

SANTA FE COUNTY
SPECIAL CAPITAL BUDGET STUDY SESSION
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

June 26, 2023

1. Opening Business

A. This capital budget study session of the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners was called to order at approximately 3:35 p.m. by Chair Anna Hansen in the County Commission Chambers, 102 Grant Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

B. Roll Call

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

Members Present:

Commissioner Anna Hansen, Chair
Commissioner Hank Hughes, Vice Chair
Commissioner Anna Hamilton
Commissioner Camilla Bustamante
Commissioner Justin Greene

Members Excused:

None

C. Approval of the Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda and Commissioner Hamilton moved approval. Commissioner Hughes seconded and the motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote

2. Presentation and Potential Action to Approve FY 2024 Capital Projects Budget

A. Presentation and Discussion of Potential Fiscal Year 2024 Capital Projects Budget and Recommendations Thereon from the County Manager

CHAIR HANSEN: And you're on, Manager Shaffer.

MANAGER SHAFFER: Thank you. We'll begin with a power point presentation that recaps information that was both presented to the Board of County Commissioners at last week's special study session as well as summarized to the Board

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over the weekend.

The goals of our meeting today is to summarize management recommendations and vis-à-vis significant capital resources, respond to the initial feedback that we took away from the Commissioners from last week's special study session and then hopefully receive some final direction on capital projects including maintenance projects that can be rolled into the final budget for adoption by the Board of County Commissioners at tomorrow's regular BCC meeting.

When you look at all of the management's recommendations and you compare that to the significant sources of capital funding that were identified at our last meeting, what you're left with is approximately \$13.543 million in what, I refer to as generally unrestricted resources by which I mean, while they may be restricted to capital and maintenance they are not earmarked for specific departments or uses. So, again, that summarizes the sums to approximately \$13.543 million. As I previously noted to the Board, if the Board were to approve the San Pedro expansion purchase that is on tomorrow's agenda, that \$530,000 purchase would be funded with capital outlay gross receipts tax and I did want to make sure that we captured that here as well.

You're looking at additional potential sources of future projects in the law enforcement operations fund, the fire operations fund and the corrections operations fund of again, not insignificant amounts of money and finally the award settlement funds. Those funding sources are restrictive based upon the funds that they reside in as well as the orientations of the use of opioid settlement funds contained in the various settlement documents.

To recap, we are not recommending that all available resources be budgeted at this time. This is a slightly augmented slide of our first presentation. Reserving some budgetary amounts will preserve the ability to fund new projects that arise from the ICIP process or future capital improvement planning process and also provides a source for contingencies that may exceed project specific contingencies. And to put that \$13.543 million in perspective that represents about 6.38 percent of all of the existing and new capital and maintenance projects. So when you view it from the projects that we have on the books it puts that number in perspective, again, vis-à-vis what is being asked to be set aside, again, to meet any contingencies that might exceed project specific contingencies. Not budgeting all available resources also provides resources in the event of revenue downturn and it also anticipates new and future needs and contingencies. You've heard me mention the public safety radio project several times. That's a significant project that the estimates for which low-end range from \$10 up to \$17 million. As we look at the balances of that that are in the Sheriff's Office and in the fire operations fund, those monies to the extent that they are not used for a public safety radio project will allow us to anticipate and plan for future growth in terms of facilities, apparatus, and/or equipment in both departments, in particular in the Fire Department because of the extremely expensive nature of the apparatus that is necessary for the Fire Department's growth. And there are certain projects that we hope will receive grant funding for and not spending or budgeting for all of the available resources in the event that that grant funding does not materialize. And then we have unanticipated maintenance projects, roofs what have you, that will come up from time to time and then finally focusing on the opioid funds, we anticipate not insignificant expenses in terms of either remodeling or

building a detoxification and medical wing at the adult detention facility as well as providing a potential source for initial funding for what might be not insubstantial operational needs in order to staff any such detoxification or medical wing.

In addition, having a fund balance has benefits in the interim when it comes to rating the County's bonds that we'll be selling in the fall, our general obligation bonds that were approved in 2022. And finally there's just the reality of capacity constraints of moving the existing projects forward.

The few initial feedback that we received from Commissioners last week that I wanted to address, there were new additional proposed projects that were mentioned. Those projects will be scoped, rated and ranked as part of the ICIP process and I would note for all Commissioners if you have projects that have not yet made their way and are not included in the CIP process please visit with Leandro so that we can begin to scope those projects and have them rated and ranked as part of the ICIP process that is underway. So, again, all Commissioners if there are projects that are not included on the CIP please – ICIP has new projects and please do visit with Leandro so they can be addressed.

As a process augmentation we do intend to comprehensively review capital projects at mid-year so you can see where we're at from a budgetary perspective and that we can provide another opportunity to look at new projects that arose as we went through this year's budget cycle.

There was a suggestion that we anticipate that project budgets and project costs may increase over the next fiscal year due to inflation. County staff does agree with the concept of planning for that possibility but rather than increase the budget for all projects or for a subset of projects by an anticipated amount of inflation, our recommendation is to instead as indicated reserve funds on the aggregate basis and add funding to projects as needed instead. That reflects that our current estimates do represent the best estimate in project costs and also allows funds to be allocated as needed without addressing the perspective that we're quote, unquote "taking money from another project in order to meet a funding shortfall in a different project."

And then finally, by moving forward with an aggregate set aside, if you will, it avoids the potential of incidental projects scope creep that could exist due to an increase project specific budget. So in other words, if folks see the money associated with a project that may engender an ask for, we'd like to have as opposed to a must have in a project and just see the project scope itself increased due to the perceived availability of funding.

One thing that I did not put on the slide, it was a specific comment I believe from Commissioner Hamilton relative to water rights purchase and whether we should continue to budget funds for that. I did have occasion to speak with Brian Snyder our Public Works Department Director and he confirmed for me that while we're not necessarily active in water rights purchase market every year, we are always looking for opportunities to increase our water rights portfolio and we do occasionally receive requests in that regard. I didn't put that in the slide but I did want to mention it.

CHAIR HANSEN: Yes, Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I just wanted to add a little clarity. I wasn't concerned that we were doing it. I was questioning why it was on the yellow list

when it's not really time – it's not constrained, like, we can't start this till next year. I just assumed that something like that would be on the green list or something. Yes, I totally get why we do it. I think we should do it. So that was my question. Sorry for the misunderstanding.

MANAGER SHAFFER: That's okay. Thank you for that clarification, Commissioner Hamilton. I apologize if I misunderstood the nature of your feedback.

So we did include in today's presentation, we have distributed in substance much of those exhibits to the Commissioners over the weekend. I'm going to briefly reiterate what those exhibits are. The first is an exhibit that shows currently funded projects. The first column shows the amount of the budget that would move forward to fiscal year 2024. The next column wouldn't be included in what you approve tomorrow as part of the final budget. Encumbrances that move forward to the next fiscal year are presented after the final budget is adopted. For those of you who have been through a budget cycle, you'll recall that you receive a budget adjustment request in the late summer that carries forward all of the unexpended encumbrances that are going to move forward. The third column, additional funding that is anticipated from legislative appropriation and bond proceeds and then the next column is the amount of gap or additional County funding that County staff is recommending for specific projects. Some of that will be anticipated in the fiscal year 2024 budget for the various projects amongst the encumbrance of those adopted by the Board in the fall. The last column identifies the source of the additional gap and additional County funding. So I would be happy to answer any questions regarding this exhibit but it is a cleaned up version of what was presented to the Board last week in which we added the source of additional County funding to the last column of the spreadsheet.

I included in today's packet material, again, the –

CHAIR HANSEN: Mr. Manager, Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Madam Chair. Manager Shaffer, question about – we've had discussions about the Clerk's warehouse facility and I don't see it on here. I'm wondering if that's an oversight or if there's money allocated for it or a project sort of lined up for it in whatever phase it is; is there a line in there for it?

MANAGER SHAFFER: Thank you, Madam Chair and Commissioner Greene, that would be on the list of green projects and it's the Airport Road Facility. So the total anticipated budget for the currently planned phases of the Clerk's space at the Airport Road facility is \$2.75 million. As additional phases are scoped that would be the basis for additional funds in future fiscal years,

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you for clarifying that.

CHAIR HANSEN: Commissioner Bustamante.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Madam Chair, Manager Shaffer, I'm sorry I don't know what LATCF and maybe I should have asked that last week but I just don't know what it stands for.

MANAGER SHAFFER: Thank you, Madam Chair and Commissioner Bustamante, it's an acronym for – bear with me, I have to find it in the book – it's a one-time distribution of funding from the Federal government for Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Funds. So LATCF, for short, and Yvonne can correct me if I'm wrong, but

those are general purpose funds that were included in the federal outlay – federal stimulus packages. We are proposing to use them for capital projects as allowed by that Federal Act.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Okay.

CHAIR HANSEN: Any other questions at the moment? Okay, I have one more. Just remind me about Agua Fria wastewater. It looks like we have \$3.5 million and we're going to put another million in it and we're anticipating that \$2.3 million and where is that coming from and then \$700,000 to get us to \$7.5 million. So that will, once again, that will cover the eight streets and plans for the next 10 streets?

MANAGER SHAFFER: Madam Chair and Commissioners, yes, that is what that funding represents. And I'm looking to Brian Snyder for confirmation that that was the idea behind the request for the additional \$700,000 as it would allow the eight streets to be completed and the next 10 to be designed.

BRIAN SNYDER (Public Works Director): Madam Chair, that is correct.

CHAIR HANSEN: So I see that the \$2.3 million does not have any highlight on it. So does that mean that we're anticipating that or that's what we're going to ask for? If we don't get that, then where is it going to come from?

MANAGER SHAFFER: Thank you for that question, Madam Chair and Commissioners. If it is not highlighted green or blue it just means that it is a combination of anticipated bond proceeds as well as legislative appropriations. So I believe there is \$1.1 million from the legislature and then \$1.2 million was included in the proposed bond questions and that's why it wasn't colored, forgive us if we didn't highlight. But that's why that was again white is that it's a combination of those two sources.

CHAIR HANSEN: Okay, thank you.

MANAGER SHAFFER: The other material in the packet, I just included Exhibit B, this is a listing of existing maintenance projects as well as proposed new maintenance and set asides allowing to include them for completeness of today's packet. I would be happy to answer any questions that anybody has regarding these projects and additional set asides. And then finally, Exhibit C recaps all of the proposed new funding other than, again, that which would be coming from the legislature or from bonds that we have not yet sold which we anticipate doing later this summer. So this would be reconciliation between funding additional gap or additional County funding for existing projects that have funding associated with them. New projects in total as well as projects that came about from a previous Board direction considering such things as EV charging, as well as a potential set aside to contribute to drainage improvements in West. Alameda.

So, again, this is a reconciliation that shows where all of the quote, unquote "new money other than, again, legislative appropriations and bond funds where that will be coming from and the resulting bonds." The information was included in the power point but this identifies it specifically by project and by funding source. And I'll be pleased to answer any questions.

CHAIR HANSEN: Any questions? So I have a couple of questions. Back on the maintenance page, what I have noticed in walking around this building of 102 is that the windows, the old windows of this building that are in wood, the paint is deteriorating and it really needs to have some attention. And so does the portal which I think that's all of our district. You know, we spent a lot of money making this building

look good and then when you walk by and see a window or the portal with chipped paint and paint peeling off, one wonders what happened.

MANAGER SHAFFER: Thank you, Madam Chair and Commissioners. The short answer is that the sun is pretty brutal on any painted surface. But the longer budgetary response is that when we talk about maintenance in this context, these are maintenance projects that would actually be capitalized meaning it would add to the recorded asset value on the books of the County. That's the technical explanation of what we're capturing here.

There are certain maintenance that would come out of the Public Works division operating budget for small things which is where I think the painting that you're referencing would be addressed. And Brian, if I've got that wrong, please correct me. And, Yvonne, if I butchered the accounting part of it, you can correct me as well.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Madam Chair.

CHAIR HANSEN: Yes, I'm not quite done. I have one more question. Then I'm sorry I didn't catch this but I believe that the sidewalks on Lopez Lane – maybe I missed it. I thought I saw it somewhere on here but I'm not – I see it's in the yellow and we only have \$600,000 allocated for that that we got from the legislature, I believe. But, you know, because of the situation there with the sewer that is contaminating the groundwater there, I'm wondering if we need to possibly add something to that or if we need to figure out a way to get more money allocated to the sewer – the sidewalks so we can include that in the improvement of the sidewalks.

MANAGER SHAFFER: Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR HANSEN: So there's a sewer – Brian mentioned it last time. There's a septic tank on Lopez Lane just a little bit north of where the sewer goes to and the leach field has deteriorated and all of the sewage is going into the ground and into the neighbor's yard and they basically have to empty it every day.

MANAGER SHAFFER: Madam Chair and Commissioners, I went back to the exhibit related to currently funded projects and if you look through it's identified as Lopez Lane sidewalks, \$1.7 million is the proposed addition to that project which would come from capital outlay gross receipts tax for a total proposed fiscal year 2024 project budget of \$2.3 million.

CHAIR HANSEN: And that will help with providing sewers in that area that we need to move the sewer up?

MANAGER SHAFFER: Madam Chair, Commissioners and Director Snyder can correct me if I'm getting it wrong, the Lopez Lane is one of the eight streets that are proposed for sewers. This funding would be coordinated so as to address any sidewalk related improvement. So through both sources of funding, I believe the need for sewer on Lopez Lane as well as sidewalks would be addressed through the two sources of funding. And, Brian, if I got any of that wrong, go ahead and correct me.

MR. SNYDER: Madam Chair, that is correct. That is the plan.

CHAIR HANSEN: I think that's a great plan but the problem is that Lopez Lane was never considered part of the original sewer plan and so therefore we're adding another additional sewer and the people in Agua Fria, you know, one street is less – I know it is a technicality but I want you to continue to think about the original plan that was for all of the wastewater and that this is a new development that has happened. And I

am glad that it is included in the eight because having sewage running onto people's ground and contaminating the groundwater right near the river is not something we want to see. So, thank you. I just want to make that clear.

Okay, Commissioner Bustamante.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Commissioner Bustamante. I'm kind of stuck on the importance of making sure the sewage isn't ending up someplace it shouldn't be and shouldn't be so low on the priorities. So that really captured my attention is what I am trying to say.

I did have a question about the planning that is happening and this is more of a procedural, like in time thing, and it's not on here but there is planning underway in Cerrillos. And I'm wondering what the process for next year, and I recognize that it is premature for this exact budget but where it would end up in that planning process. The people in Cerrillos are looking at what they would like to do and then when that plan has come up essentially that is when we would make sure that it is in that following year's budget; is that how this would work?

MANAGER SHAFFER: Madam Chair and Commissioner, it depends upon when that planning exercise is completed. I believe that the hope was to have some consensus in the community within the next month, if I'm not mistaken. So if that, in fact, does happen, it is possible that it could be scoped and included in the ICIP process before which is adopted this calendar year. So that is where it could potentially be captured as a project and looked at either as part of the legislative process or as part of our own mid-year budget process. If for some reason that couldn't happen, then it would be the next spring is when it would be scoped and evaluated as a potential project. So it depends upon when we achieve that community consensus as to what they might like to see with the current fire station that is no longer going to be needed once the new fire station comes along.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Thank you, Madam Chair. Manager Shaffer, in that process part of that is to get to what they'd like to see that structure to be and I'm wondering if it isn't something that would be budgeted this year, one option that they've asked for just even in the interim is if it were to be completed razed would that be something that could happen before we would actually make sure the funds are available for a new structure? In other words, is there a halfway point for the use of that land – all right, they want something that looks like this and ultimately there will be a facility or something but until then, this is what the lot would look like? I'll give an example that they used or shared with me, is so that the burro race could actually start in that empty lot – something that is sort of a low point, the building is leveled so there's a place to do something with it until whatever their plan is gets the funding to support it. Does that make sense?

MANAGER SHAFFER: Madam Chair and Commissioner Bustamante, I think that it does. And I'll try and paraphrase back to make sure I captured the idea. I think what you're asking is, if the ultimate community consensus that arose suggested that razing the existing or again demolishing the existing building was necessary to accommodate those goals, could that demolition and some sort of reclamation work be considered phase 1, if you will, of an overall project. If that was the question, then the answer is yes, it could.

COMMISSIONER BUSTAMANTE: Thank you. Thank you very much.

CHAIR HANSEN: Commissioner Hughes.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Thank you, Madam Chair. I don't really have a question but just a couple of comments. One is that I'm really glad that staff put the work in to do this. I think it is really important and when people pay their taxes and we get ahead on our income that we spend our money on projects that people need from bulk water stations to roads to sewers to everything on this list is great. And I think it's going to be a big challenge to get it all done in the next year to year and a half but I'm glad that we're starting down that process to get these projects done.

And I just wanted to add, that I did talk to the ECIA, the Eldorado Community Improvement Association, and they did vote to put their road money that is in their Eldorado roads line item toward the paving of Encantado Road. So that should help a little bit. That's about \$1.1 million when they combine those. And, of course, the road may end up costing more than we have budgeted for it, as Commissioner Hamilton has pointed out, but at least it's all going into one road. Thank you, Madam Chair, that's all for now.

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

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Thank you, Madam Chair. Manager Shaffer, question and this is probably for Brian. There's two Chupadero projects. One is for the mutual domestic and one is for the roads. I'm wondering if there's a synergy there at all for trying to put water pipes and things under the roads? And let's make sure that it happens in a good sequence and if there's coordination efficiency allowed there.

MR. SNYDER: Madam Chair, Commissioner Greene, yes, if there's any efficiencies we would definitely put the dig one policy where we would put the water line in and do that work prior to any road work. The last thing we want to do is dig up the road after we've paved it. So definitely we would coordinate that.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: That's great, thank you. And while we're at it, maybe broadband up there because I know that area is suffering from that even if we don't get fiber up there for some years, we can make sure that we have conduit if we're especially doing a water system it's an easy thing to lay along there. Thank you.

CHAIR HANSEN: Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thanks. And I'm sorry if you've already addressed this. I'm sorry if I missed it but I think it's worth just double checking. One of the things that I was thinking about was the justification for not budgeting everything that you've presented I'm in support of. It totally makes sense to me. And I get there are two ways to do things. If we do that my concern is covered. But especially looking at the projects in the yellow list and some of the ones even on the green list that might not be quite as far along that are by schedule going over more than a one-year period. So mostly it's the subsequent projects that, you know, we talked last week about the 22 or whatever it was percent increase inflation in building costs over 2022 and the projected 4 percent in 2023 which sounds ridiculously low to me, and I was just wondering if projects that go over multiple years or aren't intended to happen until next year, even if these costs have been updated before you did this list, they were updated now in 2023 with current 2023 numbers, have any of them been inflated to 2025 or 2026

numbers if those are the years that they are actually going to occur? It would be a shame, I mean, like I said, if we put – if we don't budget all of the unencumbered money, we're covered for this sort of thing. But if we do start thinking about budgeting and putting it to other things. It would be a shame to have projects that we're committed to and we're trying to full fund if in six months from now all of sudden aren't full-funded and that was only an estimate. So I thought we might think about doing that if we haven't already. Thank you, Manager Shaffer.

MANAGER SHAFFER: Thank you, Madam Chair and Commissioner Hamilton. Brian can correct me if I'm wrong, but I believe that the project budgets, as you recognized Commissioner, they are our best estimates at this point in time. I believe an effort was made last budget cycle to update those numbers so they should be – we should have captured is my understanding the monumental increases that we experienced over this calendar year. But in addition, you're looking forward to the extent that as those projects become further developed then we would be looking forward to the revenue that we're anticipating in future fiscal years. Obviously, this isn't a zero-sum game but the pot keeps having money come in each year and I think that would be an opportunity as well as you get closer to those projects actually going out to construction that any funding gaps that materialize could be addressed with that revenue in fiscal years. I hope that addresses your concern.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: It does. That's another way to do and that certainly makes sense as well. Thank you.

CHAIR HANSEN: Thank you. Any other questions at the moment? Okay, thank you.

MANAGER SHAFFER: Madam Chair, Commissioners, we're looking for direction that we can use to finalize the material that will be before you tomorrow for the final budget. If these projects and these recommendations are acceptable to the Board, that would be the base for some final tweaking that Yvonne and I will get done this evening to prepare the final budget material for tomorrow. So that can be done by a vote or it could just be thumbs up. Other finger gestures are not welcomed; just a thumbs up if we're good to move forward in preparing the final budget.

CHAIR HANSEN: Once more, any questions from the Board or comments or discussion or suggestions? I thought a motion would be fine but I have a question. Manager Shaffer, your concern about the San Pedro open space and what we're going to do about that; I just thought we could have a discussion about that. Does everybody know what I'm talking about?

MANAGER SHAFFER: The San Pedro expansion, Madam Chair?

CHAIR HANSEN: Yes, okay, the San Pedro expansion, open space, okay.

MANAGER SHAFFER: Madam Chair, I confirmed with Yvonne, if the Board when you get to that item of business tomorrow were to approve it, we can make that last minute change in the course of the meeting. That is not an issue. So, again, the resources are available if the Board chooses to allocate them to that purpose, we can make that change tomorrow. You wouldn't have to include that in any motion made today. Again, we can address that tomorrow after you make a final decision on that particular request to purchase that expansion property.

CHAIR HANSEN: Okay, that's what I wanted to ask. Commissioner Greene.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: In fact this may be fungibility of funding, so in the broadband subject if some of that can be used for either planning if money comes in and for actual capital building of bringing some sort of access control, security cameras and public wifi to our facilities that are around town. So the current wifi expansion budget may be usable for that, if you feel comfortable with that, then that covers it. But if not, then I was wondering if there's a special line that needs to be in there that allows for that or to budget for it.

MANAGER SHAFFER: Madam Chair, Commissioner Greene, I think to fully scope out broadband and affiliated equipment for the purposes described it would be something that we would be planning toward the mid-year budget process. As we'll go over in detail tomorrow when we finalize the operating budget, we do budget contingency funds as a budget contingency each year, so if there is an urgent need that arises, we can address that in more or less real time. For example, last year there was a need for the Clerk's Office to have wifi, I believe at the Stanley Cycling Center if I'm not mistaken, and we used contingency funds for that. So there are ways that we can address immediate needs but in terms of what I would call bigger project which is a bunch of sub-projects, I think that that is what we would be scoping in, including the upcoming ICIP process. Did I get that right, Deputy Manager?

LEANDRO CORDOVA (Deputy County Manager): Madam Chair, Commissioner, I would agree with Greg. I also think that there are different pools of funding that may be available to help us achieve the goal. For example, the fire districts may have funding in different buckets that they could use to achieve that goal and that may be more of a maintenance type project. I'm not sure that it needs to be capitalized or it could be something that we could add to the project list as we go through the year.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: If I may. Almost, in a sort of a dig one sort of policy when we're going into an ADA upgrades to a senior center we should probably do some wiring to, you know, when we're on site to do some lighting and we're probably doing a few different things but make sure that we bring in wifi or some broadband facilities. Whether they're for election purposes or senior areas or public service. And if I think that was basically not to say that the Chupadero road project needs to be dug once with conduit, almost every road in all of our districts should probably have that checked out to make sure that there is at least some money to bring broadband down those roads and conduit. Thank you.

CHAIR HANSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Greene. Okay, any other comments? Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thank you, Madam Chair. Please correct me if I get some of this wrong. I would like to move to accept the full range of recommended capital funding, which I understand includes the funding on all of the green, yellow and other lists, and leaving the cushion of \$13. whatever it was million as a cushion for further funding as we go along for additional projects and overrun coverage and whatever as specified.

CHAIR HANSEN: And current and proposed maintenance projects.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: And current and proposed maintenance

projects.

MANAGER SHAFFER: And if I could just add, that includes the proposed new projects as well.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Yes, the proposed, yes.

COMMISSIONER GREENE: Second.

CHAIR HANSEN: I have a motion and a second. I want to just say when I was at the Pride Parade I ran into the chair of the audit committee for the City, and she said to me, which I think is a real compliment, is she said, "the County gets things done." And so I want to say that to staff, that you know, we couldn't do all of these things without you and how important it is that we have the dialogue between the Commissioners and between the County staff to really support the projects that we see throughout the County that are really important to the constituents and to the taxpayers and that we're able to provide the kind of services that we provide. I just wanted to say thank you to everyone for their hard work on all of this. With that –

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Under discussion.

CHAIR HANSEN: Yes, under discussion.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: I'm in favor of the motion but I just wanted to point out that if we do approve the purchase of the open space could we also combine the roads projects in Eldorado into one we would still be \$500,000 ahead instead of behind. And I assume they'll be other adjustments besides that going forward as we find out different things about the projects. Thank you.

CHAIR HANSEN: Thank you, Commissioner Hughes. Thank you everybody. All those in favor.

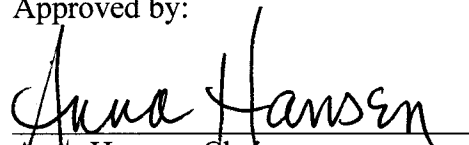
The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

3. Concluding Business

A. Adjournment

Upon motion by Commissioner Bustamante and second by Commissioner Hughes,, and with no further business to come before this body, Chair Hansen declared this meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

Approved by:



Anna Hansen, Chair
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