and approved, and then we had requested funding pools for energy programs, Local Economic Development Act projects and community improvement districts, and those were approved as well.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Ms. Jaramillo.

MS. JARAMILLO: Yes, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Could we go back to the nine full-time classified positions, nine temporary positions and three part-time positions, and this may be in your presentation further so bear with me. But could you, for the record and for the public's information, state how those are budgeted and where the monies are coming from?

MS. JARAMILLO: Sure. The positions that were recommended to you are in various departments. The general fund does fund the position recommended in the Human Resources Department, in the Community Services Department and the Solid Waste positions. There were two part-time positions funded out of Solid Waste. Those are all funded directly from the general fund. Then the Public Safety positions were funded in part by reallocation of funding from within the divisions that the positions were authorized for, as well as the Public Safety funding. So for the electronic monitoring/bail bonds case manager, which is in the Corrections Department, that position was funded by reclassification of a detention officer.

There were three registered nurses approved, one of which was funded by a reduction in contract nursing. The other two are Public Safety funding transfers from the general fund. The wildland-urban interface technicians were the temp positions. Those are being funded from the fire operations fund as are the two cadets for the Fire Division that were approved, and that is primarily emergency communication and emergency medical GRT. Then there was one for the Sheriff's Office which will be funded by DWI forfeiture program money.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Thank you.

MS. JARAMILLO: You're welcome. So with that brief recap that I gave you I did hand out a brief presentation that highlights what we did at the planning session and if you would like me to review that I'd be happy to do so. If you turn to slide 2 it shows what budget priorities from the Commission that we were funding, the open space and trails master planning and facilities maintenance, water planning, economic development initiatives, youth programs and summer intern programs, road maintenance, wildland-urban interface programs, investment in employees and professional development, the compensation package I mentioned, senior services, energy efficiency, renewable energy programs and various programming and operational funding for new facilities.

We used revenue assumptions of a two percent increase to our property tax revenue, a three percent increase for our gross receipts tax revenue, and that does not include the hold-harmless gross receipts tax that is newly imposed. That's going to be in addition to the \$1.1 million I showed you. That is going to be budgeted at \$3.3 million for ten months of collections. The state shared taxes were remaining flat. We budgeted a decrease in care of prisoners revenue of \$2.5 million, an increase in water/wastewater charges of \$.2 million, a decrease in permitting fees of \$.2 million and we did not budget

for payment in lieu of taxes for FY 16.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Ms. Jaramillo, could you expand on that just a bit because payment in lieu of taxes helps our rural schools when it's working in the best scenario. So touch on that for just a little bit, even just for my understanding of how the payment in lieu of taxes and how the rural schools work together.

MS. JARAMILLO: I'm going to have to defer to the County Manager on the specifics of that.

MS. MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Chavez, there are two programs that are federally funded – Secure Rural Schools and the payment in lieu of taxes. We receive funding on payment in lieu of taxes typically around \$700,000 a year – \$650,000, \$700,000 a year, and that's for federal lands that are tax exempt, because they're federal lands so we don't receive any property taxes. That funding comes directly to us from the federal government and goes into the general fund. Unfortunately though right now the federal government has not identified a recurring revenue and payment for that so it is questionable as to whether we will receive it this coming year.

It's been in question the last couple years and at the last minute they have found a way to fund it. Secure Rural Schools, however, we receive about \$150,000 for that, but we're not the only entity that receives that funding. The school districts receive funding directly and we receive about \$150,000 out of that program. That one has had a funding source identified so we are still counting on that. We typically use that – it comes in to help fund our road maintenance program. So as you know, we receive it into the general fund but then we transfer funds from the general fund and over to our road maintenance. One could say that's attributed to helping keep bus routes maintained.

So that's how we receive the funds and then the schools themselves receive funding out of those programs.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Okay, well, that really helps me a lot because this is also tied to best practices in forest management and fire suppression and all of those other challenges that we're dealing with. And it seems that the funding for Secure Rural Schools may have only two years available and then that funding source will dry up as well.

MS. MILLER: Mr. Chair, it's been one of these items that for the last couple of years the federal government has, in the budget process, dropped it out and then it's come back in, so it's a source that we have to consider we may lose over time and that's why we did not budget the PILT. If it comes in, that's great, and we'll be able to use probably for one-time, non-recurring type expenditures but we did not want to build it into the base budget as a recurring revenue source since it's questionable as to whether we will receive it.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: So that does bring it full circle for me because I think we could do the first scenario you suggested and we could shoulder that burden or we could ask our federal government to identify a future funding source for those rural schools.

MS. MILLER: Mr. Chair, the Board of County Commissioners has passed resolutions in order to – and we have sent them to our federal delegation on those two funding sources from the federal government to find a source to continue them so that

counties – because it affects counties across the country and across the state, and particularly as to the tune of about \$850,000.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Okay, so later on in the meeting, in the next month and next year I'll be reporting back on National Association of Counties work and the New Mexico Association of Counties work and this is one of their top priorities. And it's not to put it on the lap or shoulders of the counties but to put pressure upon our federal government to identify a permanent funding source for Secure Rural Schools. So thank you for that education because it doesn't happen all at once. So again, I apologize, Ms. Jaramillo for breaking in but when these topics come up I think it's good again for me to better understand it and also for my colleagues and for the public to understand what it is that we're dealing with and we're talking about balancing our County budget but again, we have to depend on our federal partners because we can't do it by ourselves. Thank you.

MS. JARAMILLO: Thank you, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. If you turn your attention to slide #4 the approved recommendation for initiatives requiring new funding were \$150,000 for open space management plans, \$100,000 for an employee wellness program, Santa Fe County rebranding project or logo redesign of \$150,000, increased meeting broadcasting of \$30,000. We are going to refund the wildland winter crew for \$141,000. We have additional youth programming at \$50,000, additional operational funding for facilities for Max Coll, Pojoaque Recreational Complex and Stanley Cyclone Center, watershed restoration one-time funding of \$20,000 and solar energy advertising, one-time funding of \$30,000.

CHAIR ANAYA: Carole, Commissioner Roybal.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Yes, Ms. Jaramillo, does this budget include funding for the Rio Arriba County's emergency communications center?

MS. JARAMILLO: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Roybal, this budget does not. However, I have had discussion with County Manager Miller and she was going to bring that forward to see if that's something you wanted me to add to the final budget.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: I would like to request that Santa Fe County once again provide funding to the Rio Arriba County emergency communications center. For this budget cycle and possibly longer it's important to me as a County Commissioner serving the constituents of the two counties and municipalities and numerous communities that regional cooperation a supporter of our citizens in the forefront of the County's public safety goals. I will defer to Manager Miller on how this can be accomplished.

CHAIR ANAYA: So Commissioner Roybal, I know that we have made recommendations prior to getting here today but I know we had funded the RECC – not the RECC, the regional center or the dispatch center in Rio Arriba. So I thought we were actually still funding it. So when did we not fund it and I know we're in discussions with maybe a broader relationship with them and their emergency dispatch, but can you provide just a little bit of background because I'm supportive of making sure that we support them, and I thought we were supporting them. So could you just provide me some background on that?

MS. MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioners, I don't know exactly what year

it started by probably early 2000s, we did have – we were a party to the joint powers agreement between Rio Arriba County and Santa Fe County and Espanola and we provided – I want to say about three percent of the funding. And that was based upon certain lines that were in the northern part of Santa Fe County that went directly to – hard lines that went directly to that center, versus our center. When that issue was resolved with the hard lines that actually went into that call center and actually came to our call center, Santa Fe County changed the arrangement with the Rio Arriba County. So we went from being a partner in that RECC center or regional center to changing our agreement and we were no longer funding them.

So that stopped in 2009. But in recent years they have said there are some communication concerns. Oh, in addition, we also changed the direction of some of the cell phone towers so they were receiving calls that covered the City of Espanola and we were receiving calls that covered Santa Fe County. It does show that most of the calls are going to the proper center, by cell phone or by hard line, however, there's still coordination issues that the center wants to make sure that they are clear with Santa Fe County and they've asked that we participate. So we've had some meetings with them over the last few months, with the Mayor of Espanola, with the Deputy County Manager from Rio Arriba County and with some of the other members of their center and their director of their communications center, our fire chief, Ken Martinez, our center director and we've been looking at ways we could improve communications and improve service in that area.

One of the things they have requested though, they are short on funding. They've requested that we go back to a similar arrangement we had before. We haven't negotiated any particulars, but that would be beneficial for both Rio Arriba County, Santa Fe County and the residents on the border between Espanola and Santa Fe County and Rio Arriba County. And we'd like to try and re-establish that arrangement.

So that's kind of where we are and it's come up over the last couple months. I do believe Commissioner Roybal has been contacted about it as well and it would be a good idea to try to re-establish some kind of contractual relationship there.

CHAIR ANAYA: So, Ms. Miller, do we have a placeholder based on your concurrence, and it seems rational, logical for us. So can we get an estimate on what you think we might need to accommodate that? Or is that something we want to deal with in contingency? Or how would you suggest that we have this item? And I say this respectfully, because we did concur that we weren't going to have any additions, but this is a special circumstance given the communications we've had and the need for frankly good coordination and emergency communications in that area.

MS. MILLER: Mr. Chair, so we have had discussions and actually where this is going to come into play, not to put into this budget that we're trying to approve today, the interim, but between now and June 9th when we bring back the final budget. One of the areas that we have identified some savings in the interim budget is through the benefits. We've received notice from the state that the benefits increase would be three percent which Carole and I were discussion, were estimating around \$100,000. We would recommend that about half – and we work on this between now and June 9th, but about half of that go towards the center in Espanola and Rio Arriba County and half of that go

towards an increase in the youth program funding, because we had had a discussion about potentially putting another \$50,000 into that. So that was one of the items I wanted to recommend that we look at doing between now and June 9th.

CHAIR ANAYA: I would be supportive of that and we can have that discussion in the interim but I can just – what's the feeling of the Commission? Commissioner Stefanics, are you back on?

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: I am back on.

CHAIR ANAYA: So the discussion we're having, Commissioner, did you hear the full discussion or do you need a summary?

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Yes, I did. Whether or not to include it now or to put it into contingency. I did miss the specific amount.

CHAIR ANAYA: Sounds like we're talking about \$100,000.

MS. MILLER: Mr. Chair, we'll have about \$100,000 to work with based on the change in benefits, so we were going to recommend \$50,000 to the youth programs, an increase to the youth programs, and \$50,000 to the Espanola/Rio Arriba County dispatch, although I will say they said they have a \$100,000 deficit, but I was looking at what we funded previously. It was about three percent of operations, and their operations are about \$1.5 million, so that would be \$45,000, which is what we were contributing before. So it would be a little bit of an increase to that, \$45,000 to \$50,000.

CHAIR ANAYA: So you're saying an additional \$50,000 for youth in addition to the \$50,000 we have in front of us?

MS. MILLER: Mr. Chair, yes.

CHAIR ANAYA: Absolutely. So I'm fully supportive of that, Commissioner Roybal. Commissioners?

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: I think that's a good strategy, and also to bring it back for the next budget meeting in, I guess, early June.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ANAYA: We're on Commissioner Holian, then Commissioner Stefanics, then Commissioner Chavez and then I'll back to you.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: I remember when we did [inaudible] funding and there – I cannot remember the issue or the problem but there was something very specific. So I would recommend that we vote this and move ahead but that we have a report back before the next budget cycle in the event we encounter some major issues like we did in the past. There was something that made us end this relationship and there was a conscious vote and so I would like to make sure that we bring this back to look at any issues further down. I'm supportive of the funding now but I just want to make sure we check it out during the year.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Commissioner Stefanics. Commissioner Holian, you still have the floor.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Mr. Chair, I said what I was going to.
Thank you.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Chavez.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: I think these are areas that we need to invest in. Emergency communication helps on a day to day basis but when there's an emergency crisis, emergency response it's very critical that we have those centers fully funded. I think the dollar that was identified is reasonable. It's within our budget and that's what we can do. I'm hoping that that helps with their efforts to secure other funding. And on the youth side, again, I think these are two areas where we need to invest and if not I think we would be derelict in our duties.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Commissioner Chavez.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Actually, Mr. Chair, if I could. I wanted to ask two other questions if I could not then we don't have to come back to me. On the employee wellness program, \$100,000 might sound like a lot of money to the public but we have how many employees, Ms. Jaramillo?

MS. JARAMILLO: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Chavez, it's somewhere in the 900 employee range.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: And so the benefit in this employee wellness program – could you touch on maybe just one or two of the benefits and why we're doing this and why we're going to invest this kind of money in our employees?

MS. JARAMILLO: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Chavez, on the specific details of the wellness program, I'm going to have to defer to HR for that. I think Andria is here.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: And I would imagine that it would increase production, improve morale, but these are just things that I'm thinking of but I don't want to second-guess staff because they know the work better than I do.

ANDRIA DURAN (HR Department): Commissioners, so you're referring to the –

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Employee wellness program.

MS. DURAN: So I'm not too familiar with the wellness program. Sonia Quintana is our benefits manager. I can answer a few questions you have regarding that. I know that we have increased this program where we had a really good outcome last year with our Commit to be Fit program. We want to do that again. There's some other activities and programs that Bernadette has spoken with the County Manager about that they would be instituting this next fiscal year.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: So just based on what you do know, would this help employee morale? Would it help production? The efficiency of staff and those kinds of things?

MS. DURAN: I think it improves with the health which in turn with the sick leave incentives and things like that. It helps with reducing sick leave. I think it motivates employees to become healthy. With the first Commit to be Fit program we had a huge outcome with that. I know that our numbers were well over the City's numbers which was a great accomplishment for us. But it gets employees motivated to be healthy, to work as a team, not just within their departments but with other departments and I think it's a really good program and it does motivate employees.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: And would you imagine that it would reduce our insurance cost in any way?

MS. DURAN: I believe with some of the providers they do have those types of incentives. I know that we would be working closer with the insurances to work with them to see what types of programs that they have.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Okay. Well, thank you. I didn't mean to get you off guard.

MS. MILLER: Mr. Chair, I did want to point out that actually one of the reasons we are moving forward with it, aside from the benefits to the employees, has to do with our insurance, our employee insurance for medical. The state actually in their program wants the participants in the state program to have wellness programs. In addition, as you know we are actually looking at the possibility of self-insurance in that area and it is one of the items that really helps bring down the cost of your premiums to the insurance providers. So we already had quite a few things that we were doing for mental health and wellness as well as physical, but we're expanding those programs and doing a more comprehensive program for all County employees for the benefit of their health as well as for the benefits of insurance costs, because it will keep their premiums down as well as the County's portion of the premiums.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Good. And do you see that morale is improved and productivity would be somewhat increased?

MS. MILLER: Mr. Chair, as Andria said, last year the Commit to be Fit challenge was really well attended, had a lot of energy behind it. Even Commissioner Anaya participated. I did. Quite a few employees really enjoyed it and it built a lot of camaraderie and I think morale for the County employees who did participate in it.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: So I think it demonstrates to me and I hope to the public that it's an investment in our employees that benefits our residents really at the end of the day, I think. So thank you for that.

And then on refunding the wildland winter crew, I have a question for Chief Sperling. And I'll ask that question as you're coming up, Chief. I would imagine that this program that you have would be tied into a forest management strategy that you've been working on and that all departments are working on?

CHIEF SPERLING: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Chavez, you're correct. We have been working with the open space folks on what projects we can accomplish on County open space.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Good. And so again, we're talking about \$141,000. And so at the end of the day, not only will you and your winter crew benefit from this but the general public who wants to enjoy, that wants access to enjoy our open space will benefit from that as well?

CHIEF SPERLING: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Chavez, again you're correct. This past year had our winter crew in action. They worked on some County open space projects. Also on some state land projects, and the effort is to improve the health of the forest and the areas that they're working improving the watershed aspects of the properties and just in general improving the wildland/wildfire sustainability of our

County open spaces. And in doing so we're trying to at the same time protect those areas that are adjacent to our wildland-urban interface, which are homes that are built in the forest in an effort to protect the safety of residents who reside in those areas. So we try to make a multi-purpose approach to what we use the crew for. Last year they were greatly helpful and we anticipate the same this next year. In addition, I just wanted to mention that it's often a great introduction for these young men and women to a life in public safety, in particular in wildland fire. We've had several individuals cross over, become municipal firefighters, county firefighters and wildland firefighters. So it's really a good job training effort as well on behalf of Santa Fe County.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Well, and we hope that our fire season would be maybe turned down a couple of notches, but if not, if we do have a fire season that we've experienced in the past, you and your crew will be better prepared to handle a situation if it does arise.

CHIEF SPERLING: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Chavez, correct. Last year they were deployed to several fires during the fall and winter season, and this year we're actually anticipating a later than usual fire season. Clearly right now our fire danger is at low to moderate and I anticipate that things will change here as we get into the summer months. All the fine fuels that are growing now due to the moisture will dry out and cure and we're likely to have a fire season that's instead of May and June may be September, October, even into November. So between our YCC hand crew, which is the Youth Conservation Corps group, they're on a grant program that expires at the end October and then our winter crew which begins about simultaneously. We have good coverage for whatever comes our way in the upcoming seasons.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: I think that should be very comforting for our residents and I know, Mr. Chair, I may be deviating from the standard sort of interim budget presentation but I wanted to touch on some of the details and the specifics because we kind of gloss over them, but they're pretty significant. If we're not planning now then we're going to pay for it later and that's not the case. And so I really wanted to touch on that. Thank you, Chief.

CHIEF SPERLING: Thank you, Commissioners.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Chief. Thank you, Mr. Vice Chair. I think those were excellent points. Ms. Jaramillo, just a couple questions before you proceed. We've had several discussions on the budget process. This is the interim budget that we'll then bring back again. Are there any other items in the budget presentations that are new items between the direction we provided at the last meeting and today's meeting that you'd like to highlight right now first before you go into any more of the presentation?

MS. JARAMILLO: Mr. Chair, the changes that are in this budget compared to what we've already discussed center around adding in our debt service. We didn't talk about that. We didn't talk about our non-recurring, our capital projects. Those are all things that go into the budget every year. The transfers – the debt and the transfers are sort of somewhat out of our control. The capital projects that were added in are projects that were already discussed back in February when you all acted on our capital improvement plan.

So that brings the total of our budget up to the amount that it is. The operating

budget itself, Mr. Chair, was created based on the formal direction that you gave us last time. If you look at slide 7 that's essentially a repeat of the slide that was presented to you back on May 12th and that summarizes the information that we had requested direction on and that was the direction given.

CHAIR ANAYA: So are there any other highlights that you'd like to point out before I ask for the pleasure of the Board on the interim budget?

MS. JARAMILLO: So if you would like to turn to page 9 of the slides, this is just a summary of the overall budget. The total budget that we are requesting right now for the interim budget is \$263.9 million, which is \$208.9 million if we exclude the double-counted transfers. This would be compared to \$235.2 million for the FY 15 budget. In that amount, \$43.3 million is for capital projects, funded from bond proceeds or accumulated cash in the capital outlay GRT and some other smaller funds. We have requested the funding pools that we talked about for economic development, CIDs and energy programs. Those total \$4.5 million. As a highlight on those, those amounts were placed in the budget but expenditure from those funds would not be allowed until we have some kind of policies firmly established and guidelines for those and of course BCC action would be required for any expenditure from the pools.

I've added \$28.7 million for our debt service for the FY 16 budget noting that our normal debt service is normally \$18 to \$19 million but we did have a refunding that we just closed on this morning and that payment payoff of the 2005 bonds is put into the budget for July 1st payoff, which is somewhere near \$9.3 million, so that's why that number is inflated over years past. And then our transfers total \$55 million. The total budget again is \$263.9 million and I would stand for any additional questions.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Carole. I appreciate those highlights. I had one question relative to capital projects. We typically segregate our capital package. Ms. Miller, are we going to have another discussion associated with capital project recommendations? I know in recent days I've been in discussion with Public Works on capital projects that they're requesting some feedback from the Commissioners on, but do you have some comments you'd like to make on just the capital piece and how that's a little bit different than the overall budget?

MS. MILLER: So, Mr. Chair, yes. In February we had the study session where we talked about our – what I'll call infrastructure projects as opposed to fixed-asset renewal and replacement and maintenance on our facilities. So we do separate that out. Funding sources for I'd say 99 percent of that come from general obligation bonds as approved by the voters and our quarter cent capital outlay GRT. So back in February we went through a rather extensive list of projects that were partially funded that needed additional funding in order to take them through their next phase. You allocated – oh, I want to say it was around \$50 million. Somewhere in that range, between existing bond proceeds, reallocation of funds and capital outlay GRT for the next – it probably wasn't about that much, but we talked about future general obligation bond questions as well, which that will come up next year.

But we identified of the funding that we currently had available where you would like to allocate that to finish out those projects. So we did that in February and March and then we started to bring that into current year budget for anything that we were going to

do before June 30th, and as Carole said, that's where that large number comes from on capital projects; it's just bringing that back into the budget in July to continue progress on those projects, and those are throughout the county. They're road projects, buildings, parks, open space, and we will update you on those.

What I've talked to Adam and staff about is having more of a quarterly report to you, where we stand on those projects, and where we have ones that we might have run into some kind of barrier to move forward, like in the design process where we might find issues with easements or drainage issues and so that we bring those back and identify how we move forward on that. So we do that separately from our operating budget.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Ms. Miller. And also, just on that same point, I appreciate the summary. It helps people here in the public understand that it's not a simple process. It's complex and dynamic. Many occasions even today we saw an example relative to the Regional Communications in the north that we have to sometimes make adjustments to projects within those priorities that we have. So those are the things that are ongoing and dynamic. I appreciate the work of staff. Ms. Jaramillo, you and your staff, as well as you, Ms. Miller, and I'll defer to the Commissioners for any further comments or questions.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. First of all, Carole, I would really like to comment you and your staff on the presentation of the budget. It was very clear, very easy to understand. I think it's a fiscally conservative budget so I feel good about that but I also want to thank you for making us aware of some of the budget challenges that we might be facing in the future, so that we can keep those in mind. And I would also like to really highlight one thing that I think is important and that is the three new funding pools that are proposed, reserve funds, because I think that they are going to be a very important step forward for making the County more resilient in the future to various emergencies that may come up that we have not planned for.

So in any event, with that, Mr. Chair, I would like to make a motion for approval of the interim 2015-2016 budget.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: And I would gladly second that motion and I have just one final comment. Ms. Jaramillo, I want to piggyback on what –

CHAIR ANAYA: If I could. There's a motion from Commissioner Holian and a second from Vice Chair Chavez. Commissioner Chavez.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Thank you. I got used to running the meeting, Mr. Chair. I forgot you were here. Just kidding. On the reserves, could you expand on that a little bit, because I think we do have to have a rainy day fund and sometimes we're criticized even for that piece. And so I think again, being conservative at the end of the day is going to benefit our customers, our residents, and then planning ahead, because we don't always know what's going to happen or what's not going to happen, as the case may be. So on the reserve funds, they're listed as funding pools. But it's actually a reserve, right? Based on a portion, a percentage? How did you arrive at that?

MS. JARAMILLO: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Chavez, we're actually – there are two different things going on there with the pools. The pools are actually pools of money that we're putting in the budget – set-aside, for lack of a better word, to take on various projects in the areas that we talked about – LEDA projects, community improvement district projects energy projects. Those are actual budgeted funds. On the other side of it we have our reserve policy that we are going to be bringing forward to you, which is our cash reserves that live in our fund balance at the end of the year. It's on the opposite side of the budgeting, actually.

Those reserves are for things like an economic downturn or disaster recovery, for covering uninsured losses. Those are pools of money that we have what is termed committed by the Commission that we are putting aside within our fund balance that can be brought out of the fund balance by Commission action if some event occurs like an economic downturn or like we have a disaster that we need to cover. A building burns down or something, and we need to have money to be able to deal with that.

So there are two different things that we're talking about, both of which will be very important to the County as far as maintaining our financial stability in the long run as well as being able to fund projects that need to be funded in order to have economic prosperity, like our LEDA projects or our community improvement districts. So I think through both of those things we are setting ourselves into a really positive place for moving forward in the future.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Great. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Mr. Vice Chair. Questions or comments from the Board? There's a motion to approve the interim budget. There's a second.

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

III. C 3. Resolution No. 2015-76, a Resolution to Adopt the Santa Fe County Transit Service Plan for FY 2016 and to Instruct Staff to Submit that Transit Service Plan to the North Central Regional Transit District

RAY MATTHEW (Transportation Planner): Mr. Chair, Commissioners, the proposed resolution before you does two things. It would adopt the Santa Fe County Regional Transit Plan and instruct staff to forward that plan to North Central Regional Transit District for inclusion in their 2016 budget. They'll consider that budget at their June 5th meeting.

The proposed regional transit plan for Santa Fe County includes all the routes that are currently provided by North Central RTD and the Santa Fe Trails that operate in the county, but it also includes two pilot projects and pilot routes. The first one of those is the La Cienega route and that would begin – is scheduled to begin in February or March of 2016. That route came about as a result of citizen input from a series of public meetings and also a 2012 BCC resolution for transit service.

The second pilot route is the Santa Fe Ski Basin route or the Mountain Trail route

and that's a pilot route that's proposed as a transportation and an economic development strategy for tourism. That would start in October of this year and run for eight months. As part of the regional transit plan for the county we also receive public comment and comment from a variety of sources including the Commissioners on the current service or the proposed or future service for North Central RTD.

We have three comments that we're asking North Central RTD to consider. The first is there's a need for commuter service at peak hour times. That would be am and pm times for the south New Mexico 14 area. The second is that NCRTD consider future transit service for the Cañoncito/Glorieta area. And the last is we had a community plan meeting on the La Cienega residents' request that the pilot route also include a stop at the La Cieneguilla area. With that, staff recommends approval for the resolution that would adopt the RTD plan for the county, and that it be forwarded to NCRTD for inclusion in their 2016 budget. I'll stand for questions and not that Tony Mortillaro is here also from the NCRTD. He's the executive director.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Mr. Matthew. I'm going to turn it over to Commissioner Chavez but before I do I'm going to make just a few brief comments. I just want to comment that I'm appreciative that we're moving towards a pilot route in La Cienega and say on the record, Mr. Matthew that ever since the first day I set foot in this chambers I've been advocating on behalf of those residents. So in addition to the community input that you received requesting the route it's been an ongoing request from myself as the Commissioner for District 3 and that's directly based on input and feedback I've been receiving ongoing before I got elected to today. So I just want to include that on the record.

The other thing is that on the New Mexico 14 route, I guess maybe Commissioner Chavez maybe can follow up or Tony maybe. I think Tony might come up here shortly. But on the 14 route, we're in a pilot phase is my understanding and I was always advocating for a commuter route, and I know Commissioner Stefanics, who I think is still on the phone, is still very much advocating for that same route as well for regular commuter service. So I'd like a little more expanded text in the plan, if we need to do that today or some feedback on that route.

And the third item I would say on the record is I've also been very supportive of Commissioner Holian's request and eventual route we're hopeful for from the Glorieta/Cañoncito area, including trying to figure out how to maybe even acquire some property to have a parking area there off of I-25. So I wanted to say those comments into the record, and Mr. Vice Chair, I'd turn over the floor to you.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I just want to make one comment on the Mountain Trail pilot route. I would advocate – well, maybe two points on that route. I would advocate that we add something to that route in our intent and in our purpose in that route. I know that it can benefit economic development and it can also benefit our tourism industry but I would like to put cultural tourism. I would like to put cultural in front of tourism. And I suggest that because this Mountain Trail route was not an easy sell. It took 2 ½ years, Tony? Two years? Two years in discussion to get this route where it is now. And a lot of that discussion was generated around the cultural significance of the mountain that hosts the ski company.

Because it's more than a mountain to Tesuque Pueblo. It's their ancestral and sacred homeland if you will. And so when that route is running we have to be very sensitive to those elements and to that perspective. So I just want to note that for the record.

Second, it was not an easy sell because it was expected – the financing for that plan did not come easy and that took a while to put together. So that was a public-private partnership which doesn't always happen. Ski Company, Rio Metro, RTD, the City of Santa Fe and the County of Santa Fe. So the funding did not come from one source and it shouldn't come from one source. But it took a while to get all those interested entities to commit to that. So I just wanted to put that on the record and then having said that I want Tony Mortillaro to respond to everything that was mentioned up until now and then the consideration that's being asked for the additional routes that I know are needed. I'm hoping that they're in our five-year plan but probably not funded at this time, but we could work on those things. So, Tony, if you want to touch on the RTD's plan and how and when these might fit in as far as the plan and the funding to implement these other routes or to continue these other routes.

TONY MORTILLARO (Executive Director NCRTD): Good afternoon, Mr. Chair, members of the Commission and Commissioner Chavez. Let me speak to La Cienega and Las Golondrinas. As was indicated that was in our five-year service plan update and we're fortunate enough that during this upcoming budget cycle we're able to institute that route as a pilot route for six months. Because it's starting in February or March it will also continue into fiscal year 17, the balance of that time period. Our plan is to look at how ridership evolves on that route and if it's successful request that the funding continue for that and then also look at the bigger picture of that area along with Highway 14 and how that whole area and the routes we currently have there might be reconfigured to address some of the Commission's comments regarding peak time ridership for commuters and what have you. So that's sort of our long-term approach. I'm saying long term. It's about a year out or so.

But we won't know how best we can do that until we see the ridership in this pilot route and what have you. We're continuing the pilot route on Golden. We've made some extra efforts to do some direct mailers. I want to thank Chris for the mailing list that he provided us for the Golden area. We sent those out and hopefully we'll start to see some usage of that one-day Golden service that we have up there. But we're committed to relooking at the whole service in that area come fiscal year 17.

CHAIR ANAYA: So if I could, Tony, I want to just make a comment relative to the pilot route, and I'd call it the southwestern corridor of the county over there, as opposed to even naming communities because there's multiple areas that could be taken in residents in and around the airport area, right by the airport, which would be lead into La Cieneguilla and La Cienega. So I guess my comment to, a public citizen's comment that La Cienega/La Cieneguilla be on the route would be that as you configure that pilot route, we think about the corridor that's adjacent to the airport on that particular road which would loop right through La Cieneguilla and then coming out through Entrada La Cienega, which would encompass that community as well and then end up even taking on other individuals on the other side of the freeway that we're already

targeting as well in the Highway 14, National Guard area that I know we were trying to intersect those routes. So I think they could be accommodated easier in the pilot by utilizing our existing roads that bisect those communities. So is that something that you've already – I know we've talked about it a lot but is that something that we're taking into consideration?

MR. MORTILLARO: Mr. Chair, initially, in the service sub-plan that area was not included in it but now that we're aware there's interest to include La Cieneguilla in there we're going to be looking at how the route is structured and then we're going to have some public meetings out there to get input of the folks that live in that area and we'll look at the proposed route design so that we won't be able to hit everything but we'll try to hit as much as we can with that route and get public input on that.

CHAIR ANAYA: So, Tony if I could, Mr. Martinez, Robert, if you could come forward. I guess what I'm talking about, it just makes logical sense, Tony, if you're going to go into that area which road do you go in and which road would you go out may be the difference between accommodating the entire area and nominal when you look at the number of miles you're talking about. The extension of Airport Road, Robert, is which County road?

ROBERT MARTINEZ (Roads Director): Mr. Chair, it's called Paseo Royal at the first part of it, it's within the city limits. The County Road starts there by the polo fields.

CHAIR ANAYA: So Paseo Royal is the road that I'm speaking of specifically that then loops around, goes through La Cienega and then would eventually, you'd make contact with Los Pinos – not Los Pinos. I'm actually thinking of utilizing that road and then going out through Camino Entrada. So if you could kind of just on the record tell Tony and the public what I'm talking about as far as routes. It would start at Airport.

MR. MARTINEZ: Chairman Anaya, it would start at Airport Road, Paseo Royal, which is also known as County Road 56, and then tie into Los Pinos, which is County Road 54, go toward Camino Capilla Vieja and then come out at Entrada, which is County Road 50-F, and there tie into the frontage road of I-25.

CHAIR ANAYA: So Tony, that would be a loop that would encompass that entire community as opposed to cutting half of it off by maybe just coming in Los Pinos. So that's what I wanted to make sure is on the record that that would provide – if you're going to do a pilot to figure out what is the interest of that community, then utilizing that loop is going to give the highest number of people the opportunity to ride public transportation in that segment.

MR. MORTILLARO: Thank you very much, Mr. Chair and we will definitely work with County staff to get that information because you guys know these roads better than we do so it will be very important that we work together.

CHAIR ANAYA: And Mr. Matthew and Mr. Martinez can provide you a map of that and send it over by email. I do want to make sure that we're very clear on the record that that's – the intent is to touch as many communities as we can and we're not talking a high number of extra miles, if you will, but a normal course of traffic patterns that would encompass those areas and provide that opportunity. So go ahead and pursue

it Mr. Mortillaro.

MR. MORTILLARO: The only other comments I have, as Commissioner Chavez indicated, the Mountain Trails route is in there and that project would also encumber two budget cycles because the winter portion of it would go from basically October through April and then we have a summer portion that will go from July through August and during that time period we'll have to assess and determine whether it's been successful and if it has, how will we be able to continue that route into the following year if there is a desire to do so.

As far as Commissioner Holian's request, we have that in our long-range plan that we're discussing at this point in time. Timing for that and funding for it hasn't been discussed yet because that's still the next phase of our long-range strategic plan but that area that the Commissioner is interested in is mentioned there and we haven't lost sight of it and we'll be working on that as we put together that long-range strategic plan for service.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you very much, Tony, for giving me an update on that and I really appreciate that you're keeping it on your radar screen.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: We are, Commissioner Holian. It's on our list. It's in the plan. It's – funding is always the biggest challenge I think right now. And on that point I wanted to mention that the proposed Santa Fe, the Mountain Trail route and the Taos Chili Line routes are the only RTD fare routes. Everything else is provided to the residents at no cost. Those are the only fare routes and it's reasonable. It's \$5 each way, so I think that barely covers our cost. Right, Tony?

MR. MORTILLARO: It doesn't cover our costs.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: It doesn't even cover the cost. There you go. But anyway, it's what we want to do. We want to move people around. Especially those that don't have the financial means to do that. Commuter routes are very important but we don't want to get stuck only in commuter routes. We want to venture away a little bit and provide some economic opportunity and some benefit to the tourist industry as well. And so I think that's going to make it a little more significant. Initially, it was only commuter-based and that only, but we have opportunities to diversify from there and provide either our residents or our visitors another way to get around and I think that is also significant. So I just wanted to mention that for the record. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Commissioner Chavez. I have two other things, Tony. I had recent occasion to ride the Edgewood to Santa Fe route and I have a question about the capacity. I know that we've had to increase the size of that bus once already and riding that bus that day there was only two seats vacant by the time we got to Eldorado. And it's my understanding that there were four individuals that got off of the van and started their own ride-share program. But what are the options associated with the Edgewood or any other route? What's the next size of bus and where are we at in relation to that particular item. And also you can comment on – I know we're doing a pilot route but I think a lot of people are just now even understanding that there's a mid-

day route, and I think the marketing and outreach on those mid-day routes is important throughout the district. Can you comment on those two items?

MR. MORTILLARO: Yes, Mr. Chair, I believe right now it's a 20-passenger bus that we're utilizing on the Edgewood route and we have the ability to go up to a 40-passenger bus. It's a matter whether when we have – I believe there's one in the fleet or if not then we'd have to anticipate that and in advance of that we can order one and budget for that. But that route, as you mentioned, it's not the Edgewood route but it's the Eldorado route where we added a mid-day to Edgewood and that route we have put information in the Edgewood newspapers and tried to promote that mid-day service as well. And it takes a little while for those to catch on.

The reason we did that is that folks that utilize the Edgewood route into Santa Fe and then back home have a way to get home if they have to get home mid-day. It's almost a guaranteed mid-day ride home. Or folks don't want to come in the morning but they want to come mid-day into Santa Fe from Edgewood they can do so and then catch the Edgewood bus home as well. So it added a lot of flexibility for folks from Edgewood and from Eldorado as well that want to come into Santa Fe.

CHAIR ANAYA: I just want to comment that there were riders on that bus from Edgewood, from Moriarty, from Stanley, from Galisteo and once in a while I guess occasionally they'll have some that get on in Galisteo as well. And so it's successful but I do see the need in the near future, Commissioner, that are going to get to a point where they need a larger bus. And I'm happy to hear that there are at least some options for that.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Mr. Chair, I think you bring up a good point because we don't want to lose riders and when we do, as Commissioner Anaya mentioned, and I'm familiar with that. I do thank you for bringing that up. Because you know it's a work in progress and we're not going to get it right the first time. What are you doing to bring those riders back to our service and take another car off the road and not put the burden on them to ensure they'll be responsible for picking everybody up. That's kind of hit and miss too. I don't want to see that happening and it's unfortunate in this case that it did happen. How do we recover from that?

MR. MORTILLARO: Commissioner, we have some interesting dynamics that occurred on that route when we made changes. And some folks didn't like the additional time it added as a result of that. So we went back. We met with the driver. We asked for input from the riders, and we gave them a week to make comments on the new schedule. They did. Well, I should say nobody made comments on the new revised schedule within that week time period so we went ahead and made that second change to the schedule to address those issues that we knew about.

Lo and behold, after that week expires we get folks saying well, now this one doesn't work. It's like well, a push here, a tug here and somewhere you have to land where you think it benefits the majority of the riders and we landed on that, and some folks have decided they'll use their own vehicle and that's a choice they can make. We believe that as we've lost ridership, not only there but other places because gas prices have gone down. But they're starting to slowly creep up again and I think some of those riders will come back because of that. That's a huge savings to an individual to be able to

ride that distance at no cost. That is big.

So we think, hopefully, some of them will come back after they realize that maybe an extra five minutes really isn't work an extra \$200 a month or what have you. I don't know.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Will that be part of your public outreach though? Will you be working on that as you have your public meetings?

MR. MORTILLARO: Absolutely and we try to get that information out and folks have many mechanisms by which they can access that information today that weren't available three months ago, and that's our phone app, our website, and you can get live, real-time data on that. So there's a lot of information to help people ride that bus and in probably about six months it will be on Google Transit so folks can even do their own trip planning as well and get around the system and interconnect into Santa Fe Trails, Park 'n' Ride system and even into Albuquerque and Rio Metro.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: So, Mr. Vice Chair, we'll just have to keep monitoring and we'll have to keep our eye on ridership and when and where we can make adjustments we'll do that.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Commissioner. Commissioner Roybal.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: I also am very supportive of this program that you guys are doing. I have a quick question. I've notice someone in my neighborhood where I live where I've seen some of the RTD stops, bus stop signs and what I'm wondering is the same thing that they're touching on as far as I know, you can go on the website and you can see on real time where the bus is at and where it will pick you up, but how are we getting out to the people to find out – first of all, how are we getting out to them for them to find out how to look for that and the reason why I'm asking is because people have asked me in my community that they've seen them, the bus stop and they've said that's pretty neat that they're offering that here, but I don't think they truly understand, like the bus schedule.

So I've been telling them get on the web and look for that but I didn't know if we had flyers that went out or if we can put signs that will kind of explain to them on each bus stop area that will explain to them where to get information.

MR. MORTILLARO: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Roybal, on some of our stops there should be a route map on there and schedule. They're not on all of them, but on quite a few of them. We have over 300+ stops out in the system right now so we're slowly getting those out as soon as we can. The other thing is if they'll just call us and dispatch, the folks that are customer service representatives will talk them through the process on how to find the right stop or that will meet their schedule and help them plan their trip at this point in time until the Google Transit is on. But I realize a lot of people aren't comfortable with computers or smart phones or whatever so the best thing for them to do is just give us a call and we'll help them out.

In some areas we're looking at doing some direct flyer mailings, like we did in Golden, so we'll be looking at those on a case-by-case again to get information directly into people's households. We advertise in the newspapers, so we do a lot of advertising, but as we know, that doesn't always work and so you have to use multiple mechanisms and we also try to get out into the communities. Go to senior centers, go to community

centers, attend or go to service club meetings where we can make presentation. So we're looking at all those mechanisms to continue to get the word out on the district and how to utilize the system in a particular area.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Okay. And the numbers you were saying were available as far as on different routes, how many people are riding that? Would those be available for even myself to look at?

MR. MORTILLARO: Absolutely, and we put that in the RTD board members' packets. There's ridership statistics for every month, for every specific route. It compares with the past several years and it's also on our website and if there's any specific route you're interested, just give me a call and I'll get you that information directly as well.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Commissioner Roybal. Commissioner Chavez.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Before I make a motion I want to make a couple of other comments and Tony, you can correct me if I'm wrong. But 50 percent of the GRT that's collected for the North Central Regional Transportation System goes to Rio en Metro.

MR. MORTILLARO: Let me correct you on that, Commissioner. It's 50 percent of the Santa Fe County GRT that goes to Rio Metro.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: So 50 percent of the GRT that's collected in Santa Fe County for regional transit goes to Rio en Metro.

MR. MORTILLARO: That's correct.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: So think about what we could do if we had all of that funding just for us. Right? Fifty percent.

MR. MORTILLARO: It's about \$2 million.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: \$2 million. So when we're challenged with funding that could go a long way. The North Central Regional Transit District is a multi-jurisdictional transportation system that will protect our environment and enhance energy efficiency, decrease congestion, decrease automobile accidents, reduce noise and air pollution and improve public health. I'm just going to read two whereases in the resolution. The second – that was the first whereas. The second whereas is the North Central Regional Transit District was created by agreement of the City of Espanola, Los Alamos County, Pojoaque Pueblo, Rio Arriba County, San Ildefonso Pueblo, San Juan Pueblo, Santa Clara Pueblo, the City of Santa Fe, Santa Fe County, and Tesuque Pueblo.

There is no other regional transit district like this anywhere that I know of. I think it could only happen here in New Mexico. Having said that so it's very significant but it presents a lot of challenges. It's a very diverse group, but we've accomplished a lot in the ten years with half of the funding that we really need. But we're supporting Rio en Metro. So again, we can't do it by ourselves. Nobody can do this by themselves, and it takes all of these parties to make this happen. So having said that I would like to make a motion to approve the resolution to adopt the Santa Fe County transit service plan for fiscal year 2016 and to instruct staff to submit that transit service plan to the North Central Regional

Transit District.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Second.

CHAIR ANAYA: There's a motion and a quick second from Commissioner Holian on the resolution. Any further discussion? Seeing none.

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

III. C 9. Resolution No. 2015-77, a Resolution Imposing An Annual Liquor License Tax Upon Persons Holding State Liquor Licenses

CHAIR ANAYA: I'm going to go to one item and then we're going to take a 10-minute break. We're going to go to number 9. Mr. Lujan, thank you for being so patient last time, and so this time I figured I'd give you an opportunity to come up sooner. The floor is yours.

ERIC LUJAN (Deputy Treasurer): Thank you, Mr. Chair. This is the resolution that we present to you annually. It's the tax on liquor licenses that we hold for the County.

Whereas, NMSA 1978, Section 7-24-2, 1994, provides that the Board of County Commissioners may adopt on or before the first day of June of each year a resolution imposing an annual non-prohibitive license tax upon the privileges of persons holding state licenses under the provisions of the Liquor Control Act to operate within such counties outside of the municipalities in the local option districts are retailers, dispensers, canopy licensees, restaurant licensees, or club licensees; and

Whereas, the resolution must fix the amount of the license tax which shall not exceed \$250, and the dates and manner of payment; and

Whereas, NMSA 1978, Section 7-24-3, 1953 provides for the closing of a business that has not paid for the license tax.

Now, therefore be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Santa Fe that:

A. For the privilege of doing business from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 a \$250 license tax to be known as the liquor license tax is hereby imposed on persons that (i) operate within Santa Fe County outside of a municipality and (ii) hold state licenses under the provisions of the Liquor Control Act as: 1. Retailers; 2. Dispensers; 3. Canopy Licensees; 4. Restaurant licensees; or 5. Club licensees.

B. The liquor license tax shall not be prorated and is due and payable on July 1, 2015 and is delinquent if not paid by that date. The liquor license tax may be paid in cash or by personal or corporate check or money order by mail addressed to P.O. Box T, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87504-0528, postmarked no later than July 1, 2015 or in person at the Santa Fe County Treasurer's Office. The following information must be submitted on a letter accompanying payment or as a notation on the check or money order by which the payment is made: (i) The name of the person paying the liquor license tax; (ii) the name and address of the person for which the liquor license tax is due; and (iii) The account

number of the person for which the liquor license tax is due. Persons subject to the liquor license tax may obtain their account number by contacting the Santa Fe County Treasurer's Office.

C. In accordance with NMSA 1978 7-24-3, upon the written order of the Board of County Commissioners, duly entered of record, the Sheriff shall close up the place of business of any person who has not paid or tendered the liquor license tax in accordance with the resolution.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Stefanics.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: I move for approval

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Second.

CHAIR ANAYA: There's a motion from Commissioner Stefanics, a second from Commissioner Holian. Is there any further discussion? Seeing none.

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

CHAIR ANAYA: We're going to take a break but before we do I want to ask the Commissioners, under informational items from the departments, are there any reports that the Commission would like to pull for any further discussion?

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Stefanics.

COMMISSIONER STEFANICS: I will be signing off.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Commissioner. Are there any items, Commissioners? So the items contained in the packets are sufficient for now, so Ms. Miller, we won't be having additional comments on item VII.

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Growth Management Monthly Report**
- B. Public Safety Monthly Report**
- C. Public Works Monthly Report**
- D. Human Resources Monthly Report**
- E. Administrative Services Monthly Report**
- F. Community Services Monthly Report**
- G. Financial Report for the Month Ending 4/30/2015**

[The Commission recessed from 4:25 to 4:45.]

- V. B. Matters from County Commissioners and Other Elected Officials**
 - 1. Elected Officials Issues and Comments**
 - 2. Commissioner Issues and Comments**

CHAIR ANAYA: Before I go to the other agenda items, I'm going to go to Matters from Elected Officials or Commissioners. Commissioner Holian, do you any items under Matters from the Commissioners?

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Mr. Chair, yes, I do. First of all I want to say a big congratulations to Kristine and her husband on the birth of baby Cash Cristo Mihelcic. I think he was born day before yesterday, if I'm not mistaken. And there's another thing that I actually want to bring up and that has to do with our Corrections Committee. A number of people resigned from the Corrections Committee and my understanding is they don't really even have a quorum so they can meet at this point in time, and so I think that we should sort of revisit that particular committee and also maybe some other issues in our Corrections Department, as well, like the youth development program and so on, and I just wonder if Katherine would care to comment on that.

MS. MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Holian, we are actually working on some recommendations to bring back to the Board because we're aware that we don't have enough members on that committee. We've advertised a few times and not received applications. We do have some areas of interest and focus that we need to have addressed and would benefit from having some members from the public and other organizations and agencies on so, to get their input, so we would like to bring some ideas back to the Board at the end of June on how we might either change that committee or reconstitute a different committee with some specific items to work on with some deadlines, particularly relative to our youth facility and youth programs.

And then additionally, with some focus with our Health Planning and Policy Commission to look at some of the issues relative to our adult facility and inmates that are coming out back into the community and how we might make sure that they have proper services. So we do have some thoughts on how we might be able to better focus energies of individuals working in those areas than what we have with the Corrections Advisory Committee at the moment.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Great. Well, I think it's really important to use the time wisely of people who volunteer on committees like this and make sure that they're doing something that is important and is actually accomplishable. Thank you.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Commissioner Holian. Other items? Thank you. Commissioner Roybal, do you have any items?

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: I don't have any at this time, thank you.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Commissioner Roybal. Commissioner Chavez, Mr. Vice Chair.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I have nothing at this time.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Commissioners. I have one item that is important to me and it's sad news of the passing of Mr. Daniel Moya, the father of Steve Moya, one of our assistant fire chiefs, and I'd like to read his father's obituary into the record. He was a 99-year lifelong member of this community, nearly 100 years.

Daniel Moya, August 23, 1915 to May 20, 2015. Daniel Moya beloved patriarch

of the five-generation Moya family, left this earth on May 20, 2015. Danny, as he was known to most, was the youngest and the last surviving child of Juan Bautista Moya and Maria del Refugio Lobato Moya. His parents, his beautiful wife, Ethel Anita Luna Moya, and his eight siblings precede him in death.

Danny was born on Gormley Lane off of Canyon Road. Danny and Ethel married in 1937 and were together until her passing in December 2001. In 1958, Dan and Ethel established Danny's Cleaners working side by side until their retirement. Danny was a founding member of St John's Catholic Church. His work ethic was typical of a man of his generation, sometimes working three jobs to support his growing family. He loved to dance, he loved to sing, and he loved to play his guitar.

He was always positive and grateful for the days he lived and took his joys as well as his sorrows as they came with few complaints. After retirement, Danny stayed busy fishing, riding horses, spending time with family and telling stories of his youth. He loved being the light in the room entertaining everyone who entered. Always youthful, he especially enjoyed the response he received when he told people how old he was, because he never aged. Danny loved being around horses. His son, Marty had a horse named Heshe, with whom Danny enjoyed spending time with. On the day of Danny's passing, Heshe also passed. Danny truly did ride off into the sunset. He is survived by his children; Donald, Marcia, Aurelia, Diana Moya-Lujan and Leroy, Martin, Marty and Joyce, Veronica, Steve and Jean, his nephew Max Randolph, and friend Jerry Gonzales.

He was the grandfather of 24, he was great-grandfather of 33, and great-great grandfather of five. He will be missed by numerous, and too many to name, cousins, nieces, nephews, and other extended family. His family would like to extend their blessings and gratitude to those who cared for him, both physically and spiritually in his final years: Dr. Mario Pacheco, his care-giver, Maria Gutierrez, and Father Tien-Tri Nguyen, and the staff of Christus St. Vincent's Hospital. Danny's life will be celebrated with a Rosary on Wednesday May 27, 2015 at 6:00 pm at Our Lady of Guadalupe. A mass of Christian burial will be held at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Thursday May 28, 2015 at 11:00 am where Danny's grandchildren and great-grandchildren will serve as pallbearers. Immediately following mass, he will be buried in the Rosario Cemetery where he will rest beside Ethel for eternity.

I knew Dan as Mr. Moya. Mr. Moya, my dear friend, a lifelong member of Santa Fe and a community advocate, a faithful family man and supporter of the youth, the community, and the community as was said earlier, a man that loved to dance, a man that loved to laugh and spend time with his family. Thank you, Mr. Moya, for the memories. God bless you Steve and Jean. God bless you and your whole family. Thank you, Commissioners.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Commissioner Anaya, Chairman Anaya, I'd ask for a moment of silence if you would, after reading that in recognition of the family and the contribution they made to Santa Fe and the area.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Commissioner Chavez. I appreciate that.

III. C. 4. Resolution No. 2015-78, a Resolution Approving Lease Agreement Between Santa Fe County and New Mexico Legal Aid, Inc., for the Lease of Office Space at 901 W. Alameda, Santa Fe; Authorizing the Submittal of the Lease Agreement to the State Board of Finance For Approval; and Delegating to the County Manager the Authority to Execute the Lease Agreement

AGNES LEYBA-CRUZ (Public Works): Mr. Chair, Commissioners, before you is a resolution approving a lease agreement between Santa Fe County and New Mexico Legal Aid, Inc. for office space located at 901 West Alameda. That's in the Solana Shopping Center, authorizing the submittal of the lease agreement to the State Board of Finance for approval and delegating the County Manager the authority to execute the lease agreement. And I stand for questions.

CHAIR ANAYA: Are the questions from the Board? Commissioner Chavez.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Only for clarification, Mr. Chair. We have a memo on the dais. Is this the same that's in the packet or was there – It's marked II. C. 3. Oh, I'm sorry. But this was part of the amended agenda, right? Okay. I apologize.

CHAIR ANAYA: This is actually C. 4. The other item was for the transit.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Got it. I'm on track now. Thank you.

CHAIR ANAYA: What's the pleasure of the Board?

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: I move for approval.

CHAIR ANAYA: There's a motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Second.

CHAIR ANAYA: Second from Commissioner Roybal. Is there any further discussion? Seeing none.

The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] voice vote. [Commissioner Stefanics was not present for this action.]

III. C. 5. Resolution No. 2015-79, a Resolution Requesting a Budget Increase to the GOB Series 2015 Fund (352) to Budget Bond Proceeds to Pay Issuance Cost/ \$290,000

MS. JARAMILLO: Mr. Chair, Commissioners, if you will recall, back in

April we issued bonds for new projects as well as the refunding of the 2005, 2007A and 2007B series. We did close on those bonds today for a total of \$47,220,000 of principal, and this budget request is to budget \$290,000 of those bond proceeds in order to pay for issuance costs. And I stand for questions.

CHAIR ANAYA: What's the pleasure of the Board?

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: I move for approval.

CHAIR ANAYA: There's a motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Second.

CHAIR ANAYA: Second from Mr. Vice Chair Chavez. Any further discussion? Seeing none.

The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] voice vote. [Commissioner Stefanics was not present for this action.]

III. C. 6. Resolution No. 2015-80, a Resolution Relating to Early Childhood Care and Education, Affirming Commitment and Proclaiming Support for High-Quality Programs and Services for Santa Fe County Children Ages Prenatal Through Five and Their Families

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. As you noted, this resolution is regarding early childhood care and education. I would like to specifically thank Rachel O'Connor and Patricia Boies for bringing this to my attention. I think this is a very important topic. I would like to make a few comments first. I'm not going to read the resolution because it is long and it does have a lot of good information in it though and I'm hoping that a lot of that information will be covered in our discussion as we go through this.

After making a few comments I would like to ask Rachel O'Connor to come forward to talk about some details of the programs that Santa Fe County specifically supports, and then we are very fortunate to have here today Marisol Atkins from United Way and I would like to ask her to make a few comments from the point of view of non-profits that are very much involved in this particular topic.

Santa Fe County is home to about 9,000 children. Over half of them, amazingly enough, live in low-income homes, and I'm sorry to say that 20 percent of them actually live in true poverty. Now, I think that we all know and we all agree in Santa Fe County that every child born in Santa Fe County should have a good start in life. That's the right thing to do and it's also actually the smart thing to do for all of us who live here in this county, to make sure that our children have a good start to life. I'm really proud that Santa Fe County recognizes the importance of early childhood health programs and learning programs. And this is made very clear in the County *Health Action Plan*, which was recently put together and passed by the Board of County Commissioners. It really

sets a high priority on establishing programs for healthy children and also for early childhood education.

Now, what this resolution does is it reaffirms the County's commitment to early childhood programs and also importantly it encourages community wide efforts to make sure that everybody is actually aware of those programs in Santa Fe County. So before asking Rachel to come forward, just so I don't forget, I move for approval.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Second.

CHAIR ANAYA: There's a motion from Commissioner Holian, a second from Commissioner Chavez. Under discussion, Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. So, Rachel, perhaps you could give us a few details on the programs that Santa Fe County is actually involved in.

RACHEL O'CONNOR (Community Services Director): Thank you. Mr. Chair, Commissioner Holian, I want to thank you very much for your dedication to this issue and for meeting with us to discuss the many things that are going on in Santa Fe County collectively around early childhood issues. I want to talk just for a couple minutes about some of the initiatives that Santa Fe County is taking forward in this area and some of the things that I think have been really gratifying and successful for the County that we don't hear a lot about.

I think the first one is the medication assisted treatment. If you can recall, several years ago now we actually gave in total about \$150,000 to La Familia to create a treatment program for pregnant women who are using opiates. Last year was the first full year of that project. We had – we delivered about 30 healthy babies in Santa Fe County, very gratifying to see what we considered to be and expect to see in the data a huge reduction in the number of babies that are born with neonatal abstinence syndrome and hopefully the month of hospital stays that we're seeing for both mothers and newborns in Santa Fe County.

In addition to that, we have several other projects that are going on in this area. Many of you can recall a terrific partnership that we have with the United Way of Santa Fe County and there's both staff and members of the board in the audience, in terms of funding them to roll out a project called Imagination Library, which now has provided about 760 books to newborns, children between the ages of birth and five in Santa Fe County and has been an incredibly popular and I think rewarding program here to provide children with reading material, and their families.

And probably one that you don't know is that we just released on contract about \$250,000 as a result of prioritizing reducing low birth weight babies. In the Health Action Plan we released funding and are in the process of contracting with two bidders, La Familia and Las Cumbres to carry out projects here that hopefully will also impact the number of low birth weight babies that are born into our county. And I think if you can recall back, another thing that's important to note is Santa Fe County historically, through what used to be called the indigent fund, now called the healthcare assistance fund, provides a lot of support to women who are having children and supports prenatal care as well throughout the county. So I just wanted to mention that.

And then the last thing, just briefly, is the resource directory that we produce for

families with young children, in Spanish and English. Certainly, Patricia does a terrific job every year of putting that together and in carrying out many of these initiatives. So I think we wanted to showcase, along with our partners and there are many of them in the community, the specific things that Santa Fe County is doing. And I thank you for doing that.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Chavez.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Patricia, do you have all of that listed on our webpage, programs that you just mentioned? Are they listed anywhere?

MS. O'CONNOR: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Chavez, some of them are. We're just now releasing funding for that. Certainly the resource directory is on the website and is accessible on line. Imagination library, most of the initiatives are advertised or noted on line.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Okay. Good. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you. Marisol.

MARISOL ATKINS: Good afternoon, Mr. Chair and Commissioners. First and foremost I would just like to thank you for your bold leadership in adopting this resolution and thank you for having me here today. United Way of Santa Fe County is a non-profit organization who has been committed for nearly ten years to focusing solely on the educational preparation and well-being of children, pre-natal to age five. We believe this is critical. It's a fantastic return on investment and it's what's needed to make our Santa Fe County healthy and happy.

We really appreciate the support of Santa Fe County. As Rachel mentioned, we recently were identified as the local champion for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. We began registering our first child in the county on December 31, 2014 and as of today, as Rachel mentioned we have 765 children enrolled. They receive a book per month to increase their literacy. And the response we've receive from families is just incredible. We are sent photos and voice mails and messages from folks throughout Santa Fe County thanking us for this opportunity and it's just really a pleasure to be able to administer this program.

A couple of things we utilize greatly the resource directory that Patricia and her folks put together, both in English and Spanish. The directories are given to every family that we serve, post birth and pre-natally as we're welcoming new babies into our community. We run a couple of different home visiting programs. The First Born program that's funded both by the state and our local hospital, as well as a post-partum program that's a service available to all births within Santa Fe County, and we cannot keep up with the requests for the directories and so we're very grateful for that information.

Finally, there's information about all services that United Way of Santa Fe County provides on our website. There's also photos and testimony from the families we've served who are all local families, and that's at www.uwsfc.org. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you. United Way is a great partner.

MS. ATKINS. Thank you. As is the County.

CHAIR ANAYA: There's a motion and a second. Any further discussion? I would just comment by saying that I appreciate the resolution very much. I've had a lot of direct interaction with the Health Planning Commission, United Way, Maternal and Child Health program for many years now and very much appreciate the collective efforts of everyone as was stated earlier. So thank you so much for your efforts. Is there any further discussion? Commissioner Roybal.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: I also would like to make a comment, just thanking you for your work and you're right, when you invest in kids you're paid back two-fold. This foundation that you're building for them is vital to their success later in life. So thank you.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Commissioners. Thank you, Commissioner Holian.

The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] voice vote. [Commissioner Stefanics was not present for this action.]

III. C. 7. Resolution No. 2015-81, a Resolution to Support Santa Fe County's Participation in the Steering Committee to Cooperatively Develop a Regional Water Plan Update to the 2003 Jemez y Sangre Regional Water Plan

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: I'll start off by saying a few words and then maybe Claudia can chime in and correct me. She is going to be involved. I wanted to give you a little bit of a summary first about what the situation is in the state. We have 16 water planning districts in the state and each of them has its own water plan. I think that each water plan talks about where the water resources are coming from for that particular district, and then how they should be allocated and how they can be used wisely.

Each plan is required by the state to be updated periodically, and this process is overseen by the Interstate Stream Commission in the state. I think it's interesting to note that New Mexico – maybe Claudia knows the answer to this, but I think that New Mexico may be the only state that does something like this, actually has water plans for the entire state. It's very forward-thinking, because after all water is our most precious resource. Santa Fe County is in the Jemez y Sangre region, which I will note is very diverse and complex. This particular region has three counties, two municipalities, eight pueblos, many traditional communities. It has a number of acequia associations, irrigation districts, and of course a lot of private water rights owners. So there are a lot of people involved in bringing this plan together.

The reason that I brought this resolution forward is that I think it's vital that the County participate in this. I want to note that it's not going to cost the County anything other than staff time. The people who have been working on it so far in the County I think have been Hvtce Miller, Jerry Schoeppner, and Claudia Borchert. So first of all, I would like to move for approval, so I don't forget.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Second.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: And I also would like to particularly thank Hvtce Miller for his role in this to date because he's worked very, very hard to make sure that the stakeholders in Santa Fe County are included in this planning process. So in any event, Claudia, would you like to add anything to that description? No? I take it you are going to be involved, correct? And I think I've been dragooned into being part of the committee as well. So Mr. Chair, that's it.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Okay, so there's a motion, a second. Any further discussion? Seeing none.

The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] voice vote. [Commissioner Stefanics was not present for this action.]

III. D. 3. Request Approval of Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Santa Fe and Santa Fe County Regarding the Provision of Wastewater Collection and Treatment for the Thornburg Amended Master Plan Area

CLAUDIA BORCHERT (Utilities Director): Mr. Chair, members of the Commission, before you you have an MOA that will allow the County Utilities to take over an area south of town called Turquoise Trail Master Association that we currently serve. We currently serve them because of annexation. However, we do not own their infrastructure and the City and TTMA have an agreement. By signing this MOA the City will release their responsibilities and release TTMA of responsibilities to the City, and then the County will be able to take over this area, the infrastructure as well as the customers. So we recommend approval of this. In 2012 you passed a contract with the TTMA recommending approval of this takeover and this is really one of the steps that needs to happen in order to actualize the takeover that the Commission already approved several years ago.

CHAIR ANAYA: So, Claudia, I have one question before you go any further. Have you had continued and direct dialogue with Commissioner Stefanics regarding this particular matter? As this is in Commission District 5.

MS. BORCHERT: Commissioner, I have not spoken to her about this directly. I was proceeding based on the contract that was signed between the County and TTMA several years ago that's included as part of your packet.

CHAIR ANAYA: Okay. Maybe Adam can comment on that. The Commissioner is not on the phone; this affects her district. I just want to make sure there's been some communications with her.

ADAM LEIGLAND (Public Works Director): Mr. Chair, so as Claudia mentioned, the TTMA and the County signed an MOA several years ago with which Commissioner Stefanics was directly involved and one of the specific provisions in that agreement was that this agreement be brought before you so she hasn't been directly involved in this particular agreement but she was involved in the document that led us to

this point.

CHAIR ANAYA: Excellent. Thank you, Mr. Leigland. Just wanted to make sure. Other questions of staff on this item or what's the pleasure of the Board?

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Mr. Chair, I'll move for approval.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Second.

CHAIR ANAYA: There's a motion from Commissioner Chavez, Mr. Vice Chair for approval, second by Commissioner Holian. Is there any other comments you'd like to make, Claudia?

MS. BORCHERT: Mr. Chair, Commissioners, no.

CHAIR ANAYA: Okay. Thank you. Anybody from the public?
Comments?

BRIAN LOCK: Brian Lock from Santa Fe Brewing. I just wanted to thank you for passing this. This has been a long time coming specifically with the ability for Santa Fe Brewing to connect into this sewer system. It was vital in the decision to stay in Santa Fe with my business that I be connected to the sewer. Obviously, it's taken a long time but I appreciate the fact that we've passed this and hopefully, this is our last road block before actually connecting to the system. So thank you.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, sir, for your comments. Appreciate that.

MR. LOCK: You're welcome.

KATHY KEITH: Mr. Chair, Commissioners, Kathy Keith with the Regional Development Corporation. We're a regional economic development entity, here in support of this resolution of having some infrastructure out in that part of the county that we can get our businesses connected to. Not only do we have Santa Fe Brewing Company that's really important to the economy of this County. I know in Santa Fe when we think about economic development we think a lot about tourism and the concept of people coming here and spending their dollars with us and then going back home. Really what we have with Santa Fe Brewing Company is kind of just the opposite, right? We're making something in Santa Fe and now Mr. Lock and Santa Fe Brewing Company are sending that out to nine other states across the United States and selling it. So the business you're supporting today is not growing because they're selling more product in Santa Fe; they're growing because they're now the largest microbrewery in the state of New Mexico, and selling it to other states, which is exactly what we want to see in terms of economic development. We also know we have other businesses in Bisby Court who are really anxious to make this connection and get the infrastructure that they need to continue to grow their businesses and hire more people. So thank you for your consideration.

CHAIR ANAYA: So I appreciate that and I appreciate your comment where you said the largest microbrewery in the state of New Mexico. There's been a lot of attention drawn to microbreweries in other parts of the state and I give them kudos for that but we'll go ahead and we'll be proud to have the largest microbrewery right here in Santa Fe County. So thank you so much.

MS. KEITH: And on behalf of Brian, let me extend an invitation for any of you to go out and visit him. It's a pretty impressive operation. He's now knocking out

his second wall to add on because the demand for his product is so great.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Chavez and then Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Right. I think it was already said but I'll just say it again. It's good when we can export a product because that doesn't often happen, and it's a good product.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: So does that tour include a tasting? You're on.

CHAIR ANAYA: And we can follow it up with Safe Ride. Thank you very much. We appreciate it. There's a motion on the floor and there's a second.

The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] voice vote. [Commissioner Stefanics was not present for this action.]

III. C. 10. Resolution No. 2015-82, a Resolution Adopting the "Santa Fe County Health Care Assistance Program Procedures for Processing Eligible Provider Claims Under the Indigent Hospital and County Healthcare Act"

PATRICIA BOIES (Community Services): Thank you, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. Following legislation in 2014 by which the state made alterations to what was known as the indigent program and is now more known as the healthcare assistance program within the County, the BCC passed a resolution outlining policies for the healthcare assistance program moving forward and directing staff to prepare procedures for claims processing, incorporating those policies. So we worked with Legal and we've prepared these procedures.

I just want to assure the Commission that we've been administering claims for following the policies every since the BCC adopted them last year, so this is really more of a formal adoption and the main reason the procedures have to be adopted by resolution is that the process for hearing any appeals of denials of the claims, they used to have to go to the BCC for a hearing process but what the Legal Department and I worked with Bruce Frederick on this is they put in a process for any appeals of denials to go before a hearing examiner rather than the BCC, which had been the case under the old procedures. So I'll stand for any questions.

CHAIR ANAYA: I would defer to the pleasure of the Board.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: I move for approval.

CHAIR ANAYA: There's a motion to approve from Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Second.

CHAIR ANAYA: A slow second from Commissioner Roybal. He's not slow; he was just slow to the mike there. There's a motion and a second. Any further discussion?

The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] voice vote. [Commissioner Stefanics was not present for this action.]

III. D. Miscellaneous

1. Approval of County Health Care Assistance Claims in the Amount of \$53,817.00

MS. BOIES: Mr. Chair, Commissioners, this approval of claims is usually on the Consent Agenda but we wanted to raise an issue with you today regarding a request for some dental care funding, so that's why I'm up here before you today on this. With all the changes that have been taking place in healthcare under the Affordable Care Act and with the expansion of Medicaid in this state, the healthcare assistance program has experienced a drop in the total dollar amount of claims as a result of our non-profit community providers serving people whose care is now covered by Medicaid. So that's a good thing.

But there remain areas where this is not the case and one of them is dental, and we have received a request to fund a major dental care event, and I just wanted to get the sense of the Commission about whether this is something you'd like us to pursue. So the healthcare assistance program does pay for dental. That was part of what the BCC and the HPPC, the Health Policy and Planning Commission wanted us to do moving forward, and we have found out that we are actually covering – we are paying more for dental than one would have initially have thought. About three-quarters of the claims that we pay for under primary care and dental as part of that are for dental care.

And Medicaid does not cover anything except a tiny little bit for adult dental care, so these people have no place else to go and definitely the undocumented can't be covered by Medicaid and so dental care is a huge problem. And dental care is strongly linked to overall health, so we have been approached by the New Mexico Dental Foundation which is the charitable arm of the New Mexico Dental Association wanting us, wanting the County to help sponsor, to help fund a large-scale dental care event in 2016 that will be held at the Santa Fe Convention Center from April 7th to 10th of 2016. They call it a New Mexico Missions of Mercy event and they expect to serve about 1,000 county residents.

This would be a first come-first served. People stay in line over night to try to get this care and it can cover – they do same-day dentures, root canals, in the convention center, and other dental procedures. We know from talking with other counties that have done this, including San Juan, Bernalillo and Doña Ana and Sandoval, that they have found this to be very helpful, very beneficial, and they've given us great feedback when they have helped fund this event.

The New Mexico Dental Foundation is asking – they've been asking for

\$100,000. We have talked with them. They are also going to be asking Los Alamos and Rio Arriba to contribute to this. The City is donating the convention center, donating parking staff, security and emergency personnel, so they're doing a lot of in-kind work, and before moving forward to work with this entity I just wanted to get the sense if this is something that the BCC thought would be good for us to pursue.

CHAIR ANAYA: So if we could, Patricia, you talked about – unless I lost you which is very likely that I might have, you went from what our perspective was on the claim and then you got into some other information. So do you want some feedback on the claim or what recommendation are you providing?

MS. BOIES: The recommendation is that you approve the claims, which is on the agenda. I guess that would be the first thing. And then just the sense of the Commission on whether moving forward on working with New Mexico Dental Foundation on this even next year, which we would do using healthcare assistance funds, is something that you would like. So I guess the first thing would be just the approval of the claims.

CHAIR ANAYA: To approve the claims. Okay.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Chavez.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Then I'll make a motion to approve County healthcare assistance claims in the amount of \$53,817. And Patricia, so that I'm accurate on this, would you read the list of providers that will receive funding if this motion passes? Or do you want to ask for a second?

CHAIR ANAYA: Let's get a second.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Second.

CHAIR ANAYA: Second from Commissioner Holian.

MS. BOIES: Mr. Chair, Commissioners, as stated on the presentation of claims for approval document in your packet, La Familia Medical Center, Southwest Care Center, Women's Health and Santa Fe Recovery Center are the non-profit community-based providers who would be receiving this funding.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR ANAYA: There's a motion and a second. Any further discussion?
Seeing none.

The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] voice vote. [Commissioner Stefanics was not present for this action.]

CHAIR ANAYA: No, I guess more of an informational item from a consensus perspective. What's the thoughts of the Commission on the latter item?

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Chavez.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: So Patricia, you talked a little about possible funding sources, and then you mentioned some in-kind contribution from the

City. So in financial contribution, on that side of the equation, what's the dollar amount that you're anticipating? Overall. Not the County's portion but the overall.

MS. BOIES: The New Mexico Dental Association, their charitable arm, the Foundation, says that the overall cost of this several-day event is \$235,000 and they do have some funding that they've already received or received commitments for from Dentaquest and Delta Dental, which are two insurance companies, in the amount of \$70,000. And as I said, they're approaching neighboring counties – Rio Arriba and Los Alamos to see if they would recommend. But this would be held right here in Santa Fe in our convention center.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Mr. Chair, I guess my thoughts would be that if we agree to fund a portion of that that it would be shared equally with the other counties that are interested and maybe this could be contingent on others contributing, if possible. But if you asked for each of those entities to do an equal share, what would that be?

MS. BOIES: Mr. Chair, Commissioners, I guess an equal share of the remaining \$165,000 if you take away the \$70,000 would be roughly \$50,000 if there were three counties.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Right. That's kind of what I was looking for. I hope that's realistic. If the others are not able to I guess maybe we could try to fill that gap at that point. Do you know what the in-kind contribution from the City, what that would total?

MS. BOIES: I don't know what dollar amount that it would total but it's several days at the convention center, it's parking, it's staff, it's security, but I don't have a dollar amount.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: So maybe we could work on that and get an estimate on what that in-kind contribution would be. I think that's significant but I think it would be good to know what that cost would be and just to note it as part of the funding formula to be able to pull this off.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Well, I'm very supportive of whatever we can contribute to it, whatever we can afford to contribute to it because, Patricia, as you noted, dental care is one of the biggest gaps in our community and as you also noted, dental care, getting good dental care has a lot to do with people's health, amazingly enough. So I really think that, especially since we have some funds freed up now that this would be a good thing to put those extra funds to work. So I'm very supportive of this.

CHAIR ANAYA: I could be supportive as well. I think we're just not sure on an amount, so you'll come back, maybe, with some other recommendations?

MS. BOIES: Yes, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. I will gather more detail and return.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Patricia.

MS. BOIES: Thank you.

III. D. 2. Discussion and Possible Direction on the Creation of County Flood Commission Pursuant To NMSA 1978, Sections 4-50-1 Through 4-50-9

MR. LEIGLAND: Mr. Chair, Commissioners, as you know, particularly with recent events we often struggle both with dealing with flood damage and flood control but also many requests from constituents who ask us to address their concerns or their problems with flood control. So often the County struggles to meet these both from a matter of resources but also just because it's not really our mandate to address of the requests that we get.

So staff has been looking at what possible solutions are to address these valid concerns, these valid requirements and we came across a state statute that's rather old. It's from 1921. It's Section 4-50-1 and the full text of that article is in your packet materials so you read it at your leisure. But what this allows is counties, and we're going to speak very precisely here because this is the way the statute was written, but it allows counties to approve the creation of an office of a flood commission, so this office is already enabled by the state, but then individual county commissions come in and approve the creation.

This office is sort of a unique animal. It's a separate, stand-alone entity. It might be analogous, if you will, to how the other electeds are independent and yet they still have to come to you for budgetary approval and what not. So it creates the office of a flood commission. And this flood commission has the mandate to build and actually if you read the memo it talks about what their specific duties are to inspect rivers and streams in their counties where floods are liable to cause damage to property, loss of life, and they're allowed to construct and maintain structures to control these waters.

So it's a very specific mandate. It goes a little bit beyond what a county – for instance the County Public Works Department does. And then to go on, this flood commission also has the ability to make sure of a special property tax levy. So it's still up to the commission to assess it but the state statute allows the County Commission to assess up to \$1.50 per thousand dollars of valuation, or 1.5 mills of property tax that this flood commissioner uses to do the duties that he's been asked to do.

And then the third thing I'll mention is this flood commission has a greater ability, maybe even to go on private property and work on private property. He has – there's still the Anti-Donation Clause but a little bit more power. So it seems, staff thought, that this is a possibility to maybe address some of the issues that the County faces, so we wanted to bring it to your attention to see if it's something that's worthwhile exploring more.

So on one hand I think it is a powerful mechanism. It creates a separate office that has its own dedicated funding thing and it has a little bit more power and a little bit wider mandate than, say, the current Public Works organization has. But I do want to mention some of the possible downsides. First is that the flood commissioner is actually a gubernatorial appointment. So not only can that possibly introduce sort of a [inaudible] privacy element to this position but also it maybe could be the concern that it takes away some of the County Commission's power over this office.

The flood commissioner is required by state statute to get all of his or her expenditures approved by the County Commission and the flood commissioner does have to come back and make a detailed report to the County Commission every year, and those are both in state statute. But it is a separate office and there could be control issues. Also, in order to make use of the extra revenue and extra property tax a mill would have to be passed and of course that's always problematic.

Three other counties have created the flood commission – Chaves, Doña Ana and Sierra. I've personally talked to the – not the flood commissioners themselves but their head staff persons in two of those counties and I've also talked with Public Works Directors in those two counties. I haven't been able to talk to Sierra County. So each of the two counties operate in slightly different ways. Chaves County has a nine-person flood commission, so they have the flood commissioner who's appointed and then they have nine staff members who work for that flood commissioner and they operate, if you will, like one of our road maintenance districts. They have heavy equipment. They're all heavy equipment operators and what this flood commission does is goes out to the arroyos, goes out to the – they don't call them arroyos in Chavez County they call them draws, but same thing. They work in them and keep them from flooding.

Doña Ana County also similarly has a nine-member person but they are all engineers, surveyors and planners and they operate more as a technical office, and then they hire contractors to do the work and they primarily build and maintain dams. So they're not necessarily day-to-day working in the arroyos but they're building structures. So there are two different models of the way the flood commission could be operated. As I say, I wasn't able to talk to the Sierra County flood commission. Chaves County flood commission is actually located within the City of Roswell. They're separate from the rest of the county's offices and they actually have a contract with the City of Roswell to also do some of Roswell's flood control.

The one in Doña Ana County doesn't have any dealings with Las Cruces at all. But they do work in all the other six incorporated areas within Dona Ana County. So again, to give you some ideas of what the two could look like.

The property tax levy does not necessarily need to be countywide. Chaves County, they made one drainage district, but Doña Ana County divided themselves into two drainage districts, east and west of the Organ Mountains, so they have two different levies and they have two separate funds and they do work in two separate districts. One of the things it would be up to the County Commission, if it did go down this route, is the determination of these drainage areas, how you want to assess that tax.

Also, in your packet material I put some maps that show you what the drainage areas look like, so these are sort of what the possibilities could look like if you wanted to do that. I also put the current tax districts, and then I also gave an idea of what the revenue would look like for various levies. So that's what the funding would look like.

The last thing I included in your packet is an article from last year's paper in Sierra County that talked about some controversies over their flood commission. I think this is a cautionary tale of how this process could go awry. So I think that if the Commission did want to pursue this I think that we'd have to take special care. I have some ideas how we could do that, but we would want to avoid what you see in

Attachment 4, what the Sierra County Commission faced with their problems with their flood commission.

So a possible powerful tool but a tool that not in the right hands could be more trouble than it's worth. So, again, as I said, Mr. Chair, I wanted to bring this forward to see if the Commission is even interested in me pursuing. I have some ideas of how we could address it. I have some other ideas but I wasn't sure if it was something even worth pursuing. So with that, Mr. Chair, I'll stand for questions.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Chavez.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Adam, I think in concept I could support this. I have a couple of questions though. Would you imagine, again in this case, if this was done the right way, best case scenario, that it might decrease flood insurance in some cases?

MR. LEIGLAND: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Chavez, that's a good question. I'm not sure how flood insurance works. I don't know if it's just by being in a FEMA flood zone or if there's also if you can demonstrate that measures have been done. So that's – I can't answer that but I can look into that.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Okay. And then would this help in any way to deal with stormwater management?

MR. LEIGLAND: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Chavez, that's a great question and actually, as a matter of fact, Dona Ana County, the county has a contract with the flood commission to also do some of their stormwater management. So stormwater management, for instance, the MS-4 permit, that's more related to water quality than damage from stormwater but it's probably not unreasonable to essentially hire the flood commission to do that work for a county. The counties are also required to have flood control damage ordinances. We have one and that's where we have a certified floodplain manager, and so in Doña Ana County they also have hired the flood commission to do their stormwater management enforcement. So that's no longer in their development review process. They actually have outsourced it to this flood commission. So that's another possibility.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: So then depending on what type of features would be employed in this, the flood management, could that – would it allow water to maybe percolate more into the aquifers instead of just running off completely?

MR. LEIGLAND: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Chavez, again, that's an interesting question. I guess that would – maybe that could be something where the County Commission sets some stormwater management policies and the flood commissioner is responsible for implementing those policies through maintenance activities and capital improvements.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: So there might be a way to tie the two.

MR. LEIGLAND: There might be a way to tie them together.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: It seems that the property tax, although any tax is not popular, but it seems that it's reasonable, I think, and not a burden to those that might be in the lower income bracket, but could there be maybe a threshold where maybe it would be assessed on higher value homes and not those that were under a certain value.

MR. LEIGLAND: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Chavez, I think the answer to that question is no, because the state statute says that the levy is imposed on anyone who lives within a certain distance of a floodable – if that's a word – floodable body of water. So I don't think that you could comply with state statute and do some sort of income-based sorting of the property tax. And let me mention one other thing. The state statute says that the flood commissioner, after he or she is appointed, he makes a review of what the requirements are for this flood commission, comes back to the County Commissioners and says I need x-amount of dollars in order to do what you've asked me to do, and then the County Commission then sets the tax based on the requirements given to you.

So it could be that he comes back and says I need a million dollars a year in order to build a thousand dams and the County Commission says we don't want you to do that; we just want you to keep them flowing. So there's that feedback between the County Commission and the flood commissioner on requirements. So I think it's mentioned in my staff memo about that. So state statute just limits you to the max of 1.5 mills. But it has to be tied to requirements.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Right. Thank you. Thank you, Adam.
Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Adam, for the presentation and I'm definitely for exploring this further, because I think there's some real advantages to it, although I can see where it would have to be carefully constructed so you wouldn't fall into the pitfalls that, say, Sierra County fell into. But there's some real advantages. I think it is, as you pointed out, another tool to be able to deal with the effects of heavy rains in our area and I think that we're going to just have a future that has more heavy rains. As a matter of fact I read a very interesting article the other day that says essentially, all the weather models are predicting now that we're going to have a massive El Niño in the coming year.

Last year they sort of predicting that we were going to have an El Niño but there's like, oh, I don't know, half a dozen different weather models and they were sort of contradictory. But this year they're all in agreement and they say it's going to be a huge one, as huge as, or maybe even huger than the one that we had in the late eighties. So probably in the next year even we're going to be facing some massive flooding and we probably wouldn't have this in place by then, but in any event I think that heavy rains are in our future and this is another way of dealing with them so it's definitely worth going forward and exploring how we could put something like this in place and make sure that it actually works for Santa Fe County, which is even a more complex county than, say, Dona Ana County, for example. So I'm for going to the next step.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Roybal.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Yes, I've talked to Adam previously. We have a lot of flooding issues in my district so I think that might have been some of the reason we were prompted to bring this up. I would be supportive but there again, I would really like to look at the pros and cons that other counties have encountered and make sure that we do take the time to be careful on how we structure the board and how we

approach this. So I do definitely want to go to the next level but I want us to really be diligent on making sure that we take care of all that. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Commissioner Roybal. Commissioner Chavez.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Adam, what about County roads and infrastructure? Because as Commissioner Roybal mentioned, a lot of our roads and infrastructure is impacted when we have heavy rains. Would this help us in that area?

MR. LEIGLAND: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Chavez, yes. In fact, when I talked to my counterpart in Chaves County, the Public Works Director talked about he and the flood commission work hand-in-hand and so sometimes flood damage, not only is he protecting private property and private lots but he's also protecting the county infrastructure. So there can definitely be sharing of responsibility. I see this more getting into those places where roads aren't strictly involved so as Commissioner Roybal mentioned, there's for instance in the Pojoaque River there's a lot of flood damage there. If it's not directly impacting a County road maybe it's affecting an acequia. Not strictly a County responsibility but maybe this is how we could offer help to those other entities.

But as we know, County roads are damaged too in floods and so there's definitely opportunity for cooperation.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Adam. Just a few comments. As it relates to water and terrain management in any way, I'd like to see us continue to evaluate this but I'd like to see us evaluate the soil & water conservation districts that we have throughout the county. One thing that Jose Varela Lopez pointed out at the last meeting was the Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District gets tax dollars directly off of property tax whereas the Santa Fe District does not. And so as we're evaluating possibilities for cooperation and collaboration or even new entities, that we evaluate which entities are in place, what are they doing, and then if there's – like in the Santa Fe District, have we taken a close look at their capacity and whether or not they should be in a position to receive dollars because they're an established entity that already has protocols and process, or should be start a brand new one. And I think from my perspective, if we could utilize an existing mechanism that's already in place and it already has working staff and mechanisms maybe they can help us.

So let's evaluate those. The other thing I would request is that we have a concept that we're considering and it's important that we get this concept out to as many people as we can to get feedback. So mutual domestic water systems, acequia systems, soil & water conservation districts are partners on our Water Policy Committee. These are all people that have a stake in some of these decisions in how they might help or adversely impact them. So I'd like to make sure that as we go forward with this concept or any others, that we put them out there and make sure we get adequate feedback from across the spectrum. Thank you. Do you have anything you want to add?

MR. LEIGLAND: No, Mr. Chair. So I just want to verify. So what I've heard is that the Commission is directing me to explore this further. What I was

imagining is coming up with what a timeline would look like for the creation of this commission. As Commissioner Holian mentioned, it's not going to happen tomorrow. I imagine it would probably take about 18 months to 24 months by the time you get the commission appointed. The commissioner comes back to the County Commission to indicate the needs, the property taxes are levied, receipts are collected and then they can start business.

And then also I want to make sure that this flood commission – the flood commission is going to need support from the County – HR, Procurement, Legal, and I think we would need to make sure that it's not a revenue drain on the rest of the County, so there would have to be probably a strong MOU between the flood commission and the County Commission to make sure that there's adequate recompense for these services. And then I heard I'd reach out to existing entities to see if there's already existing capability that we just haven't tapped into yet. Maybe we don't need to duplicate or create something new, and then to make sure that we reach out to our stakeholders to make sure they understand what's at stake.

CHAIR ANAYA: Just so I can clarify. I don't think anybody said go create it. I think what we heard was continue to evaluate what it would look like in addition to finding – maybe there's alternatives out there.

MR. LEIGLAND: Commissioner Anaya, if I said create it, that's not what I meant. This is what it would look like to create it.

CHAIR ANAYA: Got you. Commissioner Roybal.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: I just wanted to say thank you, Adam, because you saw the need for some sort of fix and you did the research to find this and I really appreciate that. And this is a good option. So I really appreciate you taking that time to find this and from further needs in our community. Thanks.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you. Thank you, Commissioner.

V. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS

A. Presentations

1. **Sustainable Land Development Code, Development of County Wide Impact, Zoning Map, and Development Permit Fees Update**

PENNY ELLIS-GREEN (Growth Management Director): Thank you, Mr. Chair and Commissioners. Last year the Board provided staff with direction to go ahead and prepare major reserve sections of the SLDC including the community overlay districts. In addition, last September the Board approved Ordinance 2014-8 imposing a moratorium on certain DCIs.

CHAIR ANAYA: Penny, if we could hold off on the item real quick. I just pointed out that I need to take some matters from public concern. So if you'll just hold on one second.

IV. MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN

CHAIR ANAYA: Are there anybody that's present and not pertaining to the Sustainable Land Use Code that we're going to talk about but they're here for public comment. Ross.

ROSS LOCKRIDGE: I do have some comments that do pertain that I'd like to just briefly mention.

CHAIR ANAYA: Go ahead, Ross.

MR. LOCKRIDGE: Okay, Thank you, Mr. Chair, Commissioner. I'm Ross Lockridge from Cerrillos. I'm here on behalf of the Rural Conservation Alliance concerning the next agenda item, a staff update that includes a report on the developments of countywide impact regulations. Note that Diane Senior sent you and staff a letter for the RCA yesterday. She couldn't be here.

There is a need for continued, ongoing public input and involvement until the regulations are complete and before the language gets too locked in and difficult to fix after the fact. We urge incorporating the adopted Sustainable Growth Management Plan DCI language or intentions that have already been hashed out and have received broad public support. We would encourage you all to review the short but pithy section on DCIs in the County plan. While we understand that the information in staff's packet memo is only a summary regarding DCIs, development of the related regulations should also be ongoing. Examples of our concerns include insufficiencies in the SLDC section once described as Section 10-19 once described at a November 2013 study session as a transitional provision by its author, Steve Ross, an example being a lack of provision to oversee level 1, conditional use limits such as tonnage and acreage so it will have to be amended.

Another insufficiency being reclamation without performance standards. We learned at the state legislation hearing on a poor mining pre-emption bill that there are 26,000 acres of unreclaimed disturbance statewide from current mines and we think Santa Fe County should not add to that. Also another concern is the misplacement of crushers in level 1. They are specifically called out as a DCI in the SGMP.

Finally, we would like a commitment for staff to meet with us on amending 10-19 as well as further meetings on DCIs. Thank you.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Ross.

MR. LOCKRIDGE: You're welcome.

CHAIR ANAYA: Are there other matters of public concern that anyone would like to bring forward at this time? Matters of Public Concern is closed.

V. A. 1. Sustainable Land Development Code, Development of County Wide Impact, Zoning Map, and Development Permit Fees Update (cont.)

MS. ELLIS-GREEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. As I said before, last year the Board gave staff direction to prepare some major reserve sections of the SLDC and also to move forward with the community district overlays. In addition to

that, in September of last year the Board approved an ordinance imposing a moratorium on certain DCIs and so today we're here to give the Board an update on this process.

The first item I want to go through is the developments of countywide impact, the DCIs. We're under contract with Consensus Planning to write the DCI section. We've held stakeholders meetings regarding the sand and gravel mining and protection of agricultural land and environmentally sensitive land by using transfers of development rights. In addition, the consultant has also met with Commissioners and staff for initial meetings over a two-day period. We had a second round of meetings held in April of this year to discuss conceptual standards and regulations related to those provisions. Due to the timing and amount of work being done by the community planning groups it is apparent that the DCI regulations will need to be brought forward in a standalone ordinance in order to meet the timeframe of approval prior to expiration of the moratorium in September of this year.

The consultants have provided guidelines, outlines of the sand and gravel requirements that include two levels of sand and gravel. Level 1 would be regulated as a conditional use permit in Chapter 10, and that covers sand and gravel mining on less than 10 acres which also has an extraction potential of less than 20,000 tons of material and has no blasting included. We chose the ten acres because the state considers ten acres to be a minimal impact, and the 20,000 ton limit is meant to ensure that the operation, regardless of the acreage disturbed is kept small.

Level 2 would be regulated as a DCI and cover sand and gravel mining of ten or more acres with the extraction potential of more than 20,000 tons, or which utilizes any blasting. Regulations currently being considered would include a requirement for all state permits. We could regulate hours of operation, project traffic impact, setbacks, required visual screening measures, protection against trespassing, noise, hazardous materials, fugitive dust, wildlife, height, grading and soil erosion or sediment control, activities in or near water bodies, cultural and historic sites, access, surrounding vegetation, water supply, reclamation plan and bond or a letter of credit, and the requirement of a site-specific land and environmental suitability analysis.

The consultants are also in the process of establishing regulations for junkyards and landfills, which would again include requirements of site-specific land and environmental suitability analysis, screening, operational standards, locational standards and setbacks.

On the community districts, the Board established planning committees for 12 communities and authorized those communities to develop community plan updates, draft community district zoning and community district overlays for amendments to the plan and the SLDC. The community planning process is progressing well. Planning committee and community members have been engaged in the community planning process and have consistent participation throughout the process. So far we've held approximately 75 community planning meetings – have been conducted in those 12 communities since we initiated this in February.

In addition to that, we will hold two community-wide meetings which are required by ordinance, which will result in another 26 community-wide meetings planned for June and July of this year.

Land use standards will be implemented through the official zoning map and through a community overlay district which will be an amendment to the SLDC. The overlay districts will be included in the SLDC changes that will come to the Board for approval. The land use plan and zoning districts proposed by the communities will be incorporated into the official zoning map and again will come to the Board for approval.

La Cienega and Chimayo have unique processes as they are developing new plans and that will need to be approved prior to completion of their zoning districts. The overlay process is anticipated to happen directly after the plans have been approved. Arroyo Seco did not have sufficient turnout to form a planning committee, so staff will go ahead and draft the required transitional language and the overlay district based on their current ordinance, and then we will conduct the required two community-wide meetings.

The zoning map update: In March of 2014 the first zoning map adoption draft was released. We had public comment on that. The Board held six meetings either here in the chambers or out in the community to consider the zoning map. The 2015 zoning map for adoption will include the changes recommended through the zoning map public review process, through the community plan and land use process as well.

The zoning map issue areas: There were concerns regarding mixed-use designation shown on the zoning map. Staff recommends that changes be made to the SLDC to include requiring setbacks along State Road 14, and requiring the purchase or transfer of development rights to allow for higher density developments in districts like the mixed-use districts. Concerns were also raised regarding requests for higher density. Staff recommends that there be a mechanism in the code for increased density if there is cluster development and open space preservation. Properties will be able to utilize a density bonus scheme to allow for that.

Another area of an issue was the Cuarteles traditional community. We heard from the community. Staff has met with the community and has identified a traditional community boundary that could come forward on the zoning map. The zoning map won't be released until the community planning committees have finalized their base zoning districts. Once this is done staff will proceed with releasing the 2015 adoption draft of the official zoning map, request to publish title and general summary of an ordinance, and then do the required legal noticing and the required public hearings.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Penny.

MS. ELLIS-GREEN: Yes.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Can we go back just a minute to the community districts and mention those that do have their committees in place. I think that's worth noting.

MS. ELLIS-GREEN: Sure, Commissioner. The communities that we're working with at the moment are Agua Fria, La Cienega, Cerrillos, Madrid, Pojoaque, San Marcos, US 285 South, Tesuque, Galisteo, San Pedro, Tres Arroyos, and Chimayo.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: So congratulations to those committees and to the effort in putting that together because that's not easy. And then once the committees gain momentum you have to keep tracking that and be sure that they come to

some closure on their plans so it can be incorporated into the larger document. Right?

MS. ELLIS-GREEN: Mr. Chair, that's correct. Yes.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Okay. Thank you.

MS. ELLIS-GREEN: SLDC changes: Staff is in the process of reviewing all the comments that were made in the Board meetings and special meetings last year regarding the SLDC and the zoning map. During the community planning process we've also heard additional concerns and we're addressing those concerns as well. Several key reserve sections are being drafted by the consultants. The first is the bonus and incentive zoning. This technique provides an incentive to property owners to private preserve open space as part of the development plan for a property. It could be used for preservation of visual open space, grazing or other agricultural lands, trail easements, preservation of historical or cultural sites.

The density bonus will be a voluntary program and the program could be created for residential subdivisions in the residential base zoning districts where you would get a density bonus for preserving open space. The bonus will be structured differently for the larger lot areas than for the medium or small lot areas. For example, a larger lot rural district would be required to designate between 50 and 75 percent of the gross area of the property as open space or a conservation easement in order to increase the density that's allowed. Medium to small lot areas will be required to not only provide open space but also water and/or sewer systems in order to increase the base density.

The other section that the consultants are working on is the transfer of development rights. The purpose of the TDR program is to again, conserve natural, scenic and/or agricultural qualities of open land. Areas of special character, special historic, cultural or aesthetic interest or environmental protection. Sending areas could include agricultural lands to be preserved, sensitive environmental lands, such as riparian habitats, endangered or threatened species habitats or traditional communities. These development rights may be used on receiving sites to provide additional density and they may also be used to alter the bulk requirements. A receiving site may be restricted to certain zoning districts or our SDA areas. We would have to identify where those receiving sites are and they would also be likely to be served by public water and sewer.

And the proposal is that TDRs will be required if you're going to rezone a property to a higher density, for mixed-use areas, planned development districts.

Lastly, the fee ordinance. We submitted a draft fee ordinance. We presented that to the Board in May and September of last year. The Board gave directions for change to be made to reduce the fees for home occupations and small scale development and to do a comparison of our fees with development fees in other local counties and municipalities. That was prepared and the fee ordinance was also taken to the three growth management area meetings that we had last August and September. It's been posted on the website. A press release was sent out and an email blast was sent out. We received only one public comment stating that home occupations were too expensive at the moment. Again, we are proposing a reduction in the fee for home occupations.

Staff proposed to present a final draft fee ordinance to the BCC when we have the SLDC changes draft document finalized to make sure that we cover all permitting types, and then we would move through the permitting process. The exhibit to your memo in the

packet is a proposed timeline. The timeline identifies that we would do area-wide meetings for the DCI section, followed by public hearings for approval of the DCIs starting in late July or early August in order to meet the September 2015 date of the moratorium expiration.

The community plan updates, which are the ones in the green, would be coming to the BCC on or about the same timeframe and then after that there would be the release of the SLDC changes, the zoning map and the fee ordinance. They would follow in August with two public hearings for each in late September or early October. And Mr. Chair, I stand for questions. We do have Jim Strozier from Consensus Planning here and Robert Griego, who's also running the community planning process and the zoning map process.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Penny. I was part of the presentation. I was sitting right over there. But I appreciate the presentation and from what I'm gathering from your presentation is that you've provided – you guys have been working. You've been busy. We still have a process ahead of us and you've mapped that out which includes additional community input and outreach throughout the county with some target dates from some decision making that we're going to need to make for various purposes and needs, all culminating towards the end of the year, in a nutshell. But we do have more information to absorb and to take in as does the public and they will have that continued opportunity to provide feedback and input. Does that summarize the presentation?

MS. ELLIS-GREEN: Mr. Chair, that does, yes.

CHAIR ANAYA: So Commissioners, do you have any specific questions right now? Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Mr. Chair, I don't have any questions but I just want to commend you, Penny and Robert and Land Use staff. You've accomplished a tremendous amount in a short period of time. Thank you.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you. Commissioner Roybal.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: I also want to say thank you guys for all your hard work and I look forward to seeing what you come back with. Thanks.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Penny. Thank you, Robert.

V. A. 2. County Open Lands, Trails and Parks Advisory Committee (COLTPAC) Planning and Projects Update

DAVE DANNENBERG: Maria Lohman is going to kick this off.

MARIA LOHMAN (Open Space and Trails): Mr. Chair and Commissioners, I have some great pictures to show you. Dave has given me the opportunity to update you on the success of our Trails Days 2015 events. COLTPAC identified the need for more outreach and publicity for our County open spaces. This idea morphed into a way to get county residents out onto County open spaces to get up, get out and get moving.

Early in April we kicked off our series of trail events beginning with a hike on the Rail Trail on April 11th. Since then we have had three scheduled events. Each one of them has been a success with great participation and enthusiasm and appreciation from everyone who's come along with us.

On May 2nd we hiked along the El Camino Real, starting with El Camino Real Park. This was a great event. We had great weather. Participants were very excited to join us. We even had a group come up from Albuquerque. On May 9th, despite chilly temperatures and gusty winds more than 12 people showed up to learn about the many varieties of cactus at the Arroyo Hondo open space. A very knowledgeable volunteer from the New Mexico Cactus and Succulent Society led the hike and pointed out all of the best blooms. At the end of the hike he even showed us what he grows at his house.

On May 19th ten dedicated hikers made it to the top of Placer Peak in the Ortiz Mountains educational preserve. This very strenuous eight-mile hike, all up hill, took six or more hours. Everyone said that it was absolutely worth it and they want to do it again. This hike was led by Scott Canning, the horticulture and special projects director for the Santa Fe Botanical Gardens.

I also helped organize a hike this weekend at the Ortiz Mountains educational preserve, originally scheduled by the Santa Fe Botanical Garden. Steve Maynard, a local geologist discussed unique geology of the Ortiz Mountains including formations that make the area, including the San Pedro Mountains and Cerrillos Hills, particularly productive for gold, copper and turquoise. A group of sixteen participants hiked to the Ortiz Mountains educational preserve center, a six-mile round-trip hike.

And we're not done yet. We still have a few events scheduled. This Saturday, April 30th, Dr. Bill Johnson will be leading a hike at the Arroyo Hondo open space. He will be sharing the history of the area and in an event that I'm calling National Trails Weekend, Santa Fe County open space and trails will be involved in a few different events. Last week Carol Branch, Joe Casillas – who is an open space technician – and a group of volunteers installed this sign at the top of La Piedra Trail. The sign was a joint effort with the Conservation Trust of Santa Fe and Santa Fe County Open Space and Trails. The sign was created for the scenic overlook and it identifies many of the mountain ranges, wildlife and local vegetation. It includes a history timeline of the area.

So on June 5th, Friday, the Open Space program will celebrate the installation and all the hard work of our volunteers and our trail stewards and we're going to hike up to the sign and admire it. So please join us. June 6th is National Trails Day. We will be celebrating at Cerrillos Hills State Park with a hike that explores local mining history in the area.

We are also working to schedule a bike ride on the newly built Rail Trail as soon as construction is completed, which will be early July. With the success, and we have had lots of success, COLTPAC is considering making this an annual event. So thank you so much. I'm going to turn it back over to Dave and I'll answer any questions after his presentation.

MR. DANNENBERG: Well, as you can see from Maria's picture gallery COLTPAC is all fun and games, but occasionally we do get together in the evenings and talk about open space, parks and trails. What I want to do now is update the County Commission on the progress that we've made, primarily the last two or three months. But

over the past year, I think the last time I was in this group I mentioned that COLTPAC has rethought their purpose. They have started this by recrafting a mission and vision statement and I actually have a copy of that that I wanted to hand to everyone. I think that Judy presented this to the County Commission last summer but it's a good refresh. So I'm not going to go through that in any detail but I think it captures sort of the essence of what this group is doing.

For the past three or four months COLTPAC has looked at a lot of programs around open space, parks and trails. We've reviewed the maintenance team's work. We've reviewed the volunteer coordinator's work. We've looked at the budget this year. And the purpose for us doing that is we would like to see a focus, very simply. So what I'd like to do in this presentation is present what COLTPAC has really concluded as a recommendation for the County Commissioners and for the County staff as three specific programs that we feel are critical, very important. They're not the only thing going on in open space but there are three things that we would really like to see attention placed upon.

This was done somewhat in the context of the 2016 budget and planning process so I think it's important to understand that all three of these programs are budget line items, to some extent. Now, whether or not they're completely funded to the level that COLTPAC would like to see them funded is another question. They're staffed, so staff is working on these three programs. We think it's very important that the resources in particular are concentrated on just a few key programs and that we do these things correctly and we do them on time.

If possible, as we look at these over the next year we'd also like to look for opportunities to accelerate some of these programs with potentially additional resources or spending, if possible. And I think you'll see, once we dig into these that we have to do some work to really understand what could be done to move these along faster. Okay.

So three focus programs, and I don't think these are a surprise to anyone. Let me just start from the top. Thornton Ranch, we'd like to break that into two pieces just for clarity. There's Petroglyph Hill which is a cultural resource, which is part of Thornton Ranch. It's the centerpiece of the property. Hundreds of petroglyphs there which need protection. So a cornerstone done to anything done around Thornton Ranch of course is protecting the cultural resources, specifically Petroglyph Hill.

But there's another part to Thornton Ranch as well, which is the surrounding properties. It's about 1,900 acres of County land and the BLM owns I don't know how many acres of adjacent land to the south and west of Thornton Ranch. We would like to pursue a plan over the next year to look at the feasibility of public access to the County property and the surrounding BLM lands. So that's program number one that we think is very critical. Please stop me any time and ask questions. I think it's more effective to do that than at the end, if there's anything that comes to mind.

The rationale for the focus on Thornton Ranch is fairly simple. As the Petroglyph Hill sites become more known they need protection. That's become more critical over the last few years. And it's a beautiful piece of property which I think would benefit from public access.

So number two program, and this shouldn't be a surprise either. Romero Park, phase 1 of Romero Park is in process and what phase 1 covers is some basic facilities,

which is a strip down the core of Romero Park. It's about a million dollar project and it's good. It's a good start but it's not really providing lots of additional facilities at Romero Park. The ballfields are still dirt. The basketball courts are being renovated, I believe, but there's still lots of Romero Park which is left open. So we've spent a lot of time over the past three or four months understanding the public input, the Agua Fria community input on Romero Park and how that property in particular fits within the scheme of the river, the river trail, and the fact that the vision for this property is to become a centerpiece for the County and a destination park for the County.

Our proposal around Romero Park is to do some work on proposing a realistic phase 2, an affordable phase 2, which can be implemented in the next two years. And the reason that we've ordered it this way is that the phase 2 and phase 3 are relatively expensive now. I think there's \$12 or \$13 million allocated to phase 2 and phase 3 and I'm not sure how those are split. But some of the discussion we've had recently is can we come to a combination phase 2 and phase 3 which is more practical and more affordable, which brings more of Romero Park on line.

And then the third item, last but not least is we'd like to look forward to the next five or ten years and look forward specifically at a roadmap for new development and potentially new acquisition along with addressing ongoing property maintenance issues which are I think questionable at this point, particularly if we bring new lands on line. How do you fund maintenance over time? And at the same time increase public enrollment, support and awareness of open space, trails and park in the process of doing this re-plan.

And the way we've discussed – refresh is the key word. There was an excellent plan done in I believe 2001 which very much of it is still relevant today. And I believe the refresh would take a look at the key elements of that plan, make them modern, and then add additional pieces if necessary.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Mr. Chair, can I ask questions as we go along?

CHAIR ANAYA: Absolutely, Commissioner Holian. Go ahead.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: So on the refresh, would that involve going out and having public meetings to get public input?

MR. DANNENBERG: Yes. Absolutely. Focus groups or public meetings.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Great.

MR. DANNENBERG: And that's a funded item for this year as well.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you. Commissioner Chavez.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: I appreciate the work of the COLTPAC advisory committee and on a couple of points, you talked about operations and maintenance or just the maintenance, because I guess operation might not be the right terminology for this, but there's a lot of maintenance that goes on with parks and open space and so you've touched on that. And then on Romero Park, I think that I would agree with you that that planning process and the expectations have been I think maybe a little bit more than what we can afford now and then in the long term to maintain. So I would support the committee in retooling that and bringing it more into scale from a financial sense, perspective right now and then moving forward, make a little bit easier to maintain so that it can be that centerpiece. Because if you do too much and it's not

maintained then it's not going to be that centerpiece. So I would support that.

There was a time not too long ago, I think it was pretty shortly after I was elected to office, there was some concern about whether COLTPAC would even continue doing anything anymore. So the fact that COLTPAC, the committee reorganized itself, and has now found a new vision and purpose, I congratulate you on that because I know that probably was not real easy to make that transition. But I think it's a good transition and it's where we need to be, so I just wanted to mention that for the record now and pass that on to all the members of COLTPAC. I forget how many miles of trails and open space we have but it's a lot.

And so for the committee and the individuals to continue to commit their time and effort into that means a lot to me and I'm sure to my colleagues as well. So I did want to just mention that for the record now.

MR. DANNENBERG: Thank you.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you, Commissioner Chavez. A couple of items, a couple of comments relative to the presentation. I very much appreciate the work of COLTPAC. When you talk of focused programs, Thornton Ranch has been a project we've been talking about for a long time to get, in addition to the protection aspect for Petroglyph Hill, the access issue I know has come up again and again. We absolutely want to towards a broader access for the public.

I would concur on the discussions on Romero Park. I would just add that I've been getting a lot of feedback on Romero Park. I've passed along some of it to Commissioner Chavez relative to improving the space that already exists. The ballfields have been getting a lot of Little League coaches and people in the community saying we need to fix those ballfields so they're more usable. That's something we already have. We just need to do some improvements to that. I don't know if that could be turf, Commissioner. I don't know where you guys are looking but I definitely think that's something that is a benefit to the entire county for those Little League programs.

The other comments I would make are that although I don't see some of the other projects on here I want to make it well known that Mt. Chalchihuitl is way on my radar screen and will stay there to make sure we follow through and get that acquisition going, making the area around San Pedro that we acquired usable as well and if we have an incremental process to that. So I know we're not saying they're lost; you're just saying these are focus areas, but I want to say on the record that those other areas even including some of the other open space in other parts of the county aren't lost and that we're continually evaluating their use and function. Could you just comment maybe on Mt. Chalchihuitl and even San Pedro and what discussions you've had about incremental use? One of the things that some of the past COLTPAC members said is how do we find functional trail usage that doesn't disrupt the ecosystem but allows us some access to those areas. So can you comment on a little of that?

MR. DANNENBERG: Yes, I can comment on San Pedro. You made a very good point that just because we say there's three programs that are high priority for COLTPAC doesn't mean that everything else falls off the plate by any means. Although it's very important that these three programs retain the attention they need to really move forward, that's really the comment that we're making. So I appreciate that comment.

San Pedro open space is very likely – it's one of the open spaces that's in the

queue for a master plan from – who's the company that's doing that? Ecotone. Ecotone's the contractor that's handling that. And we've had discussions with the East Mountain Trails Association which would like to develop a network of trails to BLM land that's right behind the San Pedro open space. So I think that would be the natural progression for San Pedro is the master plan and then we'll put the trails [inaudible] on the land.

CHAIR ANAYA: Excellent. Thank you. Commissioners, other comments? Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Well, I have sort of a question and a comment, I guess. I've had some feedback from some constituents who feel that the County is maybe prioritizing bicyclists, like mountain biking and that sort of thing, and with some justification because we just got the silver designation from the International Mountain Biking Association. But I would just like to ask for your feedback on this and also urge you to, when you're designing a trail system to make sure that we serve hikers, bicyclists, and horseback riders. That we don't sort of favor one group over another. Do you have any comments on that?

MR. DANNENBERG: Well, we had a discussion at our last meeting on exclusive use of trails and how difficult that is to rationalize, which I think flips to the other side to say that multi-use trails are probably the preferred approach for any of these properties. Like for example, if you do develop trails in the Thornton Ranch area it's ideal for equestrians, particularly, because of the geographic location and hikers and bikers I think would be invited and welcome as well.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: The only problem is that – well, hikers can usually co-exist with either bicyclists or horseback riders and they have for a long time. But sometimes, on some trails it just doesn't work to have horses and bicyclists. Or maybe there is some study as to how you can design a trail so they can both safely use a trail.

MR. DANNENBERG: Yes, I'm a bicyclist and I've personally ridden trails where there are a number of equestrians and it's almost trail etiquette, education, that needs to happen. Because bicyclers need to understand that they need to get off of their bike, pull to the side and let the equestrians pass.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: And don't come screaming around the corner.

MR. DANNENBERG: Right. Right. Our discussion last month was actually in context of the silver medallion award from IMBA. The reason that it wasn't a gold, one of the reasons that it wasn't a gold was because we didn't have dedicated downhill bike trails. So all of that discussion really filtered out of that discussion of is it COLTPAC's role to start doing dedicated bike trails, and I don't think so.

CHAIR ANAYA: And I think, and I appreciate you bringing it up, Commissioner, because as a person who's spent some time on a bike when I was a lot younger and more time on a horse now that I'm a little older, I think we're absolutely going to get to the point where we're going to have designated trails that don't allow one or the other. And I am not afraid to say I think we have to do that. I think there are some areas where we're going to have to set policy similar to what exists in our wilderness areas where we follow the same course so that we're not jeopardizing anybody's safety but more than that there's I think a broader context as to certain areas that we may want

to just have hikers and equestrians, or just hikers, or mostly bikers and hikers.

So I think that is going to involve some policy discussions from this Board, taking in recommendations from COLTPAC but I can absolutely see myself saying in certain areas that there wouldn't be bikes or there will, and how they might co-exist, or those that have multi-use trails, times of the day or some other scheduling function because I've been in those situations where you can get hurt and also what are we also trying to preserve as far as use goes. So I think it's broader than each in its own realm, if you will.

MR. DANNENBERG: Yes, I agree. It's an interesting problem to solve. I think there's models of trails around the Southwest that have solved the problem to some extent and we can look at those and I think the public input will probably guide us in one direction or the other too.

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you. Commissioner Chavez.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Mr. Chair, thank you. There's another part of the equation that I'm not sure that we've touched on it but when we talk about multi-use, many people like to walk and take their dog. We have an issue with the leash law. I know that you're supposed to have your dog on a leash; it doesn't always happen. So that may be part of the education and maybe even enforcement because I can see an accident waiting to happen if you have a loose dog and someone trying to ride a horse on the same trail. So you talk about etiquette. I think it has to come full circle, also, and touch on all of those components. I think we'll get there but – and you have to provide those opportunities and that mix, but you have to consider the safety factor as well.

So I think it's all there, it's just a matter of moving forward and how we either designate the trails times of day, and then I think certain enforcement also needs to happen. It's not going to be easy but I think we need to keep bringing that up so that as we move forward people will get more accepting of that.

MR. DANNENBERG: Okay.

CHAIR ANAYA: So you have other items you'd like to add?

MR. DANNENBERG: I was just going to wrap it up unless there were other questions at this point.

CHAIR ANAYA: The floor is yours.

MR. DANNENBERG: All right. Thanks. So COLTPAC's role in this as it moves forward in the focus programs, we would like to track progress, specifically these programs, other programs running within the open space and trails organization as well, particularly these and help staff with issues that may arise. We'd like to continue to report progress, particularly in these three programs of the BCC and ask for your assistance in removing any roadblocks when they occur. COLTPAC will participate in the master plan refresh activities. That original plan that was done in 2001 had a 20-some-odd member COLTPAC that participated very heavily in that plan and I think that's one of the reasons that it reflected so clearly what the public wanted at the time.

And we want to continue our public outreach, both with the master plan refresh activities and as Maria mentioned, doing some repeats of the Trail Days activities because we learned how to do it the first time and we could probably do it much better the second time. And plus it's a lot of fun.

And then if time allows and resources allow there may be an opportunity for some marketing and PR, some branding-oriented sorts of advertising for open space, probably

accompanying the Trail Days activities. So that's the summary of where COLTPAC's head is. Right now, our recommendation is that we continue on the path that we're on and try to focus a little extra resource on these three programs that we feel are critical. And thank you very much. Are there any other questions?

CHAIR ANAYA: Thank you so much for your time. I have one thought. Do the Commissioners have any other thoughts? I have one parting thought. I don't want anybody to fall off their horse when I say it but one of the things that we've done in recent years is we've refocused as I think the committee has adapted and refocused as well, to try and take what we have and make it usable, and I think that's where you're at as COLTPAC and that's where we're moving in the next years.

But I also think that there are still opportunities for acquiring other parcels down the road in our long-term planning and there's two areas that I would ask the committee to continually look at. One of them is in the southern part of the county. When the County made purchases in and around Santa Fe when they purchased La Bajada Ranch and we've made smaller land purchases that have – some that have boded well for the County and some that have been more challenging.

I received some feedback from people that have really large tracts of land that basically said for what you spent on that really small piece of land you could have bought a really large piece of pristine grassland or land that we could preserve, not for non-usable space but for even preserving for ranching and other open space. And I think in the coming years there's going to be some opportunities in the southern part of the county in particular to acquire some very large pieces of land that could be purchased to preserve as grassland but preserve for ranching and for shared use for smaller ranchers in the county. You know the majority of producing ranchers in the country are not the large landholders but the multiple small landowners that have small holdings. And I think we have an opportunity as we look to the future to potentially acquire some of those larger holdings in southern Santa Fe County to have for usable space but preserved space.

The other thing is in and around the small villages in every part of the county there's always those opportunities, as we've done and as you've done as a committee to pick up small tracts of land that complement those traditional communities throughout the county. I know of a couple in Galisteo in particular that are opportunities that are going to be short-lived but they'll be others, we hope. Not only in Galisteo but throughout the county in those traditional areas. So I just want to put that out there as food for thought to keep in mind and continue the dialogue.

MR. DANNENBERG: That's great. I appreciate that and we'll try to elevate that in focus for the plan refresh activities. I think that's probably where that fits.

CHAIR ANAYA: Excellent. Thank you very much.

MR. DANNENBERG: Great. Thank you.

CHAIR ANAYA: And thanks to the whole committee. If you could please take that back to all the members.

MR. DANNENBERG: I absolutely will.

V. C. Matters from the County Manager
1. Miscellaneous Updates

MS. MILLER: Mr. Chair, I just have a couple updates real quickly. In the last presentation the Ortiz Mountain Preserve was mentioned. Part of the reason staff actually did the hikes is that I mentioned on May 15th that on May 12th that the Santa Fe Botanical Gardens chose to end their relationship with Santa Fe County as it relates to the operation of the Ortiz Mountain Preserve. So staff's been working on the development of a transition plan and a schedule for the preserve and we'll be presenting a plan to the BCC at the June 30th meeting. And then just a note. An important component of that plan will be to make sure that we keep the involvement of the volunteers, the docents that have been doing a lot of these hikes and tours of the property and trying to make sure that we can still provide access to the property to the public.

Then also, the solid waste franchise districts, staff at Public Works has been having public meetings. They've completed three solid waste franchising public meetings and we'll be bringing the ordinance back at the end of the June meeting, the June 30th meeting for consideration by the Board. They'd been receiving feedback from different communities of what the concerns and what the encouragements have been relative to the franchising.

CHAIR ANAYA: So on that, Ms. Miller, Commissioner Chavez has a question.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: I just wanted to mention, Manager Miller that I've received a couple of emails on that topic and there seems to be some maybe concern about whether this is well thought out or not and whether it's going to work or not. I think that from what I can tell it's been very well thought out. We have the advisory committee that's been working to identify the three different areas that are being considered and it's voluntary. It's not mandatory that you sign up, and I think we need to give it a chance to see if it's going to work or not. And so to the public that feel that it's not the right time I would say that it is the best time to do it now.

We have the service providers that are willing to sign up to the program that we've identified and it will help us to increase our solid waste efforts and our recycling efforts because it will include both where before it did not include both. So it will take some of the trucks off the road. There's too many benefits right now, too many pluses to hold it back. So I just wanted to comment on that portion of it now while you were doing your report back.

MS. MILLER: Okay, and Mr. Chair and Commissioner Chavez, on that point too, staff is going to give you a presentation on June 9th as to the comments that have been made and how they would like to address those in the proposed ordinance or in our policies and procedures for carrying it out and give you an opportunity to also let us know if there's things that you'd like to see us change in the ordinance so that we make sure that we attend to before bringing it back for the public hearing. So I just want to let you know they are having those meetings. They'll bring back on June 9th a presentation letting you know what has come from those and in addition, any public that might want to comment at that meeting they could bring some comments forward but the actual public hearing for the ordinance is scheduled for June 30th.

Also, to let you know, the legislative interim committees are starting up already. It seems like we just finished the session but the season is underway for the interim committees and staff will be going to those committee meetings and providing updates through the intergovernmental report starting at the end of June. And then also, one other item, this came up actually in the Housing Board meeting but it is really more pertinent to the BCC and that is the Santa Fe Community College had contacted I believe a couple of the Commissioners concerning the Galisteo property for using for a class. So I actually met with a couple of individuals from the Santa Fe Community College about whether the college could utilize portions of our old Public Works facility on Galisteo for their automotive repair program.

The Northern New Mexico College has stopped their automotive repair program and Santa Fe Community College is picking that up, but they don't have a facility currently at their site and they're looking for something to use in the interim. So we've been looking and trying to work with them to use that site for the period of one year using part of one of the buildings that we really are using for storage mostly right now. So they want to utilize about 3,500 square feet, a vehicle bay and some office space for their program. It will require us to do some things and move some things out of that facility a little earlier than we had anticipated but we are looking at doing it anyway. And from my perspective it's kind of a big thing because it gets us going.

So we met on May 20th with representatives from the Community College to look at the site and see what can be done and at the June 9th Board meeting I'd like to bring forward a plan and an item for direction relative to this request and try to accommodate the Community College in utilizing a portion of that facility for a one-year timeframe, which would also coincide with our desire to start the development and the funding cycles that we discussed earlier today in the Housing meeting.

CHAIR ANAYA: So on that point, Ms. Miller, that's an item that I brought up at the last meeting and I very much appreciate that you've continued the dialogue with the Community College. I think whatever we can do with the Community College, Santa Fe Public Schools and anyone else in the county and the region to promote and expand educational opportunities the better served we'll be as a County and a community. And specifically around vocational programs which are getting scaled back as opposed to increase. So I know that the superintendent and the school board are looking to enhance their programs in the schools, at the public schools, and whatever we can do to help the Community College broaden their horizons, even if it's in the interim, it buys them time and then we can help them seek other alternatives going forward in the future, so thank you so much for those efforts. I think it's absolutely a worthy objective and goal.

MS. MILLER: And that's all I have on my updates unless you have any questions for me.

VI. MATTERS FROM COUNTY ATTORNEY

A. Executive Session

- 1. Discussion of Competitive Sealed Proposals Solicited Pursuant to the Procurement Code, as Allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(6) 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**
 - a. Proposal Submitted in Response to RFP # 2015-0031-PW, La Bajada Ranch Development**
 - 2. Threatened or Pending Litigation, as Allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(7) NMSA 1978.**
 - a. Arbitration Against the City of Santa Fe Concerning the Water Resources Agreement**
 - b. Claims Against Santa Fe County by a Santa Fe County Employee**
 - c. Potential Litigation Concerning a Water Service Agreement between Santa Fe County and a Customer**

CHAIR ANAYA: So Commissioners, with that order of business for executive session and I know we have a few items that our County Attorney has for us. Is there any other business that the Commissioners have other than executive session? Seeing none, then I will go to the County Attorney to give feedback on the executive session and then entertain a motion to go into executive.

MR. SHAFFER: Mr. Chair, there are four items for discussion under executive session under two general topics. The first is the discussion of competitive sealed proposals solicited pursuant to the procurement code as allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(6) of 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 and this relates to the proposal submitted in response to RFP #2015-00031-PW, the La Bajada Ranch Development.

And then under the general topic of threatened or pending litigation, as allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(7) NMSA 1978 we have three items: arbitration against the City of Santa Fe concerning the water resources agreement, claims against Santa Fe County by a Santa Fe County employee, and potential litigation concerning a water service agreement between Santa Fe County and a customer. So those are the items to be discussed and I would just respectfully suggest that any motion to go into executive session incorporate those items and the statutory basis for them by reference.

CHAIR ANAYA: Based on that recommendation, do I have a motion from the Board?

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: I would so move, Mr. Chair, that we go into executive session for the items that were stated.

COMMISSIONER ROYBAL: Second.

CHAIR ANAYA: Does that suffice? There's a motion from Commissioner Chavez, a second from Commissioner Roybal. Roll call.

The motion to go into executive session pursuant to NMSA Section 10-15-1-H (6, 7 and 8) to discuss the matters delineated above passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows:

Commissioner Anaya	Aye
Commissioner Chavez	Aye
Commissioner Holian	Aye
Commissioner Roybal	Aye
Commissioner Stefanics	Not Present

[The Commission met in closed session from 6:50 to 8:00.]

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ANAYA: Commissioner Holian.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: I move that we come out of executive session. The only matters that we discussed were those on the agenda. Present were the four County Commissioners, minus Commissioner Stefanics, the County Manager, the Deputy County Manager, the County Attorney, the Deputy County Attorney, Mark Hogan and the Deputy County Manager. And Penny Ellis-Green.

MR. SHAFFER: And if I could, Mr. Chair, Commissioner Holian, I'd just note that the Deputy County Manager and Mr. Hogan and Ms. Ellis-Green were only present for the first item related to the La Bajada Ranch proposal discussion.

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: I'll second that motion, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ANAYA: There's a motion, there's a second.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: And I would state that no action was taken.

CHAIR ANAYA: There's a motion and a second. No action was taken.

The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] voice vote. [Commissioner Stefanics was not present for this action.]

VIII. CONCLUDING BUSINESS

A. Announcements

B. Adjournment

CHAIR ANAYA: We're out of executive session. We've concluded the business of the Board of County Commissioners meeting and at this time I would entertain a motion to adjourn.

COMMISSIONER CHAVEZ: Move to adjourn, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ANAYA: There's a motion from Commissioner Chavez, Mr. Vice Chair. Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER HOLIAN: Second.

CHAIR ANAYA: Second from Commissioner Holian.

The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] voice vote. [Commissioner Stefanics was not present for this action.]

Having completed the agenda and with no further business to come before this body, Chair Anaya declared this meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Approved by:

Board of County Commissioners
Robert A. Anaya, Chair

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