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Paul Duran, Chairman [Excused]

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This regular meeting of the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by Vice Chairman Joe Griñé in the Santa Fe County Commission Chambers.

Roll Call preceded the Pledge of Allegiance and indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

Members Present:

Commissioner Joe Griñé, Vice Chairman
Commissioner Javier Gonzales
Commissioner Richard Anaya
Commissioner Marcos Trujillo

Members Excused:

Commissioner Paul Duran

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

DAVID WOLF (County Manager): Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, there's a few amendments that are requested. First of all, the amendments that were posted, items one through four. Item IX. I. 1 is added to read, "Resolution No. 1999-___. A resolution commending the United Nations for a successful implementation of needed reforms and requesting that the United States Congress authorize and appropriate monies to pay for amounts owed to United Nations by the United States of America."

Amendment 2, is item IX. J. 1.b, added to read, "Discussion of settlement offer in *Department of Labor v. Santa Fe County, et al.* Item three, the third amendment item, is item IX.J. 1.c, added to read, "Discussion of purchase of Top of the World water rights."

The next amendment is item IX.K. 1. is added to read, "Resolution No. 1999-___. A resolution imposing an annual liquor license tax upon persons holding state liquor licenses." And then in the other portion of the agenda there's two items, Mr. Chairman, that are requested to be tabled. One is item IX.G.3. It's the resolution adopting an investment

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policy. That's very close to being completed and it will be brought back at the next administrative meeting. And then item IX. J.1.a is requested to be deleted, and that's from Executive Session, the discussion of proposed lease of land from the Jacona land grant for a solid waste transfer station.

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: That's deleted or tabled?

MR. WOLF: That one's deleted, Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Trujillo.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: Which one was that? The last one?

MR. WOLF: That's the item under Executive session, J.1.a. And we're replacing that with those other two amendments.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: "a" has been tabled?

MR. WOLF: Deleted.

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: Mr. Chairman, David, can I ask why it's been deleted.

MR. WOLF: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Trujillo, the Public Works Director hadn't made enough progress in the negotiations on that item to give you an update in Executive session at this point.

LARRY VELASQUEZ (Public Works Director): Actually, if you recall, some time ago, you gave us authorization to meet and we met with them on Sunday. We presented the lease agreement proposals and we talked with Legal and they thought that we were within the previous authority the Commission had given.

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: Okay. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: Anything else, David?

MR. WOLF: No, Mr. Chairman. That's it.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: Okay, we need a motion to approve the agenda as amended.

Commissioner Anaya moved to approve the amended agenda and Commissioner Trujillo seconded. The motion passed by unanimous [3-0] voice vote.

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: April 13, 1999

Commissioner Trujillo moved approval of the April 13, 1999 minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anaya and passed by unanimous [3-0] voice vote.

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VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

County Manager Wolf presented the Consent Calendar as follows:

- A. Resolution No. 1999-47. A resolution requesting a budget increase to the general fund/MCH grant program for a donation received from the Frost Foundation for fiscal year 1999**
- B. Resolution No. 1999-48. A resolution requesting a budget increase to the Clerk recording fees fund for a federal grant received from the National Historic Publications and Records Commission and for a state grant received from the New Mexico State Historic Archives for the County deed books microfilming project**
- C. Resolution No. 1999-49. A resolution requesting a budget increase to the EMS fund to budget ambulance charges to allow for expenditure in fiscal year 1999 for the Eldorado and Hondo EMS districts**
- D. Resolution No. 1999-50. A resolution requesting a budget increase to the Community Development Block Grant fund to plan, design and construct the Movimiento Ascendencia Teen Center project**
- E. Request authorization to accept and award a contract to the lowest responsive bidder, IFB #99-32, for a used mobile office**
- F. Request authorization to enter into change orders to the construction contracts with the following:**
 - JVS Construction for the Galisteo Water System construction project**
 - Española Transit Mix for the Walnut Subdivision paving and drainage project**
- G. Request authorization to submit a proposal to the Traffic Safety Bureau for fiscal year 2000 community DWI funds**
- H. Request authorization to allow the County Manager to sign budget adjustment requests for the community DWI grant program**

There were no questions.

Commissioner Anaya moved approval of the Consent Calendar as presented. Commissioner Gonzales seconded and the motion passed by unanimous [3-0] vote.

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VII. PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

A. ARC view GIS relational database demonstration, presentation by Erle Wright, Santa Fe County GIS Division Director

ERLE WRIGHT (GIS Director): Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, we'll try to keep this quick and we're going to segue right into item B. there. There's a lot of overlap with Frank Rivera's presentation on the 911 addressing plan. What we wanted to know is where we are headed with the GIS relational database.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: Erle, are you also going to do letter B in conjunction with letter A?

MR. WRIGHT: Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, we're going to move right into that with your permission.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: That's fine.

MR. WRIGHT: What we're doing with this and the demo I have is down in the Cerrillos area. This is an overview of the County here and we'll just quickly -- what I'm showing on here is our GPS roads we've collected, city of Santa Fe. Our area of interest is down here in the Madrid and Cerrillos area, particularly the community of Cerrillos. So we'll be looking at this area and showing here -- let me close this one out and get a little bit more detail blow-up. What you're seeing here is our 1992 orthophotography. This is the Village of Cerrillos area. I can turn on the roads which we've GPSed in that area and in particular what I'd like to show you is how we intend to link up not only property, photos of structures and whatnot, but also the deeds and property cards and being able to link to this information directly through the GIS.

So we'll zoom into an area here and allow this stuff to come up. Just real quickly, the red points here are where we have gone out and taken photos of the properties. What we can do is we're able to go on that location and bring up that actual photo. You'll have to excuse some of the resolution of this. But this is the actual photo of the property. As we develop our database links and if we bring the document imaging system on-line here, we will also be able to -- let me also turn on the lots so the property. Even though we're shooting here, we're shooting across a couple of lots into that house we just looked at, but we're also able to, we should be able to link to the actual deeds, and again, pardon the resolution on this it doesn't show too well on this screen. But that's an actual scanned copy of the deed for that particular property.

And then as a tool for the Assessor's Office we can also link on again for that particular property, this is what we're looking at here, is also bring up the property description card. And again, this is a scanned image of this property in the community of Cerrillos. One of the other things we're working with and we can basically go around and follow these links to some of the other properties that are out here and bring up a variety so that this information will be on line and available to County staff and also hopefully on our permit desk and the Assessor's Office so this will also be available to the citizens of the

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county as well.

One of the other things, and this is where we move onto item B here, into the E-911 addressing. We've also, this is Michael Mariano using this GPS equipment, which was purchased out of the E-911 grant. We've been able to actually go and GPS directly these structures. That's these purple arrows. We can kind of zoom out and show the density of what was collected out there. We've actually gone in and GPSed the houses with this equipment which Michael has there which is a laser range finder which allows us to get the property location without having to actually get on the private property and we're able to shoot the house and get an accurate location of that. All of this information is then, for instance we can go in and select an area here, which is those records -- where's my table -- and bring up a database showing those properties and the addresses so we'll be verifying this process and sweeping the entire county to do this, pick up structures and the actual addresses so we can provide E-911 services county-wide. That's enhanced 911.

So if you had any questions on this and I'm moving pretty quickly through this but we can move on to Frank's presentation of his work plan.

VII. B. E-911 addressing work plan, presentation by Frank Rivera, Santa Fe County rural addressing division director

FRANK RIVERA (Rural Addressing Director): Mr. Chairman, County Commissioners, we are here to present our rural addressing plan. We obtained a grant for E-911 and in order to comply with that grant we have to finish addressing by the year 2001. In order to do this, we created a plan that we feel will help us to accomplish this. The first item is select the area. GIS, rural addressing and Administrative Services got together and selected an area that we felt needed to be addressed first of all. We picked the northern part of the county.

Within the northern part of the county, we selected to Arroyo Seco area. From that point, we went and GPSed all the roads within the -- actually, the entire county of Santa Fe has been GPSed. Although the roads have been GPSed, we're going to go back and revisit these areas and we're going to GPS the actual structures and the driveway points to comply with that grant agreement. In order to do this, we also had to do the office preparation, which consisted of pulling the files for each of the addresses on those roads and making copies for the field so that we could go door to door and collect the information that we were still lacking in those areas.

Also part of the office preparation was to make some changes to the forms to make them more presentable to the public, to let them know that we were trying to supply them emergency services rather than a mailing address and this is one of the forms that we came up with. The other form and the other change we made was instead of calling it a rural addressing questionnaire, we changed it to an application for an E-911 addressing and we're

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requesting all the information that's required to complete the E-911 database.

Now we're at prepare schedule. We have prepared a schedule. It's actually an activity schedule that determines how we're going to proceed with this plan. Part of the preparation was getting uniforms so that we would be more identifiable to the public as County representatives when we knock at their doors and they're not afraid to open them to us, and purchasing equipment and so on. We have reviewed the plan with the County Manager and made changes based on his recommendations and now we're presenting it to you the Commission. We've prepared an advertisement that we plan to distribute in the selected area prior to going in to that area so that we can advise the public of our intentions to go in and meet with them.

Once we have your approval, we plan to train our staff on the equipment that we purchased so that we can go out there in teams and collect this information and also go door to door and commence addressing. Once all this information is collected, we have to submit to the phone companies and the FCC after the areas are complete so that they can enter them into the official 911 computer databases. And that's it with the presentation unless you have any questions.

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: Mr. Chairman, Frank, I know that this process has been in the works for two, three four, how many years and there's been a lot of work done throughout the county. Does this model give impetus to retrofitting everything that has already happened as far as rural addressing is concerned? I know that you've been working on it for many years and done a lot of work. What you're going to do now is retrofit the existing or the previous work with the new process?

ANDREW CHAVEZ (Administrative Services Director): Mr. Chairman, Frank and his staff have done a lot of the addressing already and really where the problem lies is that many times when they went and 911 addressed a certain work they left paperwork to get filled out. The particular house already has a number but we don't have the name of the person that lives there or the phone number. So right now, what we're going to do, he's going to go back, we're going to changes hours of work to let's say ten to seven so that our staff can go to the houses when people are there and they will be able to collect the information because people will be at home when they get there.

And you saw where he was doing the office preparation, is where he's using all that information that he already worked on to make sure that he doesn't go and redo what he already has done. So yes, the answer to your question is yes. We are going to be able to retrofit, as you say so we won't have to duplicate. But the important thing is, you see all those lines there that represent roads, and right now Frank has addresses for houses along those roads. But after we use that equipment that we showed that we have, not only are we going to be able to have those roads, but right there next to the roads are going to be dots that represent the houses.

Eventually, as we go forward with this 911 system, we foresee that people with the EMS vehicles will have within their vehicle a computer that shows them exactly where the

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house is. The house will be flashing. This is where you need to take the emergency service to, and so they'll be able to get there. But these are all building blocks to get to that point.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: Any other discussion? Thank you, Frank and Erle.

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: Pretty impressive.

VII. C. 1999 County advertising plan funded with Lodgers' Taxes, presentation by Rick Johnson and Company

DEBBIE JOHNSON: Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman, Commissioners. Thank you. It's always a pleasure to be here. I'm Debbie Johnson, president of Rick Johnson and Company and with me is Pamela Lomand Wilson, the director of our tourism division and Sarah Biondi, our high-tech person. And also please welcome chairman of the Lodgers' Tax Board, Ben Serber who is behind me.

Again, we're delighted to be here, especially since we have some wonderful results for you. We wanted to take this opportunity to share with you the return on your investment and essentially we have a glimpse back in time and also right up to the future about the results and the efficiency, we would like to think of the advertising dollars that you put in our trust and that we spent on your behalf. We do have hand-outs of all these slides that we will give you at the end so you don't need to take notes or anything.

Again, we will take you through the 2-1/2 years of the contracts to date, from fiscal year 1997 to 1999. To begin, if you recall, just a quick look back, you all appointed us in July of '96 to take care of the upcoming marketing challenge. We met with you as a group and obtained some objectives from you and then also met with the Lodgers' Tax Board to go over those objectives and also identify and set priorities with them. And out of that we created a plan for your approval. If you recall, the consensus from you all and also the Lodgers' Tax Board is that you were eager to implement an outreach program to involve an awful lot of the businesses and associations in the county that hadn't participated before and also to increase the visibility of the county and to tailgate on the greater visibility of the city.

So with that in mind, we put in this plan, some key objectives, and that was to build the campaign, again tailgating on the greater recognition of the city of Santa Fe but letting people know that there's lots of things to see beyond the plaza. So the line that we came up with, the saying "There's more to Santa Fe than Santa Fe" began to do just that. What we wanted to do, as you recall, was to define the potential market for the visitor and again to let them think of the county and all the wonderful things there on the plaza and to educate them about the area, exactly where the county was, and all of the wonderful things in the county.

Also, we wanted to increase consumer inquiries, as you know, and also increase Lodgers' Tax collections. The outreach program, which we think was successful, was to

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generate a community spirit and cooperation by building successful advertising partnerships with the county businesses. And if you recall, we got the help of some students from the community college and made over 200, 250 calls, personally, to the different associations and businesses around the county and had a much greater participation than ever in the past. We also added television and radio to the media mix for the first time in history and we think had a great increase in visibility.

To accomplish all this, the strategies for all those objectives, one was to place the out of state print media to maximize the national exposure while keeping your average cost per inquiry below five dollars. As you know, the national averages range anywhere between nine and seven so five is a really good level. We also placed out of state print ads in publications with reader service cards so that we could increase the inquiries and track them so we did know where they came from. And also, as you know, we leaned on the media on your behalf to obtain matching bonus spots for the in-state radio and to further stretch the media dollars.

One of the fun things that we did that year was to introduce the Santa Fe County classroom, which you recall was an interactive quiz about the county to help define where it was and what was in it. Here's an example of one of the first print ads that appeared that established the line and gave a toll-free number and also offered the visitor's guide. And then as you recall, we also had a version with a map around the border, because we started establishing the specific locations for the county lines.

Again, for the first year results, just a recount, because we're delighted that it worked so well. The in-state bonus media dollars totaled more than \$52,000, and that was money that the stations came up with. They were delighted to work with you for the first time and participate in the program and so you essentially got a freebie, 52,000 freebies, is you will. And that year, the inquiries performed 63% ahead of goals. So we hope you're pleased with that. We were delighted. In addition to that, we produced the great brochure which we designed, printed and distributed to all the New Mexico welcome centers so that the county had a presence all of its own. In the past you had been an insert in other publications and this time you had one of your own.

And the Lodgers' Tax collections that year increased 5% or \$10,300. As part of this effort, we also met the media's contribution and the agency donated over 1500 hours of free services in support of the program, the value of which was \$50,000. So essentially, there was a bonus value that year of over \$100,000 from the agency and the media, which we think contributed to those results and we were delighted to be on the winning team with you.

Pamela will now take you into 1998 and catch you up to date with the current things that are going on.

PAMELA LOMAND: Thank you. Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, my name is Pamela Lomand. I'm managing director of the tourism division at Rick Johnson and Company and have the pleasure of meeting monthly with your Lodgers' Tax Advisory Board to discuss the hot things on the advertising program and the upcoming planning process.

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In 1998, one of the first things that we do is we look at 1997 and the previous years to determine what needs to happen in phase 2. One of the key facts is that consumer inquiries were indeed on the rise and we wanted to continue that momentum. The momentum was growing in the name recognition but we still need to exist and communicate specific objectives of what there is to see and do within Santa Fe County. The opportunity additionally exists to build on the high popularity and the name identification with the city of Santa Fe.

With that in mind we defined our objectives, with the first one being reinforcing the slogan "There is more to Santa Fe than Santa Fe." Santa Fe's a wonderful city. There's so much to see and do beyond the outlines of the city limits. We also wanted to encourage more New Mexicans to travel to Santa Fe for an overnight stay. Additionally, we wanted to create one-stop shopping, which was a national trend that consumers were looking for -- the ease of booking their business into a community for their vacation needs. So that would be all inclusive, lodging, meals and transportation.

We still wanted to keep our cost per inquiry in the print advertising low. We wanted to increase inquiries. In addition we wanted to get in on the momentum of increasing Lodgers' Tax collections. One of the strategies was to develop a greater brand identity for Santa Fe County and the way we took about doing that was to actually increase the consumer reach. That is we wanted to get the message to more consumers. Additionally we wanted to encourage New Mexico residents to travel within Santa Fe County.

We created television spots that really cut the clutter and built on the packaging in the one-stop shopping area. We also worked with the central reservation service to provide that one-stop shopping to the community. So when the caller responded to an advertisement, whether it be print or television, they had an option when they dialed the phone number to either get the visitor's guide or stay on the line and make a reservation at one of the fine county lodges and extend their stay.

We also cross-promoted county businesses through a couponing program which offered free participation within the program. We also distributed many brochures and coupons to county businesses as well as welcome centers state-wide and implemented the packaging and couponing concept.

One of the tags, for example, is called "Snow Business" and this particular ad talked about two things. Number one, the fine skiing that the county offers. Number two, winter fiesta, which was an event going on in the county area. The next ad was a romantic get-away called [inaudible] The copy on this reads, "If there's a more romantic place than Santa Fe County, we haven't found it. Experience the beauty, serenity and immense cultural variety for our special place for very special rates. A romantic get-away is the perfect way to relax, rejuvenate and reconnect." And again, with the consumer phone number for fulfillment.

The results of the 1998 program were as follows: Lodgers' Tax collection increased 15% over the 1996, which was our starting point, equating to \$43,890. Consumers inquiries

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increased an additional 31% over the previous fiscal year. Cost per inquiries averaged an all-time low of \$2.43. Bonus reader service listings, we were able to negotiate on your behalf eight free ads stretched radio dollars by an additional \$16,420. And again, Rick Johnson and Company's partnership and commitment to county tourism, we also donated additional hours and services as support.

We want to show you a little bit about our investment within the last two years, fiscal year '97 and '98. We are currently in the fiscal year '99. The value of the hours invested exceeded \$107,000 in fiscal year '97. -- what you were not billed for but in support of your program was \$70,000. And again, in 1998's fiscal year, you received a savings of \$35,000 and we're proud to be part of that partnership.

Fiscal year '99, which is the current year and started in July of 1998, we advised a call to action to provide the consumer with the option again to make overnight reservations directly with lodgings. We list all the lodgings and their phone numbers. In response to advertising as of last week, consumer inquiries again show another increase of 11% over the previous fiscal year.

Our objectives for the current advertising program is to continue to build upon the increase in Lodgers' Tax, to promote tourism at a sustainable rate that the local economy can absorb, to extend the length of visitors' stays within the county, to increase consumer inquiries while creating top of mind awareness for the county as a year-round destination. Our strategy is to obtain those objectives which continue to build on the brand identity, to increase promotion through newspaper, magazine and television media, to utilize a unified approach for both the in-state program and the out of state advertising program, and again, to focus on the weekend get-aways.

We wanted to build on the FY98 media strategies and take those to the next level. We also wanted to continue to initiate cooperative efforts with the city for the benefit of the greater Santa Fe area, and we are working on several promotions with the City of Santa Fe and the Convention and Visitors' Bureau to achieve those objectives. We're also introducing out of state radio promotions to the media mix and a key geographic market being Houston, Texas with a bonus value of \$36,000.

As a sample of the current newspaper advertising program, again which promotes weekend get-aways, we talk about trading a hectic lifestyle for something wonderful that the county offers. In this case, we're talking about trading traffic lights for moonlight, and a wonderful weekend get-away. The next ad features culture, trading white bread for fry bread and highlighting the wonder pueblo opportunities to visit within the county. As of last week, our results to date increased -- we expect Lodgers' Tax to increase an additional 2% over the previous year. The collection variance between 1996 where we started this program and today, as our year to date, we'll be at a 20% increase over the 2 1/2 years. Consumer inquiries are expected to have an 11% increase over last year and bonus listings -- those are ads, again, negotiated at no charge for Santa Fe County which further stretches your media dollars -- another \$17,000.

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If we look at inquiry comparisons over the previous years, fiscal year '96 was a starting place, Rick Johnson and Company joined your county in 1997 and you can see that the inquiries have increased substantially over the '97, '98 and '99 period. Additionally, Lodgers' Tax receipts are back on the rise and we look at this as a wonderful opportunity to continue to grow those collections and promote the county.

The next slide shows you the increase, using 1996 as our barometer, where we started, the first year Lodgers' Tax increased 5% over '96. In FY98 we had a 15% increase over 1996 and in FY99 we've projected a 23% increase over 1996. We want to thank you for the opportunity to be of service to Santa Fe County. We'd be happy to answer any of your questions and if you haven't any we'd be happy to play this year's television spots for you. Would you like to see them?

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: Absolutely.

[The advertisements were shown on video.]

MS. JOHNSON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, Commissioners. As we said, we designed those to cut the clutter. I think we succeeded. Could we answer any questions?

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: Yes, where are most of the inquiries coming from? These commercials are being aired, I guess, state-wide. Are we getting most of the inquiries from within the state?

MS. LOMAND: Yes, this particular program is part of the in-state advertising contract and right now it is airing state-wide and in addition, we are looking at placing these spots in the outer markets, which would be west Texas, primarily through June 30, which is the end of your fiscal year so those should start in about two weeks.

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: So most of the inquiries are coming from inside the state?

MS. LOMAND: As a result of television, the television inquiries are indeed coming from in-state, but the primary media plan allocates dollars to national magazines and newspaper and the majority of your inquiries, about 90%, are coming from out of state in your key geographic regions.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: I'd just add to that, Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Trujillo, I think that one of the objectives when we talked about this two years ago was that many New Mexicans, when they're planning a weekend for their families will plan the weekend in Albuquerque and not that -- there's wonderful things to do in Albuquerque but it just doesn't seem like people really understood all the recreational activities that they could do in Santa Fe County and I remember supporting this initiative to go in-state, which I don't know if we had been as aggressive in the past as we were starting two years ago, to focus on letting New Mexicans know that Santa Fe County can be a destination place within a day away, to bring their families to spend time, whether at Rancho Encantado or a bed and breakfast down in the southern part of the county or wherever it might be.

So I'm glad to see that it's paying off and I've heard lots of really good remarks from

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some of my peers around the state who see the commercial and they're real envious that Santa Fe County seems to be the only county that's really taken the jump in using that visual aid to show New Mexicans what we have available for them.

MS. JOHNSON: Great. Thank you, Commissioner Gonzales, and Commissioner Trujillo, to your point, we also track -- we work as well for the Department of Tourism for the state and we track inquiries for them as well. And the county's inquiries pretty much parallel the state inquiries. They do come from the surrounding states to a large extent and Commissioner Gonzales' point, a lot of them are day trips. But as Pamela mentioned, one of our objectives is to get them to extend their stay and not just come here but to stay over two or three nights and therefore see more of the county. So we're looking forward to that too.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: Mr. Chairman, I have a couple of questions for Mr. Serber but before I go on, I just want to commend Rick Johnson Agency group and Debbie Johnson for what looks and in fact is showing to be a wonderful partnership as you stated and to thank you for your in-kind contributions and working with the television media to increase that message output. So thank you for the wonderful work you're doing for us.

MS. JOHNSON: Thank you. It's really been our pleasure.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: And one question, Mr. Serber, I'm assuming that the Lodgers' Tax Board is happy with the agency and happy with the results they've seen.

BEN SERBER: Mr. Chairman and Commissioners, I'd like to commend the agency for their professionalism, their creativity, and always their cooperation. I've been chairman of the board as you know for quite a long time and your County Manager has never given me that raise that he promised.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: We'll try and put in for about a 15% raise this year.

MR. SERBER: Thank you for your cooperation.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: One question, Mr. Serber, or actually two questions. One relates to the action on the City's part to review the increase in their Lodgers' Tax to generate revenues for a new convention center. I would ask you know, has your board discussed a possible increase in Lodgers' Tax for county lodges?

MR. SERBER: Yes, we have and hopefully, at our next meeting we will have a unanimous recommendation to increase the Lodgers's Tax one percent. As you know, we're at 3% now. The city is at four. They're going to five. We'd like to go to four. And we would like to make that recommendation to the Board of Commissioners and hopefully we'll receive that and use that for more promotions as this excellent agency of ours can generate and generate additional Lodgers' Tax.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: Mr. Serber, Mr. Chairman, when will you be taking action on the request for recommendation to the increase? Do you have a date specified?

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MR. SERBER: Our next board meeting will be May 27. We meet the fourth Thursday of every month and at this time I'd like to extend an invitation to the Commissioners to attend some of our meetings. We could use your guidance and support and cooperation. And I think Commissioner Gonzales was there one time. We'd like to see him there a couple more times and all of you, a few times. And we'd even like to invite the County Manager. He's been very scarce at some of our meetings. He used to be there when he was the Finance Director. But these promotions and power --

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: That kind of gets in the way. Mr. Serber, I hope that in our discussions that the board does vote in the affirmative to make a recommendation to this Commission and I hope that this Commission would adopt your recommendations because it really does seem like a wonderful opportunity to educate not only New Mexicans but people from outside the state how wonderful this county is, how hard the people who own businesses in this county work to provide a very wonderful attraction to them and it just seems to me that in staying in line with what the City's doing and this trend that it does make sense that this one percent would be used to continue to further promote Santa Fe County.

I guess my next question would go to staff and possibly Denise or David, if the Lodgers Tax is meeting on the 27th to act on a recommendation to the Commission to increase the tax, could we notice that for action by the Commission on the same day? I know we're meeting on the 27th as well. Would that be possible if the Commission so wanted to act on the same day? My feeling is that the sooner the Commission acts one way or another, the sooner we can start generating the money. So, this is the 27th of May that they would be meeting.

MR. WOLF: I would think, Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Gonzales, that we could put that on the agenda. Should their recommendation go otherwise, we could always table it. What we need to look into as staff, I believe is whether or not it takes action by ordinance to change the rate or it's just Commission action. I'm not sure. Do you know, Ben, by any chance? To change the rate, if it's ordinance or resolution?

MR. SERBER: We shouldn't have any trouble at all.

MR. WOLF: We'll look into that.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: Can we notice it if it is just by resolution? Even if it's by ordinance, can we notice the publication for the ordinance and possibly we could do that at our first meeting in May and get that working through very quickly. And hopefully the Commission will act on it.

One other issue, Ben, is we talked about putting up the welcome signs to Santa Fe County, both on I-25 and on 285 on the areas coming in and Larry's worked real hard to try and work with the state to secure easements and we've asked him to hold off on putting anything up until we could talk to your board. One of the suggestions that this Commission had a couple of months ago was to ask the Lodgers' Tax to sponsor or to consider coming up with a design for a welcome sign into Santa Fe County. And I would ask that if you're

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able to take this up with your board at your next meeting that they do one of two things. Sponsor a contest for local artists to design a welcome sign that has that message that we want to talk to them about or if the board decides that you want to just keep it in house and work on your own but somehow we'd like to ask the Lodgers' Tax Board -- this was two months ago and I know we've all been real busy -- to come up with a nice welcome sign. And if we could use community input that would be wonderful. And to sponsor it, that means I think you would have to pull out your checkbook, which I know you don't necessarily want to do unless its going for advertising for county businesses, but I don't imagine it would cost very much money.

MR. SERBER: We've had some preliminary discussions about that and I think our agency has taken that under consideration. Before I leave, I'd like to commend your staff in their support of us, and that's Susan Lucero and Donna Gary, they've been very, very helpful. And in closing, all I can say is there's more to Santa Fe than Santa Fe.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: Thank you Mr. Serber for your leadership.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: Thank you, Mr. Serber and also Deb Johnson too. You've done a very fine job I believe.

MS. JOHNSON: Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

VII. D. Employee of the quarter

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: Santa Fe County Employee of the quarter is Mr. Richard Martinez. This award is for January 1999 through March 31, 1999. Richard is a duplicating technician for the General Services Department and was nominated by the General Services staff. As a duplicating technician for the General Services Department he operates a high volume of duplicating machines, collates and reproduces materials, picks up and distributes the mail for all of the Santa Fe County departments. He's taken on the task of verified fixed assets for GSD, coordinates appraisals for the administrative buildings and the judicial complex. Recently the County over \$10,000 by photocopying medical protocols, 300 copies of the 120 page document that otherwise would have been done by an outside firm.

Richard continues to possess an excellent attitude towards his job and his co-workers, always willing to lend a helping hand to whomever is in need. His excellent work ethic and desire to succeed is second to none. Richard is an exemplary employee and he is knowledgeable and needs little supervision or direction. Richard is an in valuable asset to Santa Fe County and his performance should not go unnoticed or unrewarded. I am pleased to present Richard Martinez with this certificate of appreciation, a day of administrative leave and the Employee of the quarter parking space for the next three months. Congratulations Richard, for a job well done.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: I guess we should add to Richard, three

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months with that parking, I understand that he's going to be leaving Santa Fe County and I don't want him to auction off that parking space, but I do want to thank him for the work that he's done here and I hope he changes his mind and decides to stay because he's a great employee.

RICHARD MARTINEZ: Mr. Chairman, County Commissioners, I'd like to thank all of you for giving me an opportunity for working with everybody within Santa Fe County. My time here has been a wonderful experience and definitely something I'll be able to benefit myself in the future. I'm sorry to take it and run.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: Good luck. Come back.

VIII. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

A. Committee expirations, resignations, vacancies

1. Maternal and Child Health Council

MR. WOLF: Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, the Santa Fe County Board of County Commission appoints the membership of the Santa Fe County Maternal and Child Health Planning Council and John A. Quintana has submitted his resignation. And the council recommends acceptance of his resignation.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: What are the wishes of the Board?

Commissioner Gonzales moved to accept Mr. Quintana's resignation from the Maternal and Child Health Council. Commissioner Anaya seconded and the motion passed by unanimous [3-0] voice vote.

VIII. B. Committee appointments

1. Maternal and Child Health Council

MR. WOLF: Mr. Chairman, Eppie Herrera, the Indigent Fund Director, her term is expiring and she is being recommended to be reappointed to serve another term by the council.

Commissioner Gonzales moved to reappoint Eppie Herrera to the Maternal and Child Health Council and Commissioner Trujillo seconded. The motion passed by unanimous [3-0] voice vote.

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VIII. B. 2. Santa Fe County Health Planning Commission

MR. WOLF: Mr. Chairman, Virginia will present this item.

VIRGINIA VIGIL (Policy Analyst): Mr. Chairman, members of the Commission, for the record, Virginia Vigil, Senior Policy Analyst. If you will reference your packets with relation to this, just let me state that pursuant to the last County Commission meeting, I had been appointed coordinator and will assist in facilitating the Health Planning Commission. The first step that was taken to assist in that role was in reviewing the resolution that was passed creating the Santa Fe County Health Planning Commission there were specific requirements that would be a part of the Commission and that identifies what the make-up of that commission is. And what we did in following through with that is we contacted those entities that were to submit appointees to this Commission and requested the name of the appointee and a resume. Those resumes are part of your packet.

And I will just give you what the names of those appointees were. I'll mention their names and there is an item of action to be taken before the Commission today that will really complete the make-up of that Health Planning Commission. The resolution requires us to have an appointee from the union, local 1099 and they have appointed Dolly Lyon.

The resolution requires an appointment from our sole care provider, St. Vincent's Hospital. St. Vincent's Hospital has submitted the name of Cris Rael. The resolution requires that Maternal Child and Health Care submit an appointee. They have submitted the name of Whitney Robbins. The resolution requires that the City of Santa Fe submit an appointee from their Health and Human Services Department. Frederick Sandoval will be representing the City of Santa Fe. And the resolution further requires that there be an appointee from the DWI Council. The DWI Council has submitted the name of Glen Wierenga.

Those are the members of the commission that are require by resolution. Also required by resolution are a community health care provider. Pursuant to that requirement we contacted community health care providers to submit names and resumes of appointees to that position. That is one item of action before you today. The names that have been submitted are listed in the memorandum. From amongst those four names, you as a Commission and a consensus, by the majority need to make a recommendation to that commission from among the names of Dr. Arturo Gonzalez, Domingo Sanchez, Richard Taffe, and Dr. Justina Trott.

In addition to that, there are five at-large appointees, one from each member of this Commission. We followed up that requirement by requesting letters of intent and resumes from members of the community who would be interested in participating and being a part of that Health Planning Commission. Those resumes are also attached to your packets and the names of those people are listed on the second page of your memorandum. As you can see, there are close to 20 of those. The only additional name to that list is someone who

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would be representing the housing issue and that gentleman's name is Brad Hill.

So I just submit to you, members of the Commission that amongst yourself we need a recommendation, an appointee from the community health care provider, and that each one of the Commission members can submit an appointee and I'll be happy to take those names from you and inform them that the first meeting that will be held with the Health Planning Commission is May 13 at 5:30 in chambers.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: Mr. Chairman, I nominate Dr. Arturo Gonzales as representing the other community providers.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: I need a little bit of clarification, Mr. Chairman. In other words, we need to appoint one permanent member and then five at-large.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: Mr. Chairman and Commissioner Anaya, we have created one of the six seats to go to any of the other community providers other than St. Vincent's that were interested in serving. Permanent wouldn't be the case. This would actually be one-year terms.

MS. VIGIL: Two-year terms.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: Two-year terms so who we appoint would just serve for two and then two years when we go back to renew our appointments then we can move to someone else from the other community providers to be a part of it. It was meant to be a rotating seat amongst the other community providers so that they had input into how the health plan was going to be implemented.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Okay, the automatic ones are there for one more year according to our resolution?

MS. VIGIL: Two years.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: I was just wondering how they happened to be selected as a continuous type of appointment procedure. I guess what I'm questioning is how the procedure happened that the five are automatically in.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Anaya, the resolution that we had passed basically gave permanent seats to six organizations that we see listed and those organizations were given the authority to place their individuals on the commission.

MS. VIGIL: Mr. Chairman, there's a follow-up on that. We submitted letters to the community health care providers to submit a resume of a recommended candidate for that particular appointment. And this was the result of the response that we received.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: I understand. So they did the selection process for these permanent members from the committees that are already existing.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: So the name of Arturo Gonzalez would represent the sixth appointment and he would if accepted by the Board, would represent the other community providers that are engaged in health care.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chairman, I'll second that appointment.

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He would be the sixth permanent. Okay, I'll second.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: Okay, we have a motion that we appoint Arturo Gonzales by Commissioner Gonzales and second by Commissioner Anaya. Any further discussion? If not, all those in favor signify by saying "aye." [Unanimous 3-0] The ayes have it.

Now we have five appointees made by one for each Commissioner, right?

MS. VIGIL: That's correct.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: I submit the name of Linda Siegle from the Village of Madrid.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: Linda Siegle. Anybody else.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chairman, I submit the name of Jaime Estremera-Fitzgerald.

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: Mr. Chairman, I submit the name of Richard Taffe, Health Centers of Northern New Mexico.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Can I submit one for Chairman Duran?

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: What was that name again?

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: Richard Taffe.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: Is he on the list?

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: Yes he is, under the providers. But I'm going to submit him as a member of the board.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: Okay, and I'm going to submit Brad Hill representing the housing. How do we do it for Chairman Duran?

MS. VIGIL: My understanding from my communications, although he didn't authorize me to present this right now, but he was wanting to add Rebecca Frenkel from the League of Women Voters as his appointee and I would just submit --

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: Who was that again?

MS. VIGIL: Rebecca Frenkel. She's about the tenth person down on the second --

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: Mr. Chairman, Virginia, when's our next meeting?

MS. VIGIL: The next meeting is scheduled for -- the public hearing meeting?

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: Yes. Our next County Commission meeting. I guess my point being is that it falls before, then Chairman Duran can officially make that appointment, which I think he should. If the Health meeting is first then Rebecca can attend that and then just be appointed afterwards.

MR. WOLF: The next meeting, Commissioner Gonzales, is May 11.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: So maybe we can defer Chairman Duran's appointment until then, Mr. Chairman.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: Okay, then we can go ahead and just leave Rebecca Frenkel's name out there.

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COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chairman, I just wanted to state that all the people that have submitted applications are really excellent people. I know quite a few of them and it's kind of tough to come down to a final selection. I just want to note that for the record and thank them for their submittals.

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: Mr. Chairman, I'd just like to say that you did mention that we would have representation in there from the housing?

MS. VIGIL: We did. That was Commissioner Grifñé's appointment.

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: Very good.

COMMISSIONER GRIFÑÉ: Do I have a motion to approve all these appointees?

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the appointments as presented. Commissioner Anaya seconded and the motion passed by unanimous [3-0] vote.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: Mr. Chairman, and Virginia, if we can send letters off to those who weren't appointed thanking them for offering and also letting them know that they're welcome to be a part of the meetings and offer input. I think that that would be real helpful. Just to let them know when the first one is, just as observers and I'm sure there'll be some commenting period.

MS. VIGIL: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Gonzales, communication has been made to each one of these interested parties. This commission cannot really take off the ground without the support of the community and with their expertise so they will be fully informed of commission meetings and are welcome to attend and give their input. Thank you for the suggestion. We were thinking along those lines.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER GRIFÑÉ: Thank you, Virginia.

VIII. B. 3. Tesuque Local Development Review Committee

DENICE BROWN (County Attorney): Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, on May 26 of 1998, the Board designated Tesuque a traditional historic community under state law. The County Land Development Code provides that once a community is designated as a traditional historic community a local development review committee shall be established for that community. Tesuque's been working on their community plan under the auspices of the Rio Tesuque Land Alliance with the authorization of the Board.

Working with Commissioner Trujillo, the planning committee has solicited a list of community residents who wish to serve on the committee. The community is asking the Board to appoint those members at this time and they will subsequently work with me and with the development review committee and the Land Use Department to set up their regular

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meetings and times and train them on how to conduct their meetings. All of their meeting times and places will be incorporated into a resolution so the public will know when that committee regularly meets.

So we're at this time asking you to appoint members to the Tesuque Local Development Review Committee. I believe you've been handed a hand-out of the members who would like to be appointed.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: I don't have one. We also have some representatives who could answer questions for you. Rod Rimpel and Mike Finney are both here and they could answer questions if you would like to inquire of them how these folks were selected.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: This list is fine for me. How do you want to handle this, Commissioner Trujillo?

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chairman, I would yield to Commissioner Trujillo since it's his district and he knows his constituents perhaps better than we do.

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: I'll just let Rod represent a little bit what the process entailed and how the people were selected to serve on the local development review committee.

ROD RIMPEL: Thank you. My name is Rod Rimpel and I am with the Rio Tesuque Land Alliance and we assisted the village in getting the designation as traditional historic community. Soon after that designation we began working with Commissioner Trujillo and the County Attorney and the Land Use Planning Department and began recruiting. I want to thank you for allowing us to do some recruitment and to present you with a slate which we feel is very representative of our village.

We initially ran an ad in our newsletter and then we turned to word of mouth and individual suggestion and nomination to recruit this organization. Our goal was to find the greatest cross section and representation of Tesuque that we could find demographically and we firstly looked and had a very strong interest in representing the traditional historic families of Tesuque. We also looked at individuals' community involvement, their connections to Tesuque. We looked for a diversity of occupation, sex, race. We didn't want people with agendas. We wanted to keep that as neutral as we could. It was simply based on their interest in working for and with the community of Tesuque that we focused.

We also were very careful to present to this potential committee the difficulty they will have working in such a small community and making such important decisions about their friends and neighbors. And they are all going into this wide-eyed and aware of the importance of their task. I just want to thank you again for allowing us to present you with what we feel is a very strong representation of our community.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: Thank you, Rod.

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: Thank you, Rod.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: Commissioner Trujillo, do you want to place a motion to accept the list?

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COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: I just want to commend the community of Tesuque for taking this effort very seriously and going out to the community and getting the membership that represents a very diverse cross section of the community, including interests and needs and understanding the acequia, the church and everybody else. With that I make a motion to approve the members of the Tesuque Local Development Review Committee.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: I'll second, Mr. Chairman.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: Okay, we have a motion to approve the list and a second by Commissioner Anaya. All those in favor, signify by saying "aye." [Unanimous 2-0. Commissioner Gonzales was not present for this vote.]

The ayes have it.

MS. BROWN: If I could, Mr. Chairman. Our Code provides that a majority of the members shall serve, be appointed to two-year terms and the remainder to one-year terms. Do you want the committee members themselves to decide who wants the two-year and one-year terms or would you like to bring it back to you?

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: I would yield to Commissioner Trujillo.

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: I would yield to Mr. Rimpel.

MR. RIMPEL: I would prefer to let the committee to work that out.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: That would be fine.

VIII. B. 4. Santa Fe County Open Lands and Trails Planning and Advisory Committee (COLTPAC)

LESLI ELLIS (Planner): Good afternoon, Commissioners. I don't know that I need to be up here. Actually, this should be a very simple procedure of reappointing one member to replace a member who resigned last month. I don't have the memo right in front of me but I believe there are several names on that list who originally applied to be on this committee from Tesuque, and that's the area that needs an appointee for this committee. Patricia Hotchkiss, I believe was one person on that list.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: So first we have to accept the resignation of Chuck Pacheco?

MS. ELLIS: Chuck Pacheco was one person who resigned as well as Mike Finney from Tesuque. And Chuck Pacheco was replaced by the alternate, John Wheat, from the north area of the county. Mike Finney is from Tesuque. We've only had one other applicant from the Tesuque area and that's Patricia Hotchkiss. There are two other people who've also applied from the north part of the county, Julie Bennett and Joe Maestas. So those are other possible appointees from that area of the county.

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: I think we need representation from the Tesuque area. We've got representation from the extreme northern part of the county. So I would make a motion to have Patricia Hotchkiss replace Mike Finney as a member of the

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COLTPAC.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Second.

COMMISSIONER GRIÑÉ: Do you want a friendly amendment also to accept Chuck Pacheco's resignation.

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: Yes.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Second.

COMMISSIONER GRIÑÉ: We've got a motion and a second. All those in favor signify by saying "aye." [Unanimous 2-0. Commissioner Gonzales was not present for this vote.]

The ayes have it. Thank you, Lesli.

IX. STAFF AND ELECTED OFFICIAL ITEMS

A. Quarterly report

1. County Assessor

BENITO MARTINEZ (County Assessor): Mr. Chairman, members of the Commission, I'd like to take the time before I present to you the quarterly report for the Assessor's Office. The Assessor and our staff want to give recognition to the collaborative effort between MIS and Erle Wright, E-911, Land Use, all departments with the presentation that Erle presented to you today, the arc view and the relational database. It's extremely important. Many hours were spent on the presentation and although we only had ten minutes to present it, it's extremely important that each one of you realizes the importance of it and I would ask that if you have spare time that you spend more time with us in that presentation to see the ins and outs, what the benefits are to the County and to your constituents in your representative districts. So I wanted to recognize the presentation. It was a job well done.

The first quarter of 1999 the Assessor's Office has been busy reappraising. We're in a reappraisal year. We're reappraising every property in the county. It is a very important cycle and time of the year to us as a local government to David Wolf as County Manager with respect to revenue production. At that budget meeting that I had with our Finance Department and our County Manager, we in the Assessor's Office projected somewhere in the range of net new valuation, the valuation that is not subject to yield control. We had some good news today. We had the computer run a query which identified approximately eighty to eighty-five million of net new, which is going to mean somewhere in the range of \$850,000 to \$900,000 unrestricted revenue to the County.

This is extremely important. I would like to make a plea right now in bringing in ASD and their budget to the County Manager and to our Commission here, in that orthophotography was requested in MIS' budget, a proposal for \$500,000. I would like to ask that that be reconsidered now that we do have some additional revenues above and beyond our original projections. This orthophotography is extremely important to my office

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in locating new construction. It is an additional tool that assists us in locating all new homes within their respective districts. So I would ask that we reconsider that and at least try to phase that in, some orthophotography. So I'd like to show that on the record.

Some other discussions set in the Assessor's Office, on March 1 this year, we had an update of our relational database parcel management system, which is Y2K compliant and which gives us better control of the data and a more enhanced perspective of the information that we retain. Some other benchmarks that we have are in GIS areas, in the Edgewood corridor, we have a goal of [inaudible] 54 square miles of the Edgewood area. We are complete with 15 square miles. I invite you Commissioners, members of staff and taxpayers to come visit us and take a look at the work we're doing. It's a really nice project.

This year we anticipate having a valuation base of somewhere near \$3,300,000 and I stand now for questions if you have any?

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: Any questions?

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: I was impressed by the presentation that was made on the GIS too. Is that capability going to enhance the Assessor's ability to identify areas or houses that are not on the tax roles to hopefully augment the coffers of Santa Fe County?

MR. MARTINEZ: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Trujillo, yes. And I do want to thank you personally, Commissioner Trujillo for your attentiveness during these meetings in the past. Not just this meeting but in the past, for my quarterly report and for your attentiveness in this specific project and demonstration. We will be able to utilize this information in an enhanced environment to save many man hours and this is where the orthophotography is extremely important to us in that we have the building permit process streamlined now where we analyze from Land Use Department all building permits based on type of use, on type of building permit and as such, and the orthophotography is just another method in that it enhances this process further.

If you've got a digital photograph from the air of every structure that is on the ground. It also leads us to many of the developments, road cuts and other developments that are erected throughout the county. And so it would enhance our operation. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: Any more questions? Thank you, Benito.

MR. MARTINEZ: Thank you.

IX. B. FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- 1. Request authorization to enter into a contract with Territorial Plumbing for gas line upgrades at the Camino de Jacobo Housing Area**

DONNA GARY (Finance Director): The Housing Services Division and the Purchasing Section requested bids on two separate occasions for this professional service

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agreement. After receiving no acceptable proposals, the Housing Services Division then solicited quotes and negotiated with Territorial Plumbing pursuant to Section 13-1-131 NMSA 1978. The Housing Services Division has contracted for two previous gas projects and one was with Territorial Plumbing. Based on the price paid on the previous projects and the one bid received on the first invitation, the Housing Services Division and Purchasing Division are confident that the price obtained is fair and reasonable.

The Housing Services Division and Finance Department request authorization to award a contract to Territorial Plumbing in the amount of \$44,415, inclusive of New Mexico gross receipts tax.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: Okay, what is the pleasure of the Commission?

Commissioner Anaya moved approval of the contract with Territorial Plumbing and Commissioner Trujillo seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. [Commissioner Gonzales was not present for this vote.]

IX. B. 2. Request authorization to enter into a professional services agreement with Thomas R. Mann and Associates, Inc. for landfill site aerial photography

MS. GARY: The Purchasing Section and the Public Works Department negotiated a purchase agreement with Thomas R. Mann and Associates to perform aerial mapping services for three sites in the Pojoaque Valley. The aerial mapping will allow for information to be gathered and plotted on contours and existing site conditions. The Finance Department and the Public Works Department request authorization to enter into a purchase agreement with Thomas R. Mann and Associates in the amount of \$16,497, including gross receipts tax.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chairman, Donna, this information will also be processed into the MIS system? It could be utilized in that direction also?

MS. GARY: I will need to defer --

MR. VELASQUEZ: Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, this information will just be used for design of landfill covers. It will be in digital format that it can be imported into their information if they desire to have that information.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: The information is accessible.

Commissioner Anaya moved to approve the professional services agreement with Thomas R. Mann & Associates. Commissioner Trujillo seconded and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote. [Commissioner Gonzales was not present for this vote.]

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IX. B. 3. Request authorization to accept and award a contract to the highest qualified respondent, RFP #99-40, for surveying services

MS. GARY: The Santa Fe County Land Use Department and the Purchasing Section seek to hire a surveyor for professional services for the surveying of the proposed Los Cerrillos planning area within Santa Fe County. A request for proposal was issued on February 22, 1999 and one responsive proposal was received on the opening date. Upon review of the proposal submitted by McClintock Surveying and Drafting, the evaluation committee determined that this proposal met the criteria specified in RFP # 99-40. The cost of these services were negotiated upon and determined to be comparable with similar surveying services. This is for McClintock Surveying and Drafting for a total of \$15,300 inclusive of gross receipts tax.

COMMISSIONER GRIÑÉ: What's the wishes of the Board?

Commissioner Anaya moved to approve the awarding of RFP # 99-40 to McClintock Surveying and Drafting and Commissioner Trujillo seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. [Commissioner Gonzales was not present for this vote.]

IX. C. FIRE DEPARTMENT

1. Resolution No. 1999-51. A resolution for Santa Fe County to ban the use of fireworks

HANK BLACKWELL (Fire Marshal): Chairman Griñé, County Commissioners, thank you for hearing this request again today. As we had told you in the previous session we'd be before you. First Resolution 1999-51, a resolution to ban the use of fireworks. What we're requesting, the new state law now allows local and municipal governments, county governments, some local autonomy. The new Senate Bill 606 which was just recently approved. What this does is it allows us to ban the use of fireworks based on our knowledge of conditions in our county.

The restriction basically says that we can only ban those fireworks for 30-day periods. So the resolution before you requests a 30-day ban beginning May 1. What we're requesting is that you approve this ordinance May 1 for thirty days. At next month's Commission session, we will request that this resolution be placed on a consent calendar. I'll be before but again, if conditions have not changed significantly, we will request a 30-day renewal of this resolution until our fire conditions change. So that way it does comply with the new state law and it does give us the ability to ban those fireworks. By banning them this early, between May and July, before the Fourth, it allows us at least two months for public education, to educate the public that we do have a ban and why we have a ban, as opposed to just waiting a few days before the Fourth of July. By that time, some of the

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damage has already been done.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: Hank, how is this going to work with the Sovereign Nations?

MR. BLACKWELL: It will not work with the Sovereign Nations in that basically they have their own authority and their own ability to ban if they so choose. So that will be one of the difficulties, if you will, for us in the County. But what this restriction does is it says that it is illegal to possess or to use fireworks in Santa Fe County. Which means outside of tribal land and it will be illegal. And we're working with our arson task force now to look at a public education blitz as well as an enforcement program with police and fire agencies in the area.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: I guess you could say that Santa Fe County, as they go up there, as they leave the reservation, just confiscate them.

MR. BLACKWELL: Wishful thinking, I think. But hopefully, we're working with the tribal governments right now and I think they're sensitive to the issue, but again, it will be their choosing as to whether they're going to ban or enforce any restrictions whatsoever. But the more public education we have I think the more people will comply.

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: And that's a good point because the sovereign entities sell fireworks all year round and it's hard to enforce and resolution or ordinance in tribal lands. Another question, how many times can the ban be extended? There's no limitation to that?

MR. BLACKWELL: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Trujillo, there's no limit. They can be extended 30 days, 30 days, 30 days if we choose to again, follow the state law, the new requirements. So the district chiefs, as I told you a few months ago, basically wanted a year-long ban on fireworks because of all the fire danger and the fires that have been caused in the past. But I think it's wise for us to really look at the state law and see how effective it is and look at 30-day periods in terms of conditions. And then I think we can pilot that, maybe in the next three to six months we can take a look at that and see if that's as effective as it needs to be, or if there's a better way to do it.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: Any questions of Hank, or discussion?

BECKY BUSTAMANTE (County Clerk): Mr. Chairman, a point of clarification. It's been asked that you approve it from May 1 for thirty days but the resolution says it's going to be approved on the 27th and it doesn't refer to the May 1 so I'm not sure it would be legal unless you just do it 30 days from the 27th. Because there's no reference in the resolution to May 1.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: I have a question too, Hank. You said this is every thirty days, right? What happens when the months have 31 days? We just have to bring it back one day earlier, right?

MR. BLACKWELL: Correct. I think that was something that was I think not really addressed in the new Senate bill that was passed by the legislature.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: So your concern, Becky, is what now?

MS. BUSTAMANTE: He had asked that you approve this as of May 1 but in the resolution there's no reference to May 1 and the resolution the way it's written says 30 days and I would assume that would be 30 days from today, the 27th.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: So can we, Denice, can we inject the exact date in there?

MS. BROWN: You could do that or you could just make it 30 days from April 27, from today's date and we would be back in time before the expiration. That's probably the simpler.

MR. BLACKWELL: That would be fine.

Commissioner Trujillo moved to approve Resolution 1999-51 and Commissioner Gonzales seconded. The motion passed by unanimous [3-0] voice vote.

IX. C. 2. Request authorization to enter into a joint powers agreement with the State of New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department for mobilization of wildland fire protection resources

MR. BLACKWELL: Chairman Griné, Commissioners, this was presented to you earlier at a previous meeting. In very brief summary, this joint powers agreement, some of the highlights. One, it is voluntary. If indeed we do sign this joint powers agreement, and enter into this, what that does is it enables the County to receive resources for wildland fires from any other jurisdiction in the State of New Mexico that signs this JPA. It allows us to deploy resources to another jurisdiction through the New Mexico Division of Forestry only if we feel that we have the resources available to deploy. So it's voluntary. That's one thing. But again, it gives us resources.

One of the things it does, it also has greater training and greater vehicle and equipment safety regulations that are required for our personnel to respond or for other jurisdictions to come into this agency, which adds a much greater degree or margin of safety for all fire personnel in a wildland fire setting.

Third, it requests that all of these requests be funnelled through State Forestry and then through the administrative arm of each jurisdiction, which would be Fire Administration. What that does is it allows us as a department to coordinate our resources, to make sure that before we deploy anybody, that our county first and foremost is always protected. So those are the three things that this joint powers agreement -- what it really does is improves upon those issues. It also increases the rates of reimbursement for the County as well if we are deployed for both personnel and for resources.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: Thank you, Hank. Any questions or discussion.

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the joint powers agreement for resource

sharing. Commissioner Trujillo seconded and the motion passed by unanimous [3-0] voice vote.

IX. C. 3. Request authorization to enter into a joint powers agreement with the City of Santa Fe for emergency services for fiscal year 1999

STAN HOLDEN (Fire Chief): Chairman Grinë, members of the Commission, this document should look thoroughly similar to you since at the last Commission meeting we approved a joint powers agreement with the City of Santa Fe for FY00 which is the next fiscal year. The document that is before you tonight is a joint powers agreement for the current fiscal year for the cost of approximately \$65,000.

The City and County Fire Departments, as you know, jointly provide fire, EMS, rescue services to the citizens of Santa Fe County and certain portions of the City of Santa Fe. And as a result, it requires that we have a joint powers agreement so that these services can be provided whether they are mutual aid type services or services that are rendered for a cost. Specifically, the costs associated with this joint powers agreement, the \$65,000 is to reimburse the City of Santa Fe for the costs associated with dispatching services that the City provides for the County fire districts.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: Do you mean they actually go out into the County? I thought probably the County would respond to the City most often.

MR. HOLDEN: Well, as a matter of fact, Mr. Chairman, the City does provide some services to the County. As a for instance, the bus accident that happened recently was initially responded to by the City Fire Department because their station is much closer. Station One is much closer to the ski area than any of the County fire districts. So through this type of agreement, the closest resource is always sent to any emergency. That same type of system exists with the county. There are portions of the city that can be responded to quicker by the County, then we do the service as the first responders. We feel that is a mutually beneficial service to our citizens and that's foremost in our minds and that's why we've brought this agreement to your attention and we're requesting action on it tonight.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: Any questions of Stan? If not, what's the pleasure of the Board?

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the joint powers agreement with the City of Santa Fe. Commissioner Trujillo seconded and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote. [Commissioner Anaya was not present for this vote.]

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IX. C. 4. Resolution No. 1999-52. A resolution amending the geographic limits and boundaries of Santa Fe County fire protection districts

JEFF SAUNDERS: Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, what I've given you right now is a map showing the new designations for all of the Santa Fe County fire districts. [Exhibit 1] At the present time, what we're working under is the premise that not all of Santa Fe County is covered by fire protection. About four years ago we came to that realization and we assigned fire response districts. And what we're doing here is we're trying to make the official statement by the Commission that the response districts would be the actual boundaries for those fire districts. There's some changes that have been made because of the GPS system that the County is using. Some of the roads on the maps have actually changed and the reason for the redistricting is because we can no longer get to the end of a certain road from that district. It actually lies in Tesuque instead of Agua Fria.

That was one of the main impetuses for changing the boundaries back to the Tesuque Land Grant, Jacona Land Grant right there on the center of the page. The resolution you have in front of you spells out the legal description following each one of the polygons and it goes on kind of pages and pages of legal description for each of the districts. Every single district, all of them in the county have changed partially.

What this will allow us to do is we'll be able to collect impact fees. Because of the joint powers agreement with the City, in those areas right around the city that used to be no-man's land, Rancho Viejo, south of the city, south of the community college, all that was no-man's land. Now that's all going to be in La Cienega's fire district. Other than that, most of the changes are minor redistricting because of roads and areas where we just couldn't get there the way the original boundaries were drawn.

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: Jeff, it looks like the La Puebla fire district was adjusted?

MR. SAUNDERS: It was brought down to the bottom of the Boneyard because of the concerns of the constituents. As you turn the corner going north, everybody thought they -- if you can see the physical fire station from where you're calling from, they assume that that's where their district starts, and that was not the case, so we brought that back down. From a legal description standpoint, some of our lines in the original documents were quite arbitrary and it was hard to legally describe them so wherever we possibly could we used the PLSS lines, the square lines that are on the map and described them with those lines. As you can see, La Puebla is like that. It comes from the Arroyo Seco straight down and then straight across.

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: So now Boneyard Road is in the La Puebla fire district?

MR. SAUNDERS: That's correct. That's kind of why we had gone around and around several years ago and in fact that's where we ended up. Pojoaque doesn't have any concerns about it right now.

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COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: Thanks, Jeff.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: Any more questions of Jeff? If not, what's the pleasure of the Board?

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve Resolution 1999-52 and Commissioner Trujillo seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. [Commissioner Anaya was not present for this vote.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: Mr. Chairman, I have a quick question of Jeff or Hank or Stan. Just looking at this map, excuse me for missing a large portion of Hank's presentation but have we begun to identify which fire and rescue districts are possibly the most vulnerable now considering the drought seasons as far as volunteers that we have and the capability of responding and what's the most drought? Are we doing anything from in-house to support --

MR. SAUNDERS: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Gonzales, we have formed a wildland cooperators group called the Santa Fe Wildland Cooperators and that's exactly the focus for that group. We've identified basically all of the wildland-urban interface areas bordering the Santa Fe National Forest. So Pojoaque, Chimayo, Tesuque, Hondo and Glorieta are all of our most concern and we're designating helicopter landing sites. We're trying to pre-stage a lot of equipment. One of the things that we've done is come up with our strike team list, so to speak. Everything's been readied and mobilized for the wildlands.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: Can you repeat the fire districts again?

MR. SAUNDERS: It starts in Chimayo, follows the Santa Fe National Forest boundary down, Chimayo, Pojoaque, Tesuque, Hondo and Glorieta. That doesn't mean that the fires that we're really concerned with are going to be the grass fires that are just about every place else in the county. From a safety standpoint, more people are hurt and injured, firefighters, from grass fires, than they are from actual forest fires, but we need to really concentrate on those areas because we have such a high population that's basically moving into the wooded, secluded areas.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: Just assuming from the standpoint that all of Santa Fe County obviously is at risk for fire danger, are there fire rescue districts though that we know that because of a shortage of volunteers that we're concerned about even handling grass fires. And maybe assemble the same type of strike force for that. And I point out to Madrid or La Cienega, or Stanley fire and rescue, they have a huge area. They may have few roads to get there, but that area is huge. Do we have sufficient volunteers.

MR. SAUNDERS: Commissioner Gonzales, what we're going to do is we're going to implement the same thing we did in 1996 and we'll play it by ear for right now but eventually we're going to go to the same regional response for a brush fire, grass fire that we had when we [inaudible] So not only will you get that particular fire department, but

you'll get that same region with all the response that you'd get for a normal structure fire. Only on a brush basis.

We'll also have some county-wide tools to our -- they've added to the cadre, which is a wildland truck specifically outfitted for about 52 people as far as hand tools go. And we're getting our ducks in a row, so to speak.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: Great. Thank you.

MR. BLACKWELL: Chairman Griñé, Commissioner Gonzales, to add to what Chief Saunders was saying, the Wildfire Cooperators is meeting right now as we're meeting here and not only exchanging resource lists and updating our contacts and our radio frequencies, but what we're trying to do this year is become much more effective as an interagency group so we can pool our resources. The key members of the Wildfire Cooperators right now are Santa Fe County Fire, Santa Fe City Fire, US Forest Service, two districts, both the Bernalillo and the Sangre de Cristo fire districts, if you will for the US Forest Service, the New Mexico Division of Forestry, two of their districts that are in our area, as well as the Bureau of Land Management. And all of us have decided that we're going to try and work well together, not only in terms of prevention strategies and public education, but sharing resources for response so that we make sure that we try to catch these fires when they're small and get them extinguished. But that was the purpose of the Cooperators and they're meeting every two weeks now.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: I've got a question. Commissioner Trujillo may be familiar with it because I don't have any tribes in my district, but is it handled just on a normal basis, that when you have to respond to a fire in the tribes, you just do it from the Santa Fe County fire stations?

MR. BLACKWELL: Chairman Griñé, yes sir. As a matter of fact normally that's what we do. If we get a report of a fire anywhere in the county, even outside the county with mutual aid, basically, especially with wildfire and this potentially extreme season we're facing, response and rapid response is the key and we'll respond as well just to try to knock those fires down before they really get out of control. I might also add we have three key people in the Santa Fe County Fire Department with fairly extensive wildland fire experience at a command level. Those three people will be on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week through the fire season. They'll rotate a call, but they're going to be there as well, just to coordinate interagency resources and be the agency contact for other agencies just to help facilitate a really effective response. So that's part of the plan as well.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: Do you have any volunteers from the Sovereign Nations? Volunteer fire people?

MR. BLACKWELL: Yes, sir, we do. We also have several law enforcement officers from tribal government who are also cooperating as much as they are able to given their jurisdictions with our arson task force and with some of the law enforcement issues when it comes to wildland fire, so they've been very cooperative as well.

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: They're also working with Pojoaque Pueblo

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on the new fire station for the Pojoaque fire district in exchange for the existing building and land to put in a state of the art facility. In fact I think Stan had a meeting today regarding that.

MR. HOLDEN: Mr. Chairman, members of the Commission, the Pojoaque fire station that we have been planning for a little over a year now will actually have the first drawings from the architect to discuss and show the volunteers, a conceptual drawing so they'll understand what the design has been touted to be at this point. We would expect some time early this summer that we'll begin a ground breaking ceremony and begin construction of that building in Pojoaque.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: I have one last question. Mr. Chairman and Stan, just to educate me, with this arson task force meeting, I think a lot of us are concerned with just the amount of crazy people that exist out there that would possibly start the fires. Where does the law stand for people that are caught and convicted for starting fires, especially under drought conditions.

MR. HOLDEN: It's not just drought conditions, Commissioner Gonzales, any arsonist once convicted is a felon and the laws for a convicted felon are the same regardless of the offense. The jail sentences typically are the same. There's a heavy burden of proof, however, and the fact that Hank has been able to work closely with our Sheriff's Department and other local public safety officials has gone a long way as far as communicating the incidences of suspected arson that happen in other jurisdictions that others are investigating and we've actually made up quite a bit of ground over the last couple months because of that interagency task force. And that was done, I'll remind you, that was done at the request of the Commission approximately two months ago.

Mr. Chairman, if I might, as a result of an incident that happened with the bus accident a while back, the Fire Department was knowledgeable that we had a Commissioner who was trying to access to the command post that was set up at Hyde Park and was not able to gain access because of lack of identification. So as a result of that, we have ordered some badges and some identification for each of the Commissioners. We'd like to present that to you now, so if the case were to come up again where we had either a disaster or a crisis situation in the county and the Commission and/or the County Manager were requested to respond to either the command post or to the emergency operations center, that you would be able to have an identification to show to either a Sheriff's officer or a police officer to gain access into the command post. We have that for you now.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: I thought I had left my badges way back a few years ago, Stan.

MR. HOLDEN: One thing that you'll see that's not included in there is a photo id. We'd like to at some point set up a time for you to come to the Fire Department so we can photograph you, get your fingerprints, maybe some mug shots. Seriously, what we'd also like to include in there, and you'll notice in the inside jacket there's a place for an identification card. That requires that you have a photo id and we can take those at the

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Fire Department and laminate them so you'll have a photo id as well as the badge.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: Thank you very much.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: Hopefully we won't have to use these, Stan.

IX. D. GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

1. **Resolution no. 1999-53. A resolution supporting the submission of a recreational trails funding program application to the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department**

VINCENT OJINAGA (General Services Director): Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, on November 2, 1993, an agreement was entered into between Eldorado at Santa Fe, Inc. and the County of Santa Fe to amend the existing warranty deed for a 50-acre parcel within the Bishop John Lamy Grant. The warranty deed was amended to extend the term to the agreement to make improvements to the property by December 31, 1999. Santa Fe County is pursuing the possibility of establishing a county park in the community of Lamy to be located on the 50-acre parcel. The State Parks Division has funds available for trail related projects under the Transportation Equity Act, also known as TEA-21. Santa Fe County is requesting authorization to submit an application to the State Parks Division for the purpose of establishing a community park in Lamy.

In order to apply for funding, a resolution is required from the Board of County Commissioners supporting the submission of a recreations trails funding application to the New Mexico State Parks Division.

The General Services Department requests authorization to submit an application to the New Mexico State Parks Division.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: Thank you, Corky. Any questions? Will the Clerk please read the resolution number? Fifty-three.

Commissioner Anaya moved to approve Resolution 1999-53 and Commissioner Trujillo seconded. The motion passed by unanimous [3-0] voice vote.

IX. E. LAND USE DEPARTMENT

1. **Presentation and discussion of the draft Highway Corridor Plan, "Santa Fe Metro Area for Portions for I-25, Cerrillos Road and NM 599" and schedule for public hearing**

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: We're not taking no action on this today, right?

MS. ELLIS: Good afternoon again, Commissioners. This isn't an action item on the agenda. The only action to be taken today is to decide on a schedule for public

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hearings on this plan, but we did want to present you with a copy of the draft that has been produced by the Highway Corridor Committee. The Highway Corridor Committee has done an excellent job of pulling this together and making their final recommendations and now we need to go into a public hearing process for this plan.

One suggestion is that this plan be considered as part of the General Plan public hearing process and when Jack presented two weeks ago, he suggested that that could take place in June with some of the sections of the plan. I know that there's also been some support on the part of the Highway Corridor Committee members to hold direct public hearings with the City to review this plan so the action item now to be taken is to determine a schedule for public hearings.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: Mr. Chairman, I think that the Planning Department has set a very appropriate schedule as we reviewed at last month's meeting and would ask the Commission to concur with what Lesli's indicated that we would just move the public hearings on this into the General Plan.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: That would be fine. So on those meetings we could start them earlier on those Tuesdays at like 3:00 or so.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: This could be incorporated as part of that process.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: That'd be fine.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: So I'd like to send that direction, with the concurrence of the Commission.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: That'd be fine. Richard?

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: In other words, what you're trying to do is get this through before we go into the General Plan?

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: No. That this would all be part of the General Plan public hearings. So now that we're getting ready to start with the General Plan public hearings, the mapping of the districts, the Highway Corridor is a district also, that would just be a natural place for it to fit in, rather than having it separate from the General Plan process.

MS. ELLIS: The only issue that may complicate that is that there is some overlap into the City in parts of this plan and they'll need to consider it as well, as well as the EZA. And the only question would be how to do that so there can be kind of a parallel sequence so we don't do one set of changes and then a different set of changes as it goes before the City Councilors. So that may get a little complicated.

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: So what you're recommending is a joint City/County public hearing.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: That's not what I'm recommending. I think that there are people, what Lesli's indicated that would like a joint hearing between the Council. My intent when we sponsored this resolution was to create a plan that would come before the County Commission to seek input from the Council by asking members of the

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Council to serve on there and by asking people from within the city to serve on the plan but I believe that this Highway Corridor Plan should go through our General Plan process. It should be a part of that because it's going to be integrated into the General Plan. There is some overlap that exists in the city that the City will have to consider and there's some issues that the EZA will have to consider, but it seems to me that this would be a good document as part of the General Plan and then the appropriate bodies, whether it's the EZA or the City Council will take under advisement whatever affects their areas.

What they're asking is what form would we have these public hearings. What I was recommending to the Commission was that these public hearings would occur during our natural General Plan public hearing process.

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: I conjecture that would convolute the Highway Corridor Plan in the General Plan process. It would be two different issues.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: Right. That's exactly what I'm saying. This should be a part of the General Plan so that they're not two different issues and separate. We should take it forward under the auspices of our General Plan public hearings which are due to start in June.

MS. ELLIS: Actually, they start in May but this portion was suggested for June.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: Right. So we need to take this to the public. So the question is in what manner would we take it to the public. And what I was suggesting to the Commission that we would take this to the public as part of the rest of our General Plan, issues that are going out for public hearing, like the districts, where the new community district is going to go, the Highway Corridor Plan, the rural preservation districts will go. Those are all things that we need to go to the public on.

So the question is would we go down that route or would we do something separate completely away from the General Plan and I'm concerned if we do it separate then we have both impact one another.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: In other words, we just follow the same format as we're doing with the General Plan as a whole.

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: But have different public hearings or combine the public hearings for both the Highway Corridor master plan and the General Plan. Have them together.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: Yes.

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: I don't know.

MS. ELLIS: I suppose this would be a legal questions, but the areas that are within the EZ, in the EZA or the city would have to be addressed by those bodies separately and the question is would be what would happen if they suggest different changes to this document as part of their public hearings and then would we end up with two different documents? Maybe Denise can address that.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chairman, I think, Commissioner

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Gonzales, that when we're doing a combined effort like would deter one from the other and I think they should be isolated processes.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: Mr. Chairman, I was just discussing with Commissioner Trujillo, the height restrictions, things like that, should be part of the General Plan. I don't think we should have a process for the General Plan and then a whole separate process for the Highway Corridor Plan. Both of the, this Highway Corridor Plan needs to support what the General Plan has talked about in issues along the major corridors, the scenic byways throughout Santa Fe County. So this has always been the natural progression of the General Plan, to isolate it away from it now I think takes away from the intent of what this intent of what this plan was set up to do and that was to support the objectives that we passed in the General Plan last year.

And so all I'm suggesting is that this be included as part of our General Plan public hearings, as opposed to them being completely separate. There are jurisdictional issues because the whole issue of the EZA is going to have the zoning ability on this. We can possibly put this in our General Plan process and then ask the EZA to consider it in their own separate public hearing but I don't know who has the right to implement the plan, whether the BCC or the EZA does.

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: I guess I'm a little confused because if this is going to be part of the General Plan public hearing process and confirmation and implementation, why did we separate it?

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: Why did we separate it?

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: We could have left it as part of the General Plan process and not confused the issue.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: Again, the intent was to create a process that brought people together to just focus on the highway corridor, solely on the highway corridor as a scenic byway. And once that was done, once the plan was completed it would come up to the Commission for review. Now the question is under what venue will we do the public hearings, and again, I think this Highway Corridor Plan, which talks about zoning and it talks about, I'm assuming it talks about density issues and what should be developed and what shouldn't, why would we have this separate from our General Plan. This was just a part of it.

Just like we have an Open Space Committee right now. We had several objectives in our General Plan that we passed a year ago. One of them talked about open space. We have a committee now that's put together that's going to come forward to us some time in the future with an open space plan that targets a lot of what they're supposed to do. We talked in our objectives of our General Plan to create and preserve the scenic byways, the scenic corridors throughout Santa Fe County. We put together a committee and the committee came forward with this. So this is all part of meeting the objectives that we've been talking about for a long time. The question is how do we move it into our public hearing process. All I'm suggesting is that it's under our General Plan.

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I don't mind if we do it separate, but that means, okay, one day we'll have highway corridor meeting, the next day we'll have a General Plan meeting, and I think we could confuse the process on how this moves forward. I think it's going to be confusing anyway because it does cross traditional boundaries.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: But this is just a public hearing. It's not going to be for action at all. By allowing this process to go forward, just for public hearing. What's so hard about that? Just to allow it to go forward as we are doing the other public hearings for our General Plan.

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: This has been looked at as a whole different issue, separate from the General Plan.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: But this is just going to be just for the process of the public hearing. That's it.

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: But we should not confuse it that it's part of the General Plan. It's been represented to the community as a different issue, a different master plan.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: We can then select a day for the Highway Corridor Plan and not bring up the General Plan into it. Can that be done too, Lesli? In June, a Monday maybe, we can as earlier as 1:00 in the afternoon and then maybe allow the process for a couple hours and then if we go to the General Plan we start at 3:00 or something like that.

MS. ELLIS: Right. I didn't mean to open up such a can of worms. I think there are lots of possibilities. The thing that's probably different about this plan, from maybe other pieces of the General Plan is that it really was a genuine joint effort between City and County staff, Commissioners, Councilors and also appointees. So there's been a lot of work done in the planning process that was a joint effort and I think maybe some inherent expectation that it would continue as a joint hearing in some fashion.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: So is there any problem with that? So what are the wishes?

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: It doesn't matter. I think though that there does need -- if we have this separate from the General Plan, that's fine. As Commissioner Griné indicated we just need to get it out in front of the public, but I do feel very strongly that this is meeting an objective of the General Plan that we've talked about and when it comes down for the adoption, it shouldn't be separate from it. It's a planning issue that affects lots of county areas. And I think the idea, the more we can have a cohesive planning document, the better, rather than separate planning documents. I'd just be concerned that we're going to start having separate plans and pretty soon abandon what the General Plan talks about.

But I don't mind it going forward as a separate and distinct issue for public hearings but I really want to urge the Commission that when everything's settled and we pass these that we have one document that meets all the objectives that we've talked about.

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COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: Is that fine? Is that okay with you, Commissioner Trujillo? Did you get the clear direction, Lesli?

MS. ELLIS: Yes. We should probably work with David Wolf to set up these meeting times, then? Is that correct?

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: I think we're going to do them on the meetings we normally start late. We're just going to start them earlier. So it would be the second Tuesday of every month.

MS. ELLIS: Okay.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: Thank you.

IX. E. 2. Resolution No. 1999-54. A resolution supporting a grant application to develop a new trail from the Santa Fe Rail Trail to the Santa Fe Community College

KEN PIN (Planner): Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, this request is similar to the one Corky made. The Land Use Department in partnership with the Santa Fe Conservation Trust is applying for a grant application money through the Federal Highway Administration TEA-21 funds, which is being administered by the New Mexico State Parks Division of the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources, for grant monies to build a trail which will run from the Santa Fe Rail Trail west towards the community college. The application requires that there's a 20% local match and that local match will be satisfied by the donation of an easement from Rancho Viejo. We're in the process of securing that easement agreement. The application also requests a resolution from the local governing entity be approved supporting this application. So at this time, we're requesting adoption of this resolution to support this grant application.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: Okay, are there any questions of Ken? If not, what's the wishes of the Board?

Commissioner Anaya moved to approve Resolution 1999-54 and Commissioner Trujillo seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. [Commissioner Gonzales was not present for this vote.]

IX. F. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

- 1. Request authorization to enter into amendment number one to the cost-sharing agreement with PNM Water Services for the construction of County Road 66 (Agua Fria Street) utilities**

MR. VELASQUEZ: Mr. Chairman, members of the Board, in the course of

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constructing the Agua Fria project, we contracted with PNM for some oversight on improving some of the facilities that they were constructing along the road. The item before you is an amendment to collect essentially compensation from PNM in the amount of \$10,976.32 for some services that the County provided and we're requesting your approval on this.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: Any questions of Larry?

Commissioner Anaya moved approval of the amendment to the cost-sharing agreement with PNM. Commissioner Trujillo seconded and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote. [Commissioner Gonzales was not present for this vote.]

IX. F. 3. Request authorization to enter into a participation agreement with the US Army Corps of Engineers for the San Isidro crossing project

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: Now we move on to number 2, Request authorization to enter into an agreement with La Tierra Association for improvements to County roads

MR. VELASQUEZ: Mr. Chairman, members of the Board, I apologize, I believe this item was deleted.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: It was? Thank you.

MR. VELASQUEZ: Mr. Chairman, members of the Board, on April 28 of last year the Board approved a draft of what's called an LPA, a local participation agreement for a project with the Corps of Engineers at the San Isidro crossing. We have since been working on this project and the agreement before you is what I guess what we consider the final, but they won't call it a final until the regional office submits it to us and what we're requesting is that you give us the authority, once we get that, that the chairman can execute it without coming back and the reason for that is we're trying to fight the clock on this so that we can get this project underway fairly fast.

The total cost estimate for the project is \$874,000. The County's contribution will be about \$274,000. The Corps will provide the rest. We do have to acquire the easements and build a sanitary sewer in order to acquire those easements. So we have that underway and we're requesting the authorization to execute it when we get the final.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: Are there any questions of Larry?

Commissioner Anaya moved to authorize execution of the LPA with the Corps of Engineers on the San Isidro crossing, and Commissioner Trujillo seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. [Commissioner Gonzales was not present for this vote.]

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IX. F. 4. Request authorization to publish the title and a general summary of an ordinance for new excavation and restoration of County rights-of-way

TOM DOMINGUEZ (Traffic Engineer): Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, Public Works is requesting authorization to publish title and general summary. We currently have an ordinance in place. It's 1994-2, which doesn't have the legal bite to it and is lacking in some of the areas we felt needed improvement and those have been listed before you. What we'd like to do is the new ordinance would be called an ordinance pertaining to the use of County right-of-way by utilities and other persons. And basically, what we're doing is we're covering the areas that we felt were somewhat weak and we strengthened that. And also something we have done is we're looking at the permit fee restructure.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: Any questions of Tom?

Commissioner Anaya moved to authorize publishing title and general summary of a new right-of-way ordinance. Upon second by Commissioner Trujillo the motion passed by unanimous voice vote. [Commissioner Gonzales was not present for this vote.]

IX. F. 5. Request authorization to enter into a signal and lighting agreement with the New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department at the intersection of NM599/I-25 West Frontage Road

MR. DOMINGUEZ: Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, we're requesting authorization to enter into a lighting agreement with the State Highway and Transportation Department. If you remember, we had requested via resolution for them to investigate the installation of a traffic signal and we're looking to enter into this agreement which is a standard joint powers agreement as we have in the past.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: Any questions of Tom?

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: We've gone into a lot of these signals and lighting agreements with the State Highway Department and they never seem to materialize. Specifically, the Arroyo Seco intersection of 88 and 285. Ostensibly, I understand that that light at that intersection is supposed to go up now in the spring. It's been postponed for the last three years. It hasn't happened.

MR. DOMINGUEZ: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Trujillo, I'll address that one. That one has taken a little bit of time because we were trying to secure right-of-way at the intersection and all the right-of-way has been secured and that one, that particular one for La Puebla Road, County Road 88 and US 285 I believe is the one you're addressing. That one will be probably forthcoming next month, that signal agreement. That will begin construction. They're already getting ready to let.

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COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: Okay. Thanks.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: Any other discussion or questions for Tom? If not, what's the wishes of the Board?

Commissioner Anaya moved to approve entering into a signal and lighting agreement with the State Highway and Transportation Department. Commissioner Trujillo seconded and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote. [Commissioner Gonzales was not present for this vote.]

- IX. F. 6. Request authorization to enter into a signal and lighting agreement with the New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department along the US 285 corridor between the Old Las Vegas Highway and Lamy**

MR. DOMINGUEZ: Yes, Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, this is along the same lines, with the exception that this project is for the US 285 corridor between Old Las Vegas Highway and Lamy. Just to bring to your attention, when we enter into these joint powers agreements the only responsibility to the County is to maintain the utility and maintenance of the intersections.

Commissioner Anaya moved to approve the agreement and Commissioner Trujillo seconded.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: For discussion, Tom, are these going to be full-blown traffic signals or are these going to be blinking signals?

MR. DOMINGUEZ: Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, for the intersections of Avenida Vista Grande, which currently has a signal, that one will be rebuilt and Avenida Amistad, which would be the first entrance as you're going in towards Eldorado off of the interstate will be a traffic signal as well. For Old Las Vegas Highway, that will remain a flashing beacon intersection with some geometric improvements until such time as it warrants the numbers for a traffic signal.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: You're talking about under the freeway, right?

MR. DOMINGUEZ: Just east of that. That would be right at the intersection of Old Las Vegas Highway with 285.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: Okay. Just above the freeway then, by the gas station or whatever's there.

Upon voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. [Commissioner Gonzales was not present for this vote.]

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IX. F. 7. Request authorization to enter into a signal and lighting agreement with the New Mexico State Highway and Transportation Department along the Santa Fe Relief Route

MR. DOMINGUEZ: Mr. Chairman, this again is a signal and lighting agreement. We currently have the New Mexico 599 and Camino La Tierra signals along this corridor and this one is looking to add roadway lighting along the intersections throughout.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: Any questions of Tom?

Commissioner Anaya moved to approve the signal and lighting agreement along the Relief Route. Commissioner Trujillo seconded and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote. [Commissioner Gonzales was not present for this vote.]

IX. F. 8. Resolution No. 1999-55. A resolution accepting certain roads for County maintenance

ROBERT MARTINEZ (Road Maintenance): Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, residents of Paseo de Galisteo, Camino de Paz and County Road 67A extension have petitioned the BCC to accept the roads for County maintenance. It is Public Works understanding that the County has a history of providing infrequent maintenance on these roads even though they have not shown up on the certified list and County road map. I will go through the roads individually.

Paseo de Galisteo -- it's a dirt road, 25 feet wide, from the intersection of County Road 69 to the dead-end it's approximately .5 miles.

Camino de Paz is a dirt road 18 feet in width, from the intersection of State Road 76 to the dead-end it's a distance of .5 miles. We are making a recommendation that the acceptance of Camino de Paz should be conditional upon the removal of the gate at .4 mile to allow access to the grader.

County Road 67A extension is a dirt road, 18 feet driving surface. From the end of the existing County Road 67A to the Forest Service boundary it's a distance of .7 miles. So the total length of County Road 67A, if this is accepted, would be extended to a total of 2.1 miles.

This acceptance should be conditional upon the residents completing a dedication plat which they are in the process of doing right now, which is dedicating a 50-foot easement to the County. Public Works is recommending approval of the resolution accepting Paseo de Galisteo, Camino La Paz and County Road 67A extension with the said conditions.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: Robert, Paseo de Galisteo is the one me and Larry went out to?

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MR. MARTINEZ: Yes.

WALTER SCHLIEMANN: Mr. Chairman, may I be heard regarding this road 67A?

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: Yes, go ahead.

MR. SCHLIEMANN: My name is Walter Schliemann and I am an attorney in Santa Fe representing Mr. Shelby Miller, who is a property owner beyond the extension of this particular road we're talking about, 67A. We've been talking with the County regarding accepting the maintenance on this road. We have a disagreement or a problem with the dedication plat. First of all, this road has been in existence since well before 1880. I have a plat back to 1880 that shows this road on it. And we believe that this entire road from the Village of Cañada de los Alamos out to the national forest is in fact a public road.

In another matter, I represent a client who owns property around the last half mile of this road before it connects or joins the national forest land. There's been some development on this particular property over the last six or seven years. Every plat that has gone up before the County Administrator has noted that -- granted a 50-foot public right-of-way, public access. Excuse me, public ingress and egress and utility easement. Then last September there was an additional subdivision regarding this property that was approved by this body and that subdivision platted also continued to note that there was a 50-foot public ingress and egress easement there.

So that easement has already been platted for the last half mile. What is at issue, if I may, is the first two-tenths of this extension. That to our knowledge, has not yet been surveyed, nor are there plans underway to do a dedication plat as Mr. Martinez had indicated. In talking with the County and in talking with the neighbors, the adjoining neighbors along that road, I've talked with all of them personally or Mr. Shelby Miller has, and they've agreed to enter into an easement but the question of doing a plat and the expense of the plat had not come into issue.

Additionally, we have been talking with the owners along the top .6 of that road, up to the top of what's called Prada Hill. There's an area from the cattle guard here to the top of that hill which is in question, that has been regularly maintained for the residents there tell me for beyond 25 years that they can recall, on a regular basis. So we just talked with the owners from beyond where the road been regularly maintained. There had been sporadic maintenance on the entire road up to the cattle guard, which is at the entrance to the fire service. There are a number of cattle guards on this road. There's one on the road at 1.4 miles, there's one at 2.1 miles and then there's a private cattle guard at about 1.6 miles.

Having talked with the landowner who owns that one-tenth of a mile from the 1.4 mile to the 1.5 mile area. I can answer for him at this point because, but I would hope that he would be agreeable to join with everybody else. There isn't necessarily an easement on here. I would like to make the point, however, that this has been a public road. There's been a public road for quite some time. It's been used by the public. It's the only access the public has to get to the national forest from this area to Cañada de los Alamos. And it's

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the only access a number of private landowners have to get to their property, which is beyond the extension of 67A.

So we feel that there already is a public road and that the County has an obligation to maintain public roads in accordance with state statutes. We're agreeable. We've already given an easement for the upper .5 of the road. There's .2 there that remains in question and I would ask this body to accept this road for maintenance without the condition of a dedication plat and hopefully we can do a [inaudible] easement for the 50-foot, that .2. And I say hopefully, because I haven't yet talked with the other landowner up there, right down there by the cattle guard. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: Thank you.

MR. MARTINEZ: Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, Public Works staff is not disputing the fact that it's a public road. All easements are dedicated to the public. But the County is not the public. So specifically, any dedication -- a road would have to be dedicated to the County for maintenance. So what I'm trying to say here is we have been maintaining it inadvertently for I don't know how many years. But it has never showed up, the distance beyond the 1.4 miles that we recognize as 67A has never showed up on the certified County road map and list.

MS. BROWN: Mr. Chairman, if I could, just to add to what Robert said, the reason that we request a dedicated access is because we don't want to find ourselves in the boat we are with Fin del Sendero. It can become very costly when there are disputes among landowners about exactly how wide is that access and Robert's right. A public road is not a County road. A public road, if you'll remember Fin del Sendero was declared by the courts to be a public road but it wasn't ordered to be a County road and we're now in the process of perhaps taking that over as a County road, but it certainly is becoming costly because some landowners don't want it to be widened and the issues you know about.

So it's just safer from the County's viewpoint if we get a dedicated easement then we know that that's the location that we're allowed to improve and work on our roads, and that's why we request that.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: Thank you, Denice.

MR. SCHLIEMANN: If I may just respond. There's a state statute, Section 67-2-2 that says that basically all public highways shall be maintained and kept in repair by the respective counties in which they are located. Being a public road it constitutes a public highway.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: Highway? I don't think it's constituted as a highway.

MR. SCHLIEMANN: Public road, public highway, the statute uses the term highway. And public highway is defined in 67-2-1 of the New Mexico statutes.

MS. BROWN: Well, I don't have the sections in front of me but when you look at the definition for public highway they are roads laid out by the government. This road was not laid out by Santa Fe County. There are requirements when you lay out a road

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that you've got to be so wide and then you do take on responsibilities for maintaining it. But that very issue was raised in the Fin del Sendero lawsuit, whether or not it was a County road and the court said, no, it's a public road. It's open to the public. The private landowners don't have a right to gate it or to deny access to the neighbors, but that didn't turn it into a County road.

County roads come about either through a formal dedication and acceptance, and you know Larry has brought before you a list of criteria we're now looking at when we decide what roads we would accept. So that requires a formal act by this body, or through implied dedication and acceptance, which has been recognized in New Mexico, which says that a conduct, by regularly maintaining the road, or signing it or those types of things. Putting it on our County road list, that conduct may appear that we have taken acceptance of that road and then that triggers our maintenance responsibilities. But one of those two things has to happen.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: Thank you, Denice.

MR. SCHLIEMANN: I'd be happy to --

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: We're not here to challenge each other, okay?

MR. SCHLIEMANN: I just would like to say that what we are -- we're not in too much disagreement because we're willing to grant the 50-foot, in fact we already have on .5 of the .7. But rather than do it by dedication and plat, we're asking that the County accept as a condition that that be done by easement, just a [inaudible] easement as opposed to a dedication by plat.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: Thank you, sir. Any more questions? What are the wishes of the Board?

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: Mr. Chairman, I move approval of the dedication of this road to the County infrastructure as per the criteria that has been laid out by the County Public Works Department, including the plats that need to be submitted.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: I'm going to second, Mr. Chairman, for discussion.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: We've got a motion by Commissioner Trujillo, seconded by Commissioner Anaya. Discussion?

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Of course, Commissioner Trujillo, you're blanketing approval also on the other two that have been proposed before us, inclusive.

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: Camino de la Paz and Paseo de Galisteo. All of those.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: And I agree with staff that we need to have those dedication procedures in line and I can see the ramifications if we don't pursue it in that direction. Mr. Schliemann, it's necessary that we follow County procedures and keep in that direction, but anyway this is a start and a foothold in going on and maintaining the road on a continuous basis from here on out. So I'll second. Also it's a Forest Service road. I'm just wondering why the Forest Service couldn't help out in this endeavor.

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COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: Any other discussion or questions? All those in favor signify by saying "aye." [Unanimous 3-0] Ayes have it.

IX. G. MATTERS FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER

1. **Resolution no. 1999-56. A resolution authorizing the issuance of up to \$10,000,000 of Santa Fe County, New Mexico general obligation refunding bonds; providing for the payment of bonds from property taxes without limitation as to rate and amount; providing for the form execution and other details concerning the bonds and the funds appertaining thereto; approving disclosure and other documents concerning the bonds; proving for the payment of certain expenses of the County incurred in connection with the issuance and sale of the bonds and ratifying action previously taken in connection therewith**

ROBERT STRUMOR (Bond Counsel): Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the Commission. Robert Strumor from Hughes and Strumor, Limited Co. What we have for consideration today is a transaction that goes hand in hand with the twelve million of general obligation open space bonds that was authorized to be sold in April. And for the information of the Board, the actual bond sale was moved to May 11 and the resolution authorizing the refunding is what we have in front of us today. We anticipate closing the twelve million and how many bonds were refunded, the new refunding bonds on the same day in June, on or about June 15.

So the proceeds will be available at that time. The procedure is slightly different in this particular action. In fact easier, because it does not require an ordinance. We have a resolution which permits the refunding up to four different issues -- some of the '91 bonds, two issues in '92 and an issue in '93 and I'll yield to Mr. Swerdling from US BanCorp Piper Jaffray to explain the financial reason for authorizing all four issues. We anticipate that about five million will actually be sold and marketed at this point, but it possibly could go all the way up to nine, depending on financial conditions. So the action in front of the Board today would be to authorize the refinancing or refunding of up to ten million dollars in former general obligation bonds and I yield to Mr. Swerdling to talk about the savings that is underlying the reason for coming before you with this action.

ROBERT SWERDLING: Mr. Chairman, members of the Commission, thank you. Bob Swerdling with US BanCorp Piper Jaffray. The reason for consideration of a refunding at this particular point in time is owing to some very technical issues that have to do with the United States IRS tax code that allow you, essentially, to save more money on a refunding if it's done in conjunction with a similar transaction like your twelve million open space bonds within a two-week period. It allows you, without going into all the technicalities, to take advantage of somewhat higher rates that come from the longer term

of the new money issue and pass that benefit on to the refunding.

Owing to that timing and the fact that interest rates are favorable now, we expect the savings associated with refunding up to about eight or nine million of bonds is well over \$200,000. And that \$200,000 number is net of all costs, every last cost. It's \$210,000 that is enjoyed not by your budget, unfortunately, but solely by the property taxpayers in the county of Santa Fe since these are property tax bonds and will result in a marginally lower property tax assessment reflecting the savings of \$200,000. The savings range from the smallest of issues at \$4,000 up to \$130,000 per the four issues. I actually expect in today's market we would probably be selling closer to eight or nine million, rather than the five that Mr. Strumor and I had discussed prior.

The interest rate that we would expect for the County today is somewhere around 4.6%, near historical lows still and let me, with all the technical jargon pass on some plain English good news to you, and that is we have been in conversations with your staff and the rating agencies now for a couple of weeks pertaining to the issuance of these bonds. While a couple of years ago there were some hiccoughs if you will, in county finances, the rating agencies have recognized and appreciate the speed with which those issues were resolved. The fund balances have, for the most part been protected and we are happy to report that we expect not only continuation of you AA-2 rating, which has not yet been assigned, but that's our expectation, which is probably within the top 7% of counties nation-wide to be at that rating level.

But also, with your general obligation bonds, there will be no requirement for purchase of bond insurance. The fact of the matter is your rating is so high that a bond insurance policy would be a waste of money and you're better off just going on your own credit without any support whatsoever from the New York community. We don't have to deal with that. We'll be looking for a bond rating and selling it on your credit rating standing alone. And with that, I stand for questions.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chairman, just a question. Did we have to subscribe to bond insurance on any of the previous general bonds that you worked out for us?

MR. SWERDLING: On the gross receipts tax bonds, which are not rated as highly as are your general obligation bonds, we did use bond insurance. It's a fairly straightforward arithmetic calculation. Bond insurance allows you a certain interest rate and without bond insurance you get on your own a certain interest rate. And the difference between your gross receipts tax rating and your property tax GO rating is great enough that you don't need it on your general credit, just on your special taxes.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: So that's the factor --

MR. SWERDLING: That's the difference between the two, yes.

COMMISSIONER GRIÑÉ: Any more questions?

MR. SWERDLING: Most governments in the United States get insurance on both their GOs and their tax credits. It is the exception these days for an issue of this size

to go without bond insurance.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: Any other questions of Bob?

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: I just want to get the recommendation from staff, Becky, Denice, on this resolution.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: I think what Commissioner Trujillo is asking is if everything is in order ready to go this time around?

MS. BROWN: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner, the only thing I noted that Bob Strumor has also noted is that the resolution needed to add his signature but I think he's already got a corrected copy. So it may not be in your packet corrected. In mine it's not. But it's been corrected. That's the only deficiency, if you will, that we noted.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: So we're comfortable on moving forward?

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: Okay, what's the wishes of the board?

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve Resolution 1999-56. Commissioner Trujillo seconded and the motion passed by unanimous [3-0] voice vote.

IX. G. 2. Request authorization to enter into a contract with US BanCorp Piper Jaffray as financial advisor with regard to the issuance of sale of \$12,000,000 in Santa Fe County, New Mexico general obligation bonds, Series 1999

MS. GARY: Mr. Chairman, on March 30, 1999, the Board of County Commissioners approve Resolution 1999-42 that provided for publication of notice of bond sale of \$12,000,000 Santa Fe County, New Mexico, general obligation bonds, Series 1999. These general obligation bonds will provide funds to acquire necessary real estate for open space, open space trails and related areas and facilities with the county to establish the wildlife mountain trails and historic places program.

We are recommending that the Commission authorize the contract with US BanCorp Piper Jaffray to provide financial advisory services in connection with the sale of these \$12,000,000 Santa Fe County, New Mexico general obligation bonds, Series 1999.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: Any questions of Donna? If not, what's the pleasure of the Board?

Commissioner Trujillo moved to authorize entering into a contract with US BanCorps Piper Jaffray and Commissioner Anaya seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. [Commissioner Gonzales was not present for this vote.]

IX. H. MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN - NON-ACTION ITEMS

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: Anybody in the public like to address the Board of County Commissioners?

REBECCA FRENKEL: Commissioners and staff, my name is Rebecca Frenkel. I'm with the League of Women Voters of Santa Fe County. And I actually came intending not to speak to you today, but when I saw a resolution that you have, and I'm guessing it's sponsored by one of you, which has to do with the United Nations. It's on your amended agenda. Whoever sponsored it, I want to congratulate them.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: That's me. I sponsored that.

MS. FRENKEL: Good, Mr. Anaya. I want to congratulate you and I want to urge the rest of you to support Mr. Anaya's resolution. I think that the United States has certainly been remiss in its obligation to the United Nations. The United Nations has been having great financial difficulties because of the lack of the United States in supporting the United Nations. The League of Women Voters has had a position in support of the United Nations since its founding in the 1950's and we continue to urge its support.

I would urge you to disseminate your resolution, to please let both of our Senators and our Congressmen know of your support to this. The League will use your resolution. We will also contact New Mexico Senators and Congressmen. I will notify our national office of your support so that they can use this in their lobbying of the Congress. We will also contact the president, urging him to support they authorization of monies to the United Nations.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Thank you for your support and actually that's the next item on the agenda.

MS. FRENKEL: I know usually you don't allow comments to resolutions so I thought I better jump up when I could.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Thank you very much for your support.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: Is there anybody else that would like to address the Commission?

IX. I. MATTERS FROM THE COMMISSION

1. **Resolution No. 1999-57. A resolution commending the United Nations for its successful implementation of needed reforms and requesting that the United States Congress authorize and appropriate monies to pay for amounts owed to United Nations by the United States of America**

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: I'll just turn it over to Commissioner Anaya.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. My purpose of

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sponsoring this resolution of course is a historical thing. It goes back to the creation of the League of Nations back in 1926 and then evolving into what is the United Nations today. It's really my belief that there needs to be a unified effort out there and I fully support Congress in what they're trying to do and this particular resolution is a supportive measure for both the Congressional effort and the United Nations effort, particularly with all the problems that are being generated with the new evolution that is changing our world so dramatically throughout the entire world.

Mr. Chairman, I would like to invite a member from the public, Butch Mackie, who brought this issue before me. If we could allow him a few minutes to address the Commission I would appreciate it.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: That's fine. Go ahead, Mr. Mackie.

BUTCH MACKIE: Mr. Chairman and Commissioners of the Santa Fe County Commission, thank you for the opportunity to address you. I belong to the Better World Fund, which is a collection of citizens and businesses across this country who believe that it's vital to America's interest and the world's interest to have a strong and effective UN. Some of the programs that the UN deals with to make this world a better place is working for peace, working for children, working to alleviate disease and hunger, alleviate poverty, working to try to stop illegal drugs, working for human rights in democracies around this country, working for the environment and responding to natural disasters, helping refugees as they're doing now in Kosovo, and for women's rights.

We also believe it's important to the United States for them to pay their bill because we're the world's richest country and we owe the most to the UN. How can we tell Saddam Hussein to live up to his obligations when we won't live up to ours. The US is at risk of losing its vote in the General Assembly because of its debt that's owed. We're losing importance, our leadership role is being undermined with member states and allies and the UN work around the world that I just mentioned is being compromised.

This issue cuts across all political lines. Jesse Helms is in favor of it and Ted Kennedy is in favor of it. It's probably the only thing in the history of the country that those two men agree on. Also, I have in your packet a letter from the last seven Secretaries of State that asks the United States Congress to pass a resolution to pay the billion-dollar debt. We have 22 states that have passed resolutions. Scores of counties and cities and I hope that Santa Fe we can count them in the roles of petitioning the United States Congress to pay its debt to the UN so we can have these important projects move on. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: I have a question, Mr. Mackie. How do they arrive at how nations pay their dues, what amounts?

MR. MACKIE: That was arrived when they established the United Nations and they have done some tinkering with it, but we do pay 50% of the total budget of the United Nations, the United States does. In recent years, because of some of the other countries becoming more affluent -- I know, because I was at a meeting with our ex-

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Congressman Richardson when they were discussing lowering the amount that the United States pays but the United Nations won't even consider it until the debt's paid up.

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: I guess now I understand why the United States owes two billion dollars.

MR. MACKIE: One billion. It's about a year's worth of dues. And it's about the cost of one-third of an aircraft carrier if you want to put it in that kind of perspective, something to try to bring forth peace and it's only the cost of one-third of one of our weapons.

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: Is the United States, or the other countries in the United Nations take into consideration the land or the real estate where the United Nations Building is at and the facility? Who pays for the facility and all of that stuff, or is that an out of pocket expense for the United States?

MR. MACKIE: I really can't answer that, but the budget does maintain the buildings and the property. The only thing that they United States is responsible for their that I'm aware of, that's totally out of our pocket is our US mission to the UN, which is a building right on the same street as the United Nations.

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: Or security?

MR. MACKIE: Security for our building, but the security for the United Nations comes out of the United Nations budget.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: Thank you, sir. We could also get Commissioner Gonzales on line and take it to the national level.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: Absolutely.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Thank you, Commissioner Gonzales.

Commissioner Gonzales moved for approval of Resolution 1999-56 as presented. Commissioner Anaya seconded and the motion passed by unanimous [3-0] voice vote.

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: I just want to make one point in Matters from the Commission. I'd like to recognize Becky Bustamante for having the wherewithal to go out and attract some monies, I guess \$75,000 worth.

MS. BUSTAMANTE: No, first off we only get about \$13,000.

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: \$13,000 to microfilm and microfiche the records in the Clerk's Office, a central repository that in my opinion is priceless and needs to be preserved for future generations. It's a record of our heritage. It's a record of our past and it's a record of our future. Congratulations, Becky.

MS. BUSTAMANTE: Thank you very much and I would like to note for the record that this is the first time a county in the State of New Mexico has gotten the grant from the National Office. [inaudible]

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: Is there anything that we need to do?

MS. BUSTAMANTE: We're going to do the 53 oldest books that we have

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and we had hoped when I wrote the grant we had hoped that we would be able to bind and rebind the 53 books. They are so valuable and in such ill repair that the condition of the grant was that we needed to not rebind them. We need to microfilm them and then we need to put them in special boxes that have no contamination in them and send them to the archives.

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: Very good.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: That's great.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chairman, non-action item. I'd just like to send out a recommendation to staff with the blessings of this Commission, particularly Lesli sitting in the back. I'd like to submit this to the COLTPAC committee that Pop's convenience store be considered one of the applicants for the open space funds that are available and I'd like to see that in the inventory. With the blessings of the Commission, of course.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: That's fine. That was my idea when I asked Max Coll to assist us from the state level to buy it so that we won't have to deal with it, remember? When we had in the EZA? I made that recommendation to Max Coll but Max Coll didn't do nothing in that area, but he's also done a lot for other areas though.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Then I commend you, Mr. Chairman. Perhaps maybe we can move it forward throughout the final decision making. Thank you. I see a lot of support in that direction.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: Anybody else want to address the Commission? Anything from the Commissioners? Can we move on -- is there another public hearing on an emergency item? Is that another item, David? Can we jump to that and then go to the executive as last item?

MR. WOLF: Mr. Chairman, there's also one other resolution.

IX. K. COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

1. Resolution No. 1999-58. A resolution imposing an annual liquor license tax upon persons holding state liquor licenses

MS. BUSTAMANTE: Mr. Chairman, members of the Board, this is just an annual resolution that we bring before you that has to be done now because we want to send out the letters to all of the license holders in the County and basically it's just telling them they've got to renew their license and then we'll issue them out in July. The fee is \$250 for retailers, dispensers -- licensees, restaurant licensees and club licensees. It's basically the same resolution we've been doing every year. I would like to say that maybe next year somebody should be looking at the fees that we are charging because I think both this and business licenses haven't been upped in a few years and I know that the business license that

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we charge \$35, it costs us a lot more in time and I think it's a revenue source for the County.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Becky, the history behind that is that the state is the one that regulates that. It used to be the counties and the municipalities used to get \$1750 a year. The state took it back away from us and I can't remember the exact time they took the greater percentage but they're the ones that took it back and they just left the counties and the cities with \$250 each from this license fee. It would have to be by statute.

Commissioner Anaya moved to approve Resolution No. 1999-58 and Commissioner Trujillo seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. [Commissioner Gonzales was not present for this vote.]

X PUBLIC HEARING

- A. Emergency Ordinance No. 1999-5. An emergency ordinance declaring hazardous fire conditions in Santa Fe County that endanger the health, safety and welfare of citizens and warrant an impositions of restrictions on open fires and smoking in Santa Fe County**

MR. BLACKWELL: Thank you again, Mr. Chairman, Commissioners. This has already been before you last month as well and we're requesting that we approve this emergency ordinance as we did last year, for burning restrictions. What we would like to do, the language, I think, in the ordinance says that this can be approved and enacted at the earliest possible time. Given the rain that we just had in the last few days, that bought us a little bit of time, but to try to coordinate our burn restrictions more closely with the US Forest Service and State Forestry and the City Fire Department, we're requesting that this emergency ordinance become effective May 17, which is a Monday.

That gives people another few weeks while we have a little bit of dampness and a little bit of humidity in the air to complete any of their agricultural burning that they may have yet to do. It will also keep us within about five to ten days of all the other restrictions that the Forests will be implementing as well. So at least in the public's eye it will be fairly seamless, that all these restrictions will come out about the same time.

The language in the ordinance we have here reflects similar language in both the US Forest Service and State Forestry restrictions as well. I think that eliminates a lot of confusion on the public's part. So that's what we're requesting, that if indeed this is approved, it become effective May 17.

COMMISSIONER GRINÉ: Any questions of Hank?

Commissioner Trujillo moved to approve emergency Ordinance No. 1999-5 and Commissioner Anaya seconded.

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MS. BUSTAMANTE: I guess for a point of clarification the ordinance then needs to be done, because it says approved, adopted, and you're saying you want to adopt in on a different day, then it would have to be redone, wouldn't it?

MS. BROWN: Actually, Mr. Chairman, the adoption date remains today, but the section that says it will take effect on the earliest date allowed by law is today. When you pass an emergency ordinance it takes effect on the day it's passed unless there's another date specified, so we will have to correct this last page if you want the delayed effective date and just bring you the corrected date for the Chairman to sign.

Ordinance 1995-5 passed by unanimous roll call vote with Commissioners Anaya, Trujillo and Griñé voted in favor.

IX. J. MATTERS FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

- 1. Executive session**
 - b. Discussion of settlement offer in *Department of Labor v. Santa Fe County et al.***
 - c. Discussion of purchase of Top of the World water rights**

Commissioner Anaya moved to go into executive session to discuss the above-stated matters. Commissioner Trujillo seconded and upon roll call vote, Commissioner Anaya, Commissioner Trujillo and Commissioner Griñé voted to go into executive session. [Commissioner Gonzales was not present for this vote]

[The Commission met in executive session from 4:34 to 5:10.]

Commissioner Anaya moved to come out of executive session, having discussed only the settlement offer in the *Department of Labor v. Santa Fe County et al.* and the Top of the World water rights. Commissioner Trujillo seconded and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote. [Commissioner Gonzales was not present for this vote.]

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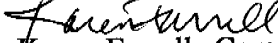
ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Griñé declared this meeting adjourned at approximately 5:11 p.m.

Approved by:


Board of County Commissioners
Joe Griñé, Vice Chairman

Respectfully submitted:


Karen Farrell, Commission Reporter

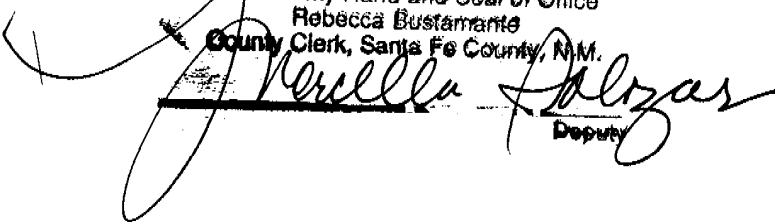
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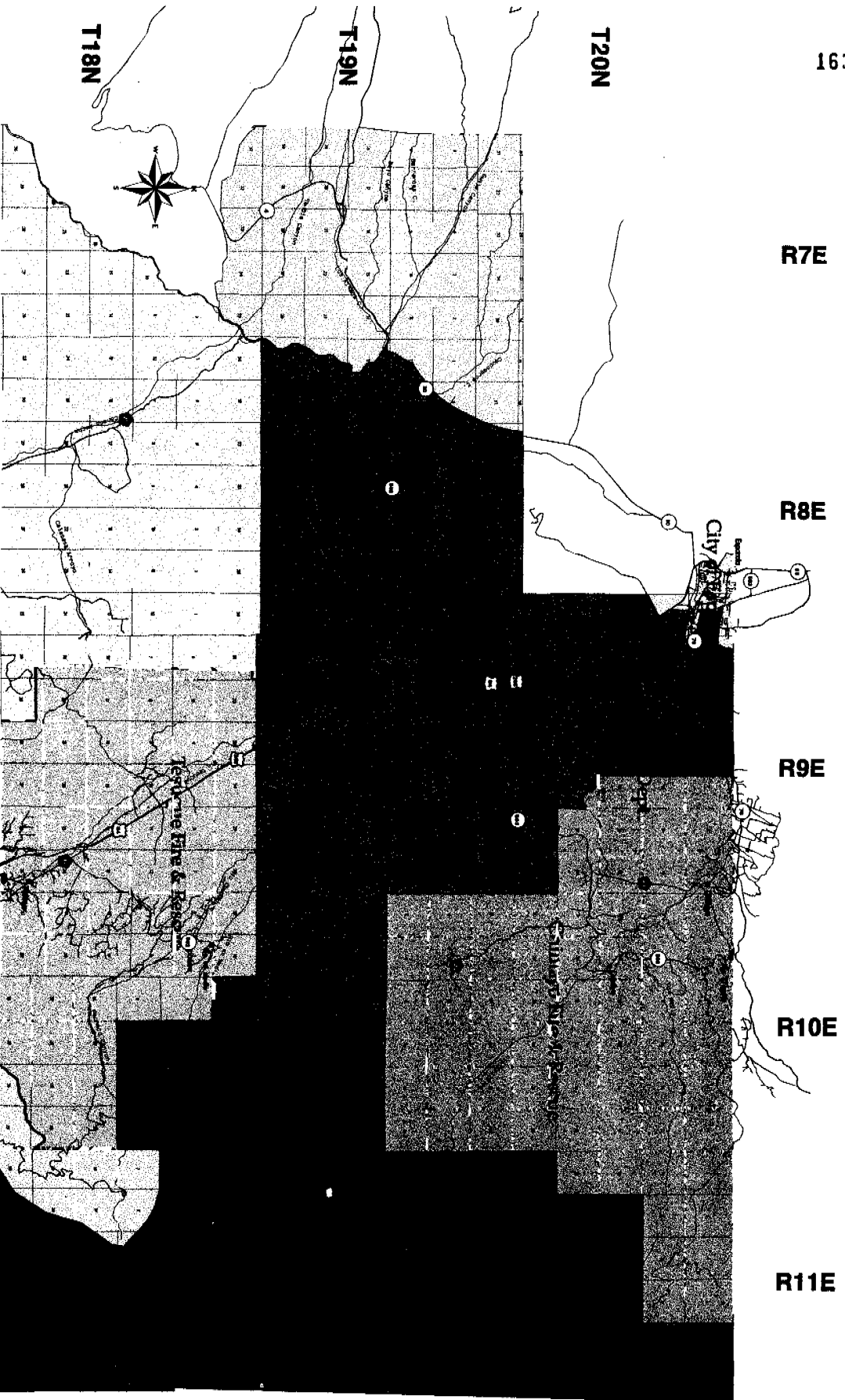


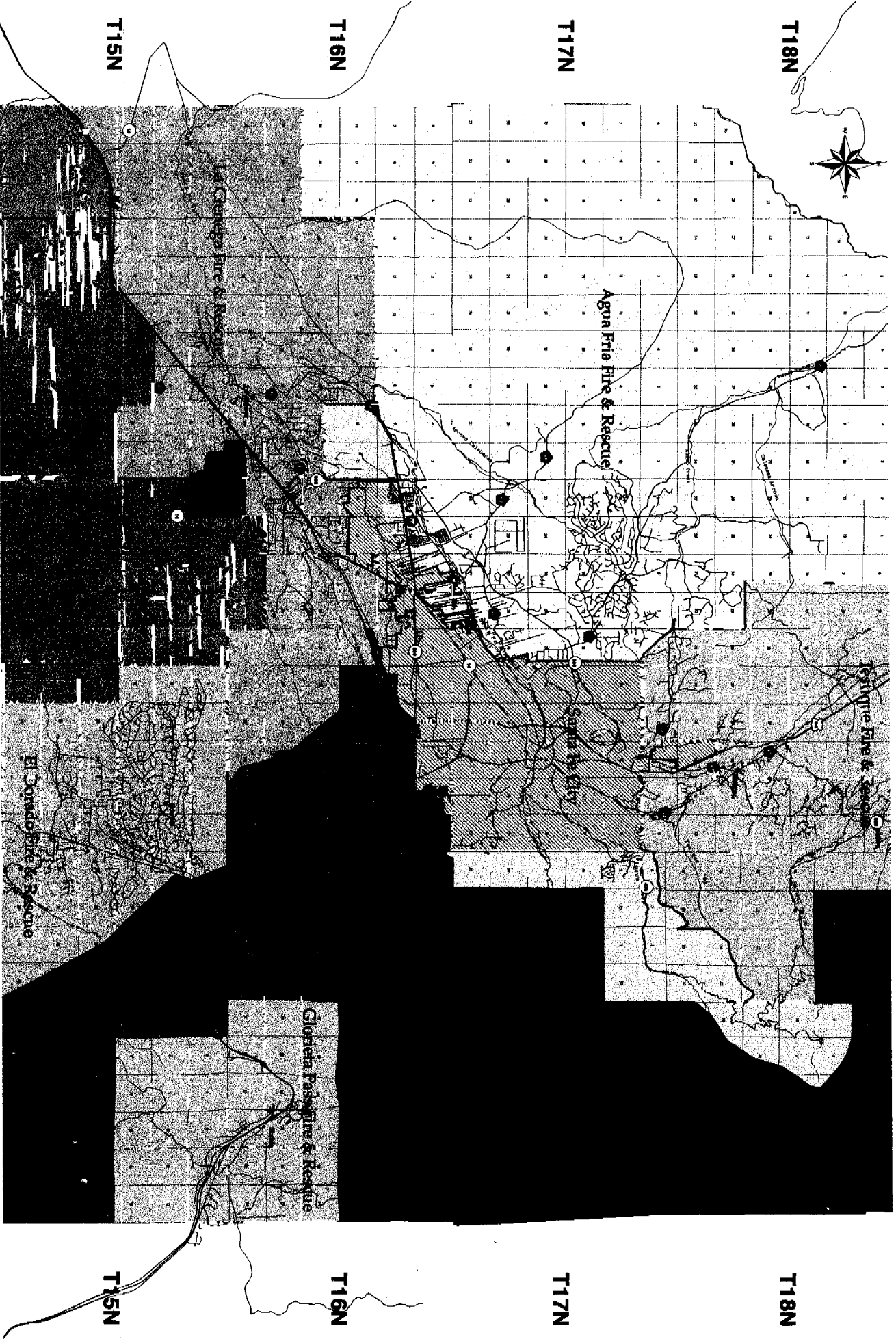
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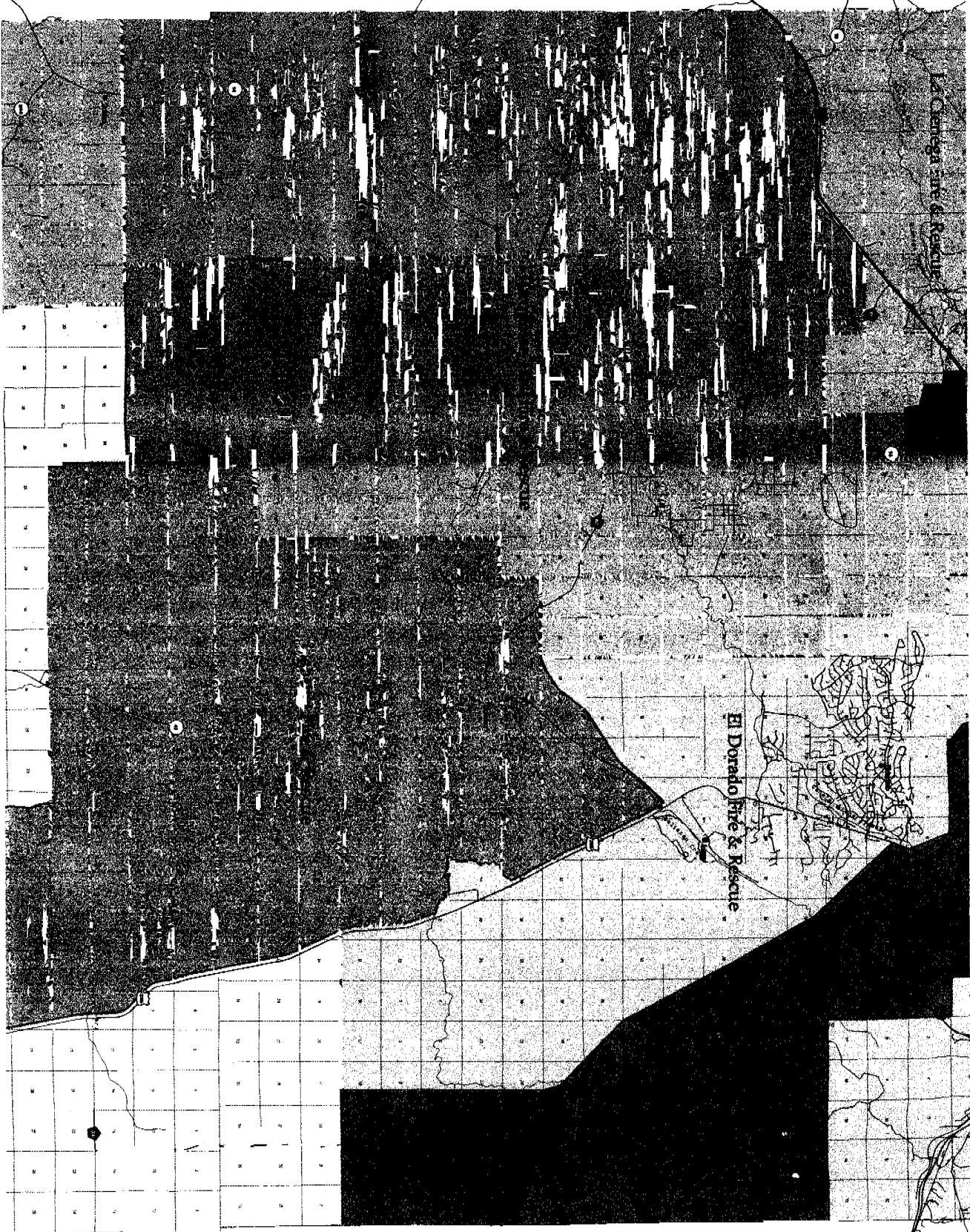
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