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This regular meeting of the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners was called to order at approximately 1:30 p.m. by Chairman Joe S. Grinë, Jr., in the Santa Fe County Commission Chambers, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

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

Members Present:

Commissioner Joe S. Grinë, Jr., Chairman
Commissioner Richard Anaya
Commissioner Paul Duran, Chairman
Commissioner Javier Gonzales
Commissioner Marcos Trujillo

Members Absent:

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- A. Amendments**
- B. Tabled Items**

DENICE BROWN (County Attorney): Mr. Chairman, there's just one item that's to be tabled. It's on page 4 of the agenda and it's item IX.G.3, Request approval of purchase of option property from Rancho Viejo. That contract has not been finalized yet so we're not quite ready with that. Everything else is ready to go.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Okay. Any other changes or amendments? If not, can I have a motion to approve the agenda as amended?

Commissioner Duran moved to approve the agenda as amended and Commissioner Anaya seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: I do need to make one small change. We need to

move letter VIII. A., Presentation and awards, Recognition award to Angie V. Gonzales for her twenty-five years of service to Santa Fe County. I'd like to move it to the top of the agenda right now. Can I have that motion?

Commissioner Trujillo moved to have the presentation of awards first on the agenda. Commissioner Anaya seconded and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

VIII. PRESENTATION AND AWARDS

A. Recognition award to Angie V. Gonzales for her twenty-five years of service to Santa Fe County

CHAIRMAN GRIÑÉ: I understand that you wanted to read off a presentation for Angie?

PHILIP TRUJILLO (County Treasurer): Chairman Griñé, members of the Board of County Commissioners, Commissioner Duran, Commissioner Anaya, Commissioner Trujillo, I saw the Consent Calendar so I thought I had time to go down and get some of the staff and bring them up and I didn't realize that you had moved the matter up to the top of the agenda. Thank you.

It is with feelings of mixed emotions that I present this next item to you on the agenda. Mixed feelings. Angie Gonzales, our Deputy Treasurer and who was County Treasurer for a good many years is retiring and will be leaving us here in just a few days. Actually at the end of this month to be exact. Angie has put in 25-plus dedicated years and all of it here in Santa Fe County, Santa Fe County government. And all of those years here at Santa Fe County have in fact been in the office of the County Treasurer.

Angie served five terms as County Treasurer, from '83-'84, '85-'86, '89-'90, '90-'91, '93-'96. She also served when she first started as an employee of the Treasurer's office. I've tried to convince her otherwise but Angie is ready to kick back as the kids say and to relax. I know that her plans include taking care of her aging mother, who I'll refer to lovingly as "Mommy" and I'm sure that is with mixed feeling herself that she leaves not only the office of the County Treasurer but she leaves Santa Fe County.

I look back over the years since I started here back in 1977 and I can probably count on -- I was going to say one hand, but maybe two hands -- the number of people that have retired from Santa Fe County. In the past, Santa Fe County government has many times served as a springboard. People come to work here only to receive experience and knowledge and then go on to other jobs elsewhere, either in state government or in private business, wherever it might be. So we do not have too many people that retire from County government. So I think this is a milestone. I think it is certainly history for Santa Fe County that this lady has chosen to spend her entire career in government here with us at Santa Fe County.

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I'm sure she has served many administrations, many Commissioners, many County Managers, but more than anything, she has served the public and she has done it well. I don't think there is anyone in Santa Fe County that knows more about property taxes than Angie. I just wish that I could get her together with Agnes. Is Agnes here? I thought I saw her here a minute ago, Agnes, our MIS director. I wish we could take Angie over to the computer department and download from her brain all of the information about property taxes and put it on a CD so that we could keep it for ourselves and learn from her the technicalities of property taxes as well as her mild-mannered, caring attitude about dealing with the public, which I think has probably been her greatest attribute, and that is the way that she has dealt with people.

I have seen her take into her office older people, senior citizens, young people, middle-aged people. They come in upset, irate, only to leave satisfied and maybe not happy about paying their taxes but at least they feel that the situation has been explained to them to their satisfaction. I don't mean to ramble on anymore here. I think the point at hand is the fact that Angie is here before us this afternoon to be with you the last of the administration which she shall serve, the County Commissioners which was part of her seniority and Commissioners, at this point I would like to turn over to you, so that you may make the presentation, whatever you had in mind of doing to none other than our illustrious former Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer at this time, Angie Gonzales.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: In recognition of Angie V. Gonzales for the 25 years of outstanding commitment, dedication and service to the citizens of Santa Fe County. On behalf of Santa Fe County please accept our gratitude and appreciation and on behalf of the County Manager and the County Commission. Angie, thank you.

ANGIE GONZALES: Thank you. I want to say thank you to all of you. I enjoyed working here. It was not only an honor but a pleasure working at Santa Fe County, the Treasurer's office. I'm going to miss everyone tremendously, not only my co-workers, but everyone else in the other offices that I worked so closely with and people from the outside that I befriended over the years. I go back to Silas Garcia, Rudy Rodriguez, when they were Commissioners. Tony Anaya was our County Attorney. But I'm not that old. Again, thank you.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chairman, Angie, I just want to personally thank you for all of the services that you rendered to the County. I'm going to complete 19 years of being here, CDRC and then of course, I can always remember Angie up and down the halls. You're certainly a fixture in the County institution and God bless you and I wish you the best.

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: I also want to reiterate what Felipe said. I started at Santa Fe County as an employee I think about the same time that you started, Angie and I want to thank you for the guidance that you provided at that time back when I was a worker, and now for your expertise in guiding the Treasurer's office and in serving the public. We really appreciate what you've done for Santa Fe County and you will be

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missed. You've done a great job. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: I guess I would just like to highlight that too, that you were probably one of the best role models and I'm sure that you will be missed because ever since I can remember in Santa Fe County when Bennie still was County Commissioner here and was my brother-in-law and also served on the first County Personnel Board as chairman and I still remember back in those days, back in the middle seventies. And also Angie, you and your husband were one of my best customers at Village Inn. I miss my friends when I sold that business. So good luck.

COMMISSIONER DURAN: Mr. Chairman, Angie, I'm not as old as these other guys. But I wish you a lot of luck. Have fun.

**V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:
December 14, 1999**

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Any amendments or changes to those minutes? If not, what are the wishes of the Board?

Commissioner Anaya moved to approve the December 14, 1999 minutes as submitted and Commissioner Duran seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. [Commissioner Gonzales was not present for this vote.]

December 22, 1999

Commissioner Trujillo moved to approve the minutes of the December 22, 1999 meeting. Commissioner Anaya seconded and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote. [Commissioner Gonzales was not present for this vote.]

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Resolution No. 1999-160. A resolution requesting a budget increase to the road projects fund for a New Mexico State Highway grant received for the Agua Fria Phase 2 road project and drainage improvements**
- B. Resolution No. 1999-161. A resolution requesting a budget increase to the general fund for a Transformations, Inc., grant received for the purchase of a K-9 and supplies**
- C. Resolution No. 1999-162. A resolution requesting a budget increase to the Lodgers' Tax facility fund to budget prior year's cash balance for expenditure in fiscal year 2000**
- D. Resolution No. 1999-163. A resolution requesting a budget increase to the**

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- State Special Appropriation fund for a grant received for the Detoxification Facility for expenditure in fiscal year 2000
- E. Resolution No. 1999-164. A resolution requesting a budget decrease to the EMS Health Care fund to recognize revenues received from gross receipts over a ten-month period instead of a twelve-month period
 - F. Resolution No. 1999-165. A resolution requesting a budget increase to the Housing Capital Improvement fund revenues and a budget increase to the Housing Services Enterprise fund expenditures to correct previously approved BAR No. 1999-104
 - G. Resolution No. 1999-166. A resolution requesting a budget transfer from the Housing Capital Improvement fund 1996 CIAP to the Housing Services Enterprise fund for operation and maintenance for expenditures in fiscal year 2000
 - H. Request authorization to accept and award a construction agreement to the lowest responsive bidder, IFB #99-26 RB1, for the construction of the Madrid fire system
 - I. Request authorization to accept and award a construction agreement to the lowest responsive bidder, IFB #99-28, for the construction of the Pojoaque fire station
 - J. Request approval to surplus and sell existing Public Works motor graders and paving machine
 - K. Request authorization of reimbursement of actual travel expenses for County Commissioner

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: I guess we can take a couple of moments here and let the Commissioners single out any one of them. If not, we can go for a blanket approval.

COMMISSIONER DURAN: Mr. Chairman, one question. An explanation to item D.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Item D, Resolution 1999-163?

COMMISSIONER DURAN: Yes. If you want to isolate it, that's fine, or if you just want to explain it to me, that's fine to.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: It's up to you, Robert. Item D, Resolution 199-163.

COMMISSIONER DURAN: My question Robert is -- why don't you just explain it me.

ROBERT ANAYA (Health, Community Services and Economic Development Director): Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Duran, item D was a special appropriation, a special grant that we had applied for for \$150,000 for the Detoxification Facility.

COMMISSIONER DURAN: Is it \$150,000 that we didn't get last year for design?

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: That's the one we got the previous year but we also

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went back for an amendment to the legislature so we could take it out to the county, right Virginia? I think.

COMMISSIONER DURAN: Then what this is -- it's a request for a budget increase for that?

MR. ANAYA: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Duran, we received the grant, and we're requesting the resolution so we'll be authorized to utilize the grant for the detox facility. And there's also, there's \$140,000 for the detox facility and \$10,000 of that grant will be used at Magistrate Court to help us get caught up with some of our past DWI cases that need to be entered into the system. But \$140,000 is for the detox facility.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Any other questions? Thank you, Robert.

Commissioner Duran moved for blanket approval and Commissioner Anaya seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. [Commissioner Gonzales was not present for this vote.]

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

A. Committee expirations, resignations, vacancies

B. Committee appointments

1. Rio en Medio Community Center Committee

MS. BROWN: Mr. Chairman, there are three appointments up for renewal for the Rio en Medio Community Center. The individuals who've been nominated are Sylvia Villareal, William Lazar and Wes Shur. The County Commission is the appointing body for the committee members and each of them has been nominated to serve two years.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Any questions of staff? If not, what are the wishes of the Board?

Commissioner Trujillo moved to approve the recommended appointments to the Rio en Medio Community Center. Commissioner Anaya seconded and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote. [Commissioner Gonzales was not present for this vote.]

VII. B. 2. Santa Fe County Road Advisory Committee

ROBERT MARTINEZ (Deputy Public Works Director): Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, there are three current Road Advisory members whose terms expire this month. They are Larry DesJarlais in Commission District 3, who represents the La Cienega area, Phil Trujillo, Commission District 5, who represents the Glorieta area, and Rita Horton, Commission District 5 who represents the Edgewood area. All three of these

individuals have expressed a willingness to serve an additional terms.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Thank you, Robert. Any questions of Robert?

Commissioner Anaya moved to approve the reappointments to the Road Advisory Committee and Commissioner Trujillo seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. [Commissioner Gonzales was not present for this vote.]

VII. B. 3. Santa Fe County Maternal and Child Health Planning Council

MR. ANAYA: Mr. Chairman, Whitney Robbins, the Council Chair of the Maternal and Child Health Care Board is recommending that Kathleen Matta and Eppie Herrera be removed from the board. Kathleen Matta is no longer living in the area, and Eppie Herrera was serving as the Indigent Fund director and she's now retired. We also recommend that Jennifer Romero, Celine Karen Mendes Fiedler and Mary Helen Kelty be appointed.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Any questions of Robert?

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: Mr. Chairman, I have a question. Eppie was serving on the board as the Indigent Director, right? And we've got a new Indigent Director now, Steven. Is he also serving on the board?

MR. ANAYA: Mr. Chairman, I attended the last Maternal and Child Health Care meeting with Steve Alarid, the new Indigent Fund Director and it's the council's recommendation that they not be official members of the council but they act as staff in assisting with the Maternal and Child Health Care Council. So I guess they're classified as ex officio, if you will. But we will be present at all meetings as Indigent Fund Director.

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: So Eppie was an ex officio member?

MR. ANAYA: Eppie was actually officially appointed to the council and the council did not want to recommend appointment or official appointment and just have them as staff present at the meeting, similar to our presence at the Health Planning Commission in staff capacity instead of actual board member.

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: So they're in that capacity now?

MR. ANAYA: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Trujillo, yes. Whatever the pleasure of the Commission is, we'll be happy to carry through with it. This is the recommendation of Whitney Robbins, the chair and the appointment committee of the Maternal and Child Health Care Council. I would feel that it would be appropriate for the Indigent Director to just be a member as staff to assist and facilitate the operation of that body but stand ready to move forward however the Commission would like us to.

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: I don't have any problem with that. An ex officio member is fine.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Any other questions of Robert? If not, I need a

motion to accept the removal of two individuals and the appointment of three new individuals.

Commissioner Trujillo moved to accept the removals and appointments to the Maternal and Child Health Planning Council. Commissioner Duran seconded and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote. [Commissioner Gonzales was not present for this vote.]

VII. B. 4. Community Action Agency

MR. ANAYA: Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, we have Tom Murphy here with us who has a few brief words to talk about the creation of a Community Action Agency. Basically, Santa Fe County has been utilizing the services of Sandoval County through their Community Action Agency and we're trying to localize that within the county. Tom Murphy is doing that so at this time, Mr. Chairman, I'd like to let Tom Murphy come forward.

CHAIRMAN GRIÑÉ: Thank you, Robert.

TOM MURPHY: Chairman Griñé, Commissioners, Santa Fe County has been assigned temporarily to another Community Action Agency for the last four years and during that period of its assignment it has made no progress in terms of bringing in other programs that would be helpful to the community. It's kind of like a stepchild. We have an opportunity now when the RFP comes out in January to make Santa Fe controlled locally. It has great potential. What we would like is a representative from the county to increase coordination between the Community Action Agency and the county, the cities that are involved and the county, and Torrance County.

It's pretty much all there is to it. It's just some pretty -- we want to coordinate it with representation from all facets of government as well as representatives of lower income and other members of the community.

CHAIRMAN GRIÑÉ: Thank you, Mr. Murphy. Any questions of Mr. Murphy?

MR. ANAYA: Mr. Chairman, just to expand a little bit, there are funds available to be expended in Santa Fe County if this Community Action Agency board is created and if we adopt it we'll have access to those resources directly for Santa Fe County and in this case, Torrance County as well. We recommend appointment of Virginia Vigil of staff to be the representative for Santa Fe County.

CHAIRMAN GRIÑÉ: Any questions of Robert?

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: Mr. Chairman, I have a question. The Community Action Agency -- there used to be a program in Santa Fe County called the CAP, Community Action Program. Is that affiliated with this?

MR. ANAYA: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Trujillo, I can't answer that

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question. I don't know if Tom can answer it or not.

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: Felipe Trujillo used to be the director of the Community Action Program.

MR. MURPHY: Commissioner, CAP was the old term for Community Action Agencies. Since their inception in 1964 they've gone through a number of changes. They're more regulated now. They have more requirements. A fifteen-member board, certain articles and stipulations that have to be followed. So they're a little bit more complex than the old CAP.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Thank you. Any other questions? If not, what's the wishes of the Board?

MR. ANAYA: Mr. Chairman, one other rather clarifying point if I could. The appointment, if the Commission chooses to move forward with the appointment of Ms. Vigil, would have to fall under -- well, it doesn't have to but it's based on the Commissioners' term. So we suggest that the Commission that approves the appointment be Commissioner Trujillo or Commissioner Gonzales, given that they have the longest terms remaining, as a suggestion.

Commissioner Trujillo moved that Virginia Vigil be appointed to the Community Action Agency board and Commissioner Anaya seconded.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: I guess you say you want us to indicate as to the term of this appointment, Robert?

MR. ANAYA: Mr. Chairman, yes. The term of the appointment has to be based on one of the elected officials on the Commission's remaining term, so our suggestion to the Commission is that we utilize the terms of the two longest, which is Commissioner Trujillo and Commissioner Gonzales.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Oh, I see. For three years.

MR. ANAYA: Yes.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: I understand.

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. [Commissioner Gonzales was not present for this vote.]

VIII. PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

B. Presentation of County Open Land and Trails Planning and Advisory Committee (COLTPAC) recommendation regarding Vista Grande project

LESLI ELLIS (Planner): Good afternoon, Mr. Chairman, Commissioners. Happy Holidays. I'm here on behalf of COLTPAC to present their recommendation regarding the Vista Grande project. Commissioner Gonzales requested that the committee

come back within 60 days after the October 19th meeting with a recommendation for this project. As you know, on October 19, you approved a number of other projects and we're moving ahead with acquisitions on those projects currently. At that time, the Vista Grande project was tabled and there wasn't a recommendation put forward.

Vista Grande is a proposal for a thousand or more acres of land as part of a 7,000 acre ranch which is off of Goldmine Road. It's just north of the Ortiz Mountains and between the village of Cerrillos and Madrid. You should have a packet with a map in it. The committee had a number of concerns about this project and I won't go into those in detail. They're in your packet. But basically at this point they're recommending that the project, that we maintain the original criteria score for the project, which was 38% since there wasn't substantive new information put forward. At this time, the committee is not recommending acceptance of the proposal as written, but would be in support of considering a proposal to purchase trail easements when legal public access is evidenced at some time.

This recommendation doesn't preclude this project from being reconsidered at some point as part of phase 2, especially with new information coming forward. Do you have any questions at all at this point?

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Any questions, Commissioners? Thank you, Lesli. This is not an action item, is it, Lesli?

MS. ELLIS: Right. There is no action on it.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Does anybody else need to speak on this? Come forward.

AL LILLY: Thank you. My name is Al Lilly of Lilly Planning Associates and I did some work on the project with the application. As a county resident I'd like to thank the committee on open space as well as commend them on the process. I know that they've spent plenty of hours on this during the day, at night, making trips on weekends and have been out to the site twice. I feel they have given it careful consideration. I would agree that there are a couple of items that are still outstanding on it and I feel that these items are items that can be resolved and hope that we can come back after we do get them resolved and we'll have the opportunity for further consideration at a later date. Thank you for the time.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Thank you. Anybody else? If not, thank you very much, Lesli.

IX. STAFF AND ELECTED OFFICIALS ITEMS

A. Quarterly Report

1. County Assessor

BENITO MARTINEZ (County Assessor): Mr. Chairman, members of the Commission, I want to wish you and your families happy holidays and a prosperous new

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year. I think we're prepared for the new millennium with the organization and staff diligently working for that most important night.

I'll begin with the fourth quarter of '99, basically has been handled around the protests of valuated properties for the tax year '99 in which we had a total of about 700 protests. Outstanding are approximately 130 that went to the formal Board of Equalization. I'd like to say that we have had a 95% success ratio of those valuated properties that went to hearing and two have been adjusted by the Valuation Protest Board out of 40. So that's about a 95% ratio.

The net new valuation appraisals for tax year 2000 is nearing \$70 million so far in a few months. Our appraisal staff is busy searching county roads for new construction. Coordinated efforts with Land Use in their building permit process. At this point we're at about \$21 million in taxable value for net new, which of course affects our new revenue for this coming year.

Status reports as of today for the automated drafting technical team and Geographic Information System, we're busy Q-Cing label points for all parcels in the county. Commissioners and Mr. Chairman you may be happy to know we have a complete digital layer, parcel layer of the Edgewood municipal area and we're now expanding that area outside the peripheral area of the city boundary of Edgewood. We're tackling of '99 approved plats for Santa Fe County within the city and outside the city as they come in, as we have done with the Edgewood area. I invite you all to come down, take a look at your respective areas if you have any questions in the future regarding those particular areas.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Thank you, Benito. Any questions of Benito? Job well done, boss.

MR. MARTINEZ: Thank you. I appreciate it. Happy Holidays.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Same here.

IX. B. FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- 1. Request authorization to accept and award a professional services agreement to the highest qualified respondent, RFP #20-39, for political representation services in Washington, D.C. for Santa Fe County**

KATHERINE MILLER (Finance Director): Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, the Finance Department and the County Manager went out on an RFP and requested proposals for political representation and lobbyist services in Washington, D.C. We advertised locally and in Washington, D.C. We received two proposals from Patrick M. Murphy and Associates, and Perry, Romano and Deconcini. We scored their proposals and Murphy and Associates came out with the top score. We negotiated a contract with them, a six-month contract for \$62,700 and the Finance Department and County Manager would

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like to request authorization to award the agreement.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Thank you, Katherine. Any questions of Katherine?

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the professional services agreement for a lobbyist.

COMMISSIONER DURAN: Mr. Chairman, what is this lobbyist going to do for us, Katherine?

MS. MILLER: The lobbyist would work with the County in determining what our needs are as far as federal funds for water issues, environmental issues, transportation issues, things like that that work with the department heads and with the Commissioners and get a plan from us and then go forward, go back to Washington and lobby on our behalf to get federal funds for those programs.

COMMISSIONER DURAN: And the people that applied, this is a process that takes place throughout the country?

MS. MILLER: The two that did respond have represented governments, local governments, municipalities, other government agencies as well as private industry and have a great deal of experience. Patrick Murphy and Associates had particular experience with counties so I think that that was one of the reasons that they score higher. Also, they sent in proven results of where they've brought back money to government entities throughout the country and that was what part of the also familiarity with New Mexico and the type of issues that we would want them to take forward for us, and that's why they scored higher and then we negotiated the type of things that they would do for us.

COMMISSIONER DURAN: So do we at this point in time have some wish list that we're going to give them? Or are we just --

MS. MILLER: They're going to come out and actually visit with us and put a plan together, a strategic plan of what the County as a whole, what the Commission and the administration would like to see done lobby on our behalf for.

COMMISSIONER DURAN: Mr. Chairman, it seems to me that it might be - I mean I'm not opposed to this kind of lobbying effort but it seems to me that before I would approve this I'd like to have those people here and have a little bit clearer understanding as to what they're going to do, how they go about doing it and what type of projects we are hoping they can help us with. It seems to me that not really having a list of criteria, or a list of projects or needs they can help us with, I'd like to see that before I would vote on this.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chairman, that's kind of like the way I'm leaning to because I'd like to see and hear from them what they could deliver and I'd like to kind of balance it out to see perhaps maybe \$60,000 might even merit a grant writer for monies that are already out there. I wonder what kind of efforts and what kind of deliverance these people can render for the County. Because I know, working with state

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government here what the lobby effort curtails and I know what it costs and I know the involvement in the activity and everything like that. I'm just wondering whether presentation of a Santa Fe County bill before the Congress, how effective something like that might be. I have a lot of questions before I could seriously vote for something like this. I agree, lobbying is a good way to go, a good tool, but I do want to know a little bit more about it.

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: Mr. Chairman, I think that this position, or this retention of this individual would pay for itself. There's a lot of monies out there that we're losing because we don't have direct contact to under that network, the pipeline, and direct it to Santa Fe County. I think that it would behoove Santa Fe County to expend \$60,000 to get the money that we need to address solid waste, to address water issues, to address quality of water, the whole gamut of services that we need to provide for Santa Fe County residents. There's federal monies out there that we're losing because we don't have a direct contact, a direct path into the pipeline. I think that this would be a good expenditure, a prudent expenditure of these monies.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: Mr. Chairman, just to address Commissioner Duran and Commissioner Anaya's concern, we had talked about this, Commissioners, I'm not sure if you remember, at Las Campanas when we had our retreat. I think we've had some opportunity through the staff to explore whether there's a need for this or not and staff has come back and said yes. And to Commissioner Duran's point as to what these individuals will do for us, I would point to the issues that are at hand right now in Santa Fe County, to warrant the need for this representation in Washington. One being the open space program that has been extremely successful, but we've had to ask the voters to tax themselves \$12 million.

Right now in the Land and Water Conservation Fund there are bills that would appropriate \$900 million to this fund, which, if accessed could go to purchase additional open space. There are additional areas that this county needs. We've all seen the studies that sit on the shelves and Commissioner Trujillo said this over and over since the day he came into office that we spend hundreds of thousands of dollars on studies that tell us that we have nitrate problems along the Pojoaque and Nambe basins. And we know that it's going to cost millions of dollars to put in the proper infrastructure to address those nitrate problems. They don't only exist there, they exist in La Cienega and continuously for the last five years we've gone back to the legislature and we've asked them to help us fund these types of programs and we haven't had that kind of money in place.

Then the opportunity is do we go and raise taxes to try and put in wastewater treatment plants in this area where we see these high nitrate problems? And I think, to Commissioner Duran and Commissioner Anaya, if anything, this gives us an opportunity to explore an alternative means to try and receive monies into this county from the federal system. Senator Domenici and Senator Bingaman and Congressman Udall all work very hard to try and bring us in money, but we are competing with 100 other cities and 32 other counties for a limited amount of money that they can personally bring home.

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That doesn't mean that's all that's limited. There's a whole pool of money out there that if we had professionals that were out there searching and looking, lobbying on behalf of our efforts that we could get appropriated into this county. And yes, there are other counties across this country that are starting to do this, both small and large, that are starting to contract professionals in Washington to do this effort. To Commissioner Anaya's point, on using the \$60,000 to hire a grant writer, Commissioner, you're right. There are a lot of grants that we can go after, but we cannot do it from Santa Fe. It takes someone in Washington who understands the appropriation process to be able to effectively lobby and seek out these monies that are available for local communities.

And so I respectfully would urge the Commission to give this an opportunity to prove itself. Give it an opportunity to pay for itself and then we can decide whether it's been a good program or a bad program and I don't think \$60,000 is a lot to invest in professionals that have a track record, whether it's this firm or any other professional firm in Washington that have demonstrated track records to find monies and to bring it back to these communities on important issues that we're facing on a daily basis.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: I'd just like to comment before I turn it over to you, Commissioner Anaya. A good example of these efforts is Bernalillo County and the City of Albuquerque go hand in hand together in hiring this individual and they have succeeded already like to the point of about \$18 million of needs into this north and south valley of Albuquerque for infrastructure, for waste and water treatments. And further than that, they also expanded the sheriff's department by a number of personnel and updated some of their equipment and that's where both of those areas were concentrated because we checked with - what's the individual in Albuquerque? Janet Blair. And she confirmed that with us yesterday afternoon, so I think that this is very important and we have to compete for a slice of the pie.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Forgive me for being a Doubting Thomas but the only thing, I mostly think coming down from the federal government is unfunded mandates and that's the truth. I did agree, and so does Commissioner Duran that a lobbying effort is a good effort, but I still am a Doubting Thomas in that direction. If they can guarantee delivery of some sort then I'm sure that you guys would come out smelling like a rose. I would support it, but very skeptically I will.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Are you done, Commissioner Anaya? Commissioner Duran.

COMMISSIONER DURAN: Commissioner Gonzales, thank you for telling us, I really wanted to hear for the record, I wanted to hear more about how they're going to help.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: And one of the things that we did ask the staff was that they would have to come out here and spend a couple of days with the Commissioners, with the staff, and even members of the public to get a thorough understanding of where the appropriation needs are going to be. Commissioner Anaya, I

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don't think there can be guarantees, but if they don't perform, or they're not meeting the expectations of you or the Commissioners, as in any other contract, we cancel that contract and go out. The fact is, in this area there is a track record of professionals bringing home appropriated money outside of the delegation that represents communities to communities and that's something that we're hopefully going to be able to receive the benefits of those efforts.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Well, you kind of opened up my eyes there to the means of appropriations that are out there in essence. If we kind of generate this effort in that direction. It would be like an onboard grant writer and try to staff it in that direction. I think it just might be viable.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: If not, we had a motion already made for approval by Commissioner Gonzales. Do I have a second?

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: Second.

The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

IX. B, 2. Request Authorization to accept and award a professional services agreement, #20-0088-FI, for audit services of lodging facilities for Santa Fe County

MS. MILLER: The Finance Department put out an RFP for auditors for auditing our Lodgers' Tax facilities in the county. We received three proposals, scored those proposals and rated Barraclough and Associates the highest rated and are requesting authorization to enter into a professional services agreement with Barraclough in the amount of \$15,000 including gross receipts tax.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Thank you, Katherine. Are there any questions of Katherine?

COMMISSIONER DURAN: What were we doing in the past, Katherine, relative to auditing?

MS. MILLER: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Duran, I don't know for sure what has been done in the distant past but in the recent past we have not performed audits and the prior ordinance said that we would conduct random audits and it didn't specify over what time frame. The new ordinance that we put into place over the summer actually specified that we will do random yearly audits on some of the entities. Because we have not done any audits recently we felt that we should audit them all, but we put the lodging facilities, categorized them on risk level so that the majority of the time would be spent on ones that actually are the risk and from that I mean a monetary value to the County. But we'd start them all off by auditing all of them and then in subsequent years do random audits.

COMMISSIONER DURAN: How many facilities do you think we're going

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to be able to audit?

MS. MILLER: I believe it is 22.

COMMISSIONER DURAN: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Any other questions of Katherine? If not, what's the wishes of the Commission?

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

IX. B. 3. Request authorization to accept and award a professional services agreement, #20-0107-MG, for Youth Shelter and Family Services for Santa Fe County

MS. MILLER: Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, the Finance Department in conjunction with the County Manager's office is requesting authorization to enter into a professional services agreement with the Youth Shelters and Family Services to staff a 24-hour emergency crisis shelter for abused, neglected or runaway Santa Fe County youth between the ages of ten and seventeen. This contract would be for the remainder of this fiscal year, not to exceed \$20,000. We request authorization to enter into this agreement.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Any questions of Katherine? If not, what are the wishes of the Commission?

Commissioner Duran moved to approve the professional services agreement for Youth Shelters and Family Services and Commissioner Anaya seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. [Commissioner Gonzales was not present for this vote.]

IX. C. HEALTH, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

1. Resolution No. 1999-167. A resolution authorizing the County of Santa Fe to submit an application to the Department of Finance and Administration, Local Governments Division, to participate in the local DWI grant and distribution program

MR. ANAYA: Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, annually, we are required to have a resolution from the Commission to apply, initiate the application and apply for resources for the LDWI program. This resolution, we will be coming back to the Commission next month with the entire application packet, but the budget, specifically to

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review the budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Thank you, Robert. Any questions of Robert? If not, what's the recommendation by the Commission?

Commissioner Trujillo moved to approve Resolution 1999-167 and Commissioner Anaya seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. [Commissioner Gonzales was not present for this vote.]

IX. C. 2. Request approval to hire a public housing family self-sufficiency coordinator that has been funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development

DIANA SENA (Housing Administrator): Excuse me, Mr. Chairman, Commissioners. The Santa Fe County Housing Authority requests permission to hire a public housing family self-sufficiency coordinator. The FSS action plan has been submitted and approved by the Housing and Urban Development and at this time we are awaiting the approved budget for this position.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Thank you, Diana. Any questions of Diana? If not, what's the wishes of the Commission?

Commissioner Anaya moved to approve hiring a self-sufficiency coordinator. Commissioner Duran seconded and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote. [Commissioner Gonzales was not present for this vote.]

IX. D. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

1. Resolution No. 1999-168. A resolution declaring the Silverado Northside Improvement District null and void

MR. MARTINEZ: Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, you may recall at the November BCC meeting staff provided the Commission with some information and a bit of history regarding the Silverado Northside Improvement District. At that meeting, Public Works was recommending to declare the assessment district null and void due to the circumstances. At that meeting the Commission directed staff to move forward with declaring the Silverado Northside Improvement District null and void.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Thank you, Robert. Any questions of Robert?

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: I have a question, Mr. Chairman. Would you explain a little bit about null and void? Did we go to the community to try and designate it an assessment district and the community did not want it designated an

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assessment district? What are the idiosyncracies here?

MR. MARTINEZ: Mr. Chairman, back in January of '94, the Commission created this assessment district due to the deplorable road conditions within that area. Staff had a public hearing, or the Commission conducted a public hearing. It was recessed to provide the residents with some additional information. Staff held two public meetings at the Turquoise Trail Elementary School. Commissioner Gonzales, I believe attended also. The problem was in the resolution that was created in 1994. There was not enough assessments that were going to be generated to cover the costs of the improvements. Another factor that the Commission, another concern that the Commission had was there was very little support from the residents. I believe there was an average of 15% of the residents in attendance.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Any other questions? If not, what are the wishes of the Commission?

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve Resolution 1999-168 declaring the Silverado Northside Improvement District null and void. Commissioner Trujillo seconded and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote. [Commissioner Anaya was not present for this vote.]

IX. D. 2. Resolution No. 1999-169. A resolution declaring the Silverado Southside Improvement District null and void

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Any questions of staff? If not --

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve Resolution 1999-169 declaring the Silverado Southside Improvement District null and void. Commissioner Duran seconded and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

MR. MARTINEZ: Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, there's one other matter that we need to discuss regarding those districts. Former Commissioners Linda Grill had a verbal agreement with the Silverado Subdivision North and South that the Public Works Department would maintain these roads until the assessment district was created. And these are private roads. They are not existing County roads. Basically, what we need is direction from the Commission as to whether to maintain them or not.

COMMISSIONER DURAN: Keep on maintaining them.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: Mr. Chairman, Robert, what was the policy that we put into place for private roads that were deplorable and substandard and that would allow us to go on and assist. Because there's a process right now, right?

MR. MARTINEZ: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Gonzales, yes. There's

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the road acceptance policy. It has several criteria that the residents need to meet, such as obtaining 51% of the residents in favor. I believe there was some surveying that would have to be provided by the residents.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: I'm sorry. That's all just to allow us to go on to a private road to grade? Because I know the issue has been the issue of -- what's the name of that law that prevents us from --

MR. MARTINEZ: The Anti-donation Clause. Basically, on that road acceptance policy there were two different types of request. One, to accept the road for County maintenance and the other was to blade it on a one-time basis.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: As needed, or just a one-time.

MR. MARTINEZ: It was defined as a one-time basis.

COMMISSIONER DURAN: I think, Robert, to say that it's a private road, it's a big road and a lot of people use it. I know that it hasn't been dedicated to the County but there are a lot of residents out there that use it and rely on it being graded. I don't see a problem with continuing, if we've been doing it for the last six years.

MR. MARTINEZ: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Duran, yes. Since prior to 1994, I believe it was '92. But there's more than one road. There are approximately 15 roads with a total milage of close to 10 miles.

COMMISSIONER DURAN: We're not grading people's driveways. These is actually main access roads.

MR. MARTINEZ: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Duran, that is true.

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: Mr. Chairman, I can empathize with the people in Silverado, but in my district we've got a bunch of roads that are non-designated County roads and they serve a lot of people, for example Cuyamungue. That's one of the most deplorable roads in my district. It serves about 50 to 100 families. The County doesn't maintain it, even though the residents use it. In Arroyo Seco we've got three or four roads that are not designated County roads that I get called on a regular basis for the County to maintain them and I get the word from Legal and from Public Works that it's against the anti-donation clause. These are bus routes, these are roads that are being used by the public on a regular basis. The only thing is that they're not designated County roads. And they are in deplorable condition. So we have to look at it from the big picture. If we do it in one area, we have to do it throughout Santa Fe County. If you have a set of criteria that's been implemented, we need to comply with that criteria. It's one of those things that we've got a lot of grandfathered, non-conforming subdivisions out there where roads were cut and they don't meet the Santa Fe County standards and the public uses them and they're bus routes. So it's a precarious matter.

MR. MARTINEZ: Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, we do have that policy in place but it is up to the Commissioners to make some deletions to the criteria. They can waive some of the conditions if they choose to.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: I was just going to say I think that presents

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an opportunity to look at this policy. I agree with both Commissioner Duran and Commissioner Trujillo. And being the representative of the Silverado District, I'd be in favor of continuing the grading out there but also recognizing that there are other roads in my district and in other districts that need work. The opportunity is here, Denice, for the Legal Department to figuring out a way where we could possibly have a policy that would allow us to assist neighborhoods that live on private roads that need some assistance from the County because as Commissioner Trujillo indicated, the big picture is they're all taxpayers. They all expect a level of service. We have limitations as to how much we can do out there, but maybe you can work with Orlando and Robert to really try and -- I don't want to say be creative, but see what type of policy could be generated that would allow us to assist some of these communities, especially those that are heavily traveled with buses to get some type of assistance on these roads.

I know this is going to spread Orlando's group already thinner than what they are, but it's a need that's out there that we need to address. Is that pretty heavy duty to ask?

MS. BROWN: Actually, Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Gonzales, Robert's right in that it's this body's prerogative to decide what your criteria will be for accepting roads from private residents.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: So there's not an anti-donation issue?

MS. BROWN: There is if we do work on the road without accepting them as County roads. If we let them remain as private road then there's a problem. If we chose to accept those roads as County roads then there's no problem. And the terms for accepting them are totally up to you.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: What about the issues of -- how do you define work, or how is work defined? Is work defined by some tangible investment on the road, or if the County went in and just used labor and its equipment to grade the road, is that defined as work? Is it that --

MS. BROWN: Actually, I don't have the constitutional provision memorized but it says the County cannot provide its, I think it uses the term credit. Some arcane term. Its been determined to mean resources, including personnel, to further private purposes, including charitable organizations. So it's very stringent. It ties our hands in a lot of ways. There are some exceptions to it, but this isn't one of them. But again, we're back to the point that you can lawfully accept those roads as County roads if you choose to do so. There's no restrictions against you doing that.

COMMISSIONER DURAN: And they don't have to be up to County standards.

MS. BROWN: Right. You can accept a road in deplorable condition. You can accept a jeep trail if the landowners want to turn that over and dedicate it to the public and to the County, you can accept that.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: Can I offer just one last thing? Then moving to that, maybe we should ask the Road Advisory Committee who probably

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understands the roads in this county better than anyone, to make a list in their districts of, or to rank the roads by means of need when it comes to safety and school children and the number of people in the community to maybe identify a new list of roads that we may want to accept. And I would ask you and Orlando to tell us how we're going to address those needs once we accept them and how we'll fit into scheduling.

CHAIRMAN GRIÑÉ: I just wanted to make a comment on all this issue, if you open up every district, I have half of the county in my district in the rural areas so if you open it up in one area you're going to open up a lot of areas, especially down in the Edgewood area.

COMMISSIONER DURAN: I think it's our responsibility to help our constituents whenever we can and it's really our call whether or not we can accept maintenance of this. I think that we should come up with some kind of criteria as Commissioner Gonzales mentioned where you could come before us and these people ask to be considered to be maintained and what level of maintenance. Maybe we just run the grader there once every three months, once a month. I'm not sure, but I think based on the use and the health and safety issues we should be able to make a decision as to whether or not we want to maintain it.

I think we've been maintaining that road for six years and now we're kind of pulling the rug out from underneath them on this assessment district and we're going to tell them, sorry, no.

CHAIRMAN GRIÑÉ: Linda was running for reelection.

COMMISSIONER DURAN: Just because she was running for reelection it doesn't mean we should disregard these peoples concerns, the health and safety of their children.

MS. BROWN: Mr. Chairman, I could just add this as food for thought. Robert can correct me if I'm wrong; he knows this better than I do, but we're almost in a worse place by not accepting the roads but continuing to maintain because if we accept them, they're on our road list we get funding from the state for them. So we're probably in a better position financially to go ahead and accept roads that you do want Orlando's staff to maintain. At least we'll get some assistance from the state.

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: Mr. Chairman, but we need a definite set of criteria, because we need to look at this from the big picture. And you understand more than I do what this will do to the infrastructure in Santa Fe County. It will augment the infrastructure exponentially if we're fair, because there's a lot of need out there. In my district, and in Commissioner Gonzales's district, and Commissioner's Griñé's district, there's a lot of roads out there that are not designated County roads that are private roads and they're bus routes and they serve communities. They serve big subdivisions. And all of these people want the County to go in there and maintain those roads.

What's the out of pocket expense? We're thin as it is now.

MR. MARTINEZ: Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, Denice is right as far as

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the funding. I believe we get, it's close to about \$1000 per road mile of state funding. So if you feel like you would like to make exceptions to the road acceptance policy, you've done it in the past. You've done it about six months ago for several roads. It is up to the Commission. But it would be in our best interest if we're going to maintain them that you do accept them. And it wouldn't just be for limited maintenance, it would have to include signage, blading, culverts, not just blading.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: So if the Commissioners -- I didn't hear any objection. Did you understand basically what I was trying to say as far as asking the Road Advisory Committee to establish criteria for accepting new roads into the County, setting the rankings, so that at least we have a body that's reviewing this and it's not just the Commissioners bringing it up haphazard based on them deciding they want to do it, so we have a good process in place. Does that make sense? Asking the Road Advisory to basically do this and then bring the criteria back to us. When communities approach the Commissioners in their districts, we can refer them to the criteria and they can see if they meet it and you can bring them forward based on that criteria.

MR. MARTINEZ: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Gonzales, that is a great idea. I believe the Road Advisory gets quite a few requests to blade private roads so it's something they would probably be interested in helping the communities.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: What kind of time line do you think it would take them to come back with this type of criteria and for adoption by the County?

MR. MARTINEZ: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Gonzales, I'm guessing probably about four or five months.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: Can we have something done by April?

MR. MARTINEZ: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Gonzales, we can sure try.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Thank you, Robert. Any other discussion on this issue?

MR. MARTINEZ: Yes, Mr. Chairman. So do we continue to blade these roads?

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: I guess, as need.

COMMISSIONER DURAN: I'll make a motion that we continue maintaining these roads that we have been maintaining and then ask staff to come forward with some criteria on how we can start dealing with other roads such as those Commissioner Trujillo brought up. So we can start taking care of those roads. That's my motion.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: Second.

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: Discussion. Just a question for legal. If they're not County roads, where does the anti-donation clause, we're not going to be complying with them. It's a private road, right?

COMMISSIONER DURAN: Well, who's going to sue us?

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: The state. What's the liability?

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MS. BROWN: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Trujillo, the potential liability is that the landowners could be assessed the value of services that we provide them. If someone were to file a lawsuit about it. There's one case in New Mexico, there was a -- I believe it was a county. It could have been a municipality in this other part of the state, who plowed a road in front of a gentleman's house who lived quite a ways down a road. And it was a winter snowstorm and they plowed it and they assessed that private landowner the value of the service of plowing his road.

COMMISSIONER DURAN: Who did that? Who assessed that?

MS. BROWN: The court. So that would be the downside. It would be the potential risk to those landowners that they would have to cough up after the fact the value of the services we're providing.

COMMISSIONER DURAN: And who'd they pay the money to?

MS. BROWN: It was ordered to be paid back to the governmental body.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: Mr. Chairman, I think Commissioner Trujillo brings up an interesting point. Until we get this in place I guess I would be opposed to using public property for private roads. It might have been easier if we would have had this discussion before we passed the previous two resolutions, because they were on their way to becoming a district. I think this just warrants the urgency, Robert, if we had the criteria in place now, of letting the community in Silverado know that they can come forward and request that the Commission adopt the roads and we can get those things adopted fairly quickly, I'm assuming. Is that right?

MR. MARTINEZ: Yes, Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Gonzales. We can do it at the next BCC meeting if they provide the necessary information.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: Great. So I think that's the route to go. There's a process to go through for them to come in and get it accepted and we should assist them to whatever degree we can do bring them forward and do it properly so that everyone's treated fairly. It seems that way.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: We have a motion and a second. Do you want to withdraw your second?

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: Yes, I withdraw my second.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Do you want to withdraw your motion, Commissioner Duran?

COMMISSIONER DURAN: No.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Do I have a second to Commissioner Duran's motion?

COMMISSIONER DURAN: My motion was to continue maintenance of the Silverado roads that we have been maintaining. The people out there have been relying on us to maintain, on a temporary basis until you can come forward with some criteria. And if it doesn't meet the criteria that you bring forward for us to adopt, then drop them then, but don't just drop them without any warning. That's my motion.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Do we have a second?

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COMMISSIONER ANAYA: I'll second that motion.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Got a motion and a second. Now, do we have any further discussion? If not, all those in favor of the motion, signify by saying "aye." [The motion failed, with Commissioner Duran and Commissioner Anaya voting in favor and Commissioner Gonzales, Commissioner Trujillo and Chairman Griné voting against.]

IX. D. 3. Request approval of the Santa Fe County Road Advisory 2000 Road Improvement Priority Program

MR. MARTINEZ: Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, on an annual basis the Road Advisory Committee compiles and submits for your approval the Road Improvement Priority List which is submitted to the legislature for possible funding. There is a list of roads that is submitted, along with the packet. Basically, these roads were just left over from last year's priority list. Some that were funded last year remain on here because they weren't funded entirely. I believe there's 12 projects and the Road Advisory Committee members were advised that it's possible that the County Manager might cut down the list to, say, a handful, so they did reprioritize their roads.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Any questions of Robert?

COMMISSIONER DURAN: Robert, County Road 62, my understanding from Orlando was that this had already received funding for paving?

MR. MARTINEZ: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Duran, the portion of County Road 62 that you're referring to is from Agua Fria to the frontage road of 599. This is from 599 to Caja del Rio Road.

COMMISSIONER DURAN: Thank you very much. No questions.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Any other questions of Robert?

MR. MARTINEZ: Can I make a comment?

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Go ahead.

MR. MARTINEZ: Mr. Chairman, there were a couple of other roads, or a couple of other projects that were placed on the ICIP, which was the Santa Cruz traffic signalization, and also a low-water crossing on County Road 84G. Now that is not in the Road Improvement Priority List but it is on the ICIP. If you would like it on this, this is the time to make those additions.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Any questions of Robert? Any requests of additions or deletions?

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: Would you repeat that again please, Robert.

MR. MARTINEZ: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Trujillo, a couple of months ago I believe the County Manager requested that the Santa Cruz traffic signal and County Road 84G low-water crossing be included on the ICIP packet. Those two projects are not on the Road Advisory packet, but if you wish to include those two projects on this

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list, now is the time to make your additions prior to approving.

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: We met with the community and there's a major need for a traffic light at the intersection of McCurdy Road and State Road 76 because of health and safety concerns and I'd like to see that designated as a priority.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: So you want it on the list?

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: I want it on the list.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: What about the other, the drainage?

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: Where is the drainage at?

MR. MARTINEZ: It was a low-water crossing on County Road 84G. I believe that's in the Pueblo of Nambe.

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: The Pueblo of Nambe.

MR. MARTINEZ: Yes. A road that the County currently maintains.

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: The arroyo there. Yes.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Add them both, Robert. Any other additions?

MR. MONTAYA: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Trujillo, that is the low-water crossing that you brought to my attention that we added on.

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: Very good. That's on 84G.

MR. MARTINEZ: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Trujillo, that's correct.

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: Okay, thank you.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Any other discussion. Any other additions? If not, who wants to make a motion to approve the list and also adding on the two additional projects?

Commissioner Gonzales moved to approve the Road Advisory improvements list with the addition of the low-water crossing on County Road 84G and the signage at Santa Cruz. Commissioner Trujillo seconded and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote. [Commissioner Duran was not present for this vote.]

IX. D. 4. Request authorization to enter into an agreement with Dennis Engineering to provide construction management services to the County Road 72 and County Road 85 road improvements projects

ORLANDO GARCIA (Public Works Director): Mr. Chairman, Board members, that's correct. The amount of this contract is about \$43,000. Any questions of Orlando?

Commissioner Anaya moved to approve the agreement with Dennis Engineering and Commissioner Gonzales seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

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- IX. D. 5. Request authorization to enter into Amendment number one to the professional services agreement with Tierra Engineering Consultants for construction management on the Walnut Subdivision improvements project**

MR. GARCIA: Mr. Chairman, members of the Board, this is the first and final amendment to this project. It is completed and this would allow us to close the books on this job.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Any questions of Orlando?

Commissioner Anaya moved to approve the amendment to the Tierra Engineering agreement. Commissioner Gonzales seconded and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

- IX. D. 6. Request ratification of Change-order number one to the construction contract with Big Sky Builders for the Shady Lane drainage improvement project**

MR. GARCIA: Mr. Chairman, members of the Board, this is similar in that it is the first and final change-order to the construction contract for this project. It is completed and this would close out the project.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Thank you, Orlando. Any questions of Orlando? If not, what's the wishes?

Commissioner Anaya moved to approve the change-order to the contract with Big Sky Builders. Commissioner Gonzales seconded and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

IX. E. RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

- 1. Request authorization to enter into a contract with the AFSCME (American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees) bargaining unit; beginning January 1, 2000 and running through December 31, 2002 and implement a new salary schedule**

ARTURO RODRIGUEZ (Personnel Director): Mr. Chairman,

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Commissioners, negotiations have been completed with AFSCME, Local 1782 bargaining unit regarding a new multi-year contract with Santa Fe County. The proposed bargaining unit contract has been ratified by AFSCME membership and includes the following changes from the previous year: Santa Fe County will pick up 63%, instead of 60% of the group insurance benefits and swing differential pay will be 8% and graveyard shift differential pay would be 13%; educational leave denial process has been expanded to include appeal to the Human Resources Director and the proposed contract is for three years with a 3% across the board increase for the year 2000, 2001 and 2002 respectively.

We're also requesting implementation of a new salary schedule, and that's to accommodate the 3% increase for the year 2000. This would also encompass a 3% across the board increase and increase benefits from 60% to 63% in group health insurance for all non-union employees, excluding the CWA employees with the Sheriff's Office. Staff recommends of the new agreement and implementation of the new salary schedule.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Thank you, Arturo. Are there any questions of Arturo? If not, what's the wishes of the Commission?

Commissioner Duran moved to approve the new labor contract and salary schedule and Commissioner Anaya seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

IX. E. 2. Presentation on Santa Fe County's Y2K plan

VINCENT OJINAGA (Resource Development Director): Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, the question has been raised is Santa Fe County ready for New Year's Eve, December 31, 1999. Santa Fe has recognized the importance of the potential Y2K problems. We will do everything we can to facilitate the effective use of the information which we have received. Santa Fe County has been working diligently to ensure that its computer systems, phone systems, housing facilities, roads and all other aspects of Santa Fe County are Y2K ready. But more importantly, the safety for the residents of this community. I have a contingency plan and a copy of our pamphlet that we have been distributing to the public over the last several months. We also have a brief slide provided for Y2K readiness from Santa Fe County. First I would like to pass out the contingency plan.

Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, the first bullet that you see there is our internal computer-related equipment and software issues. Some of the things that we had recognized or identified are our computer hardware mainframes, PC and network equipment, computer software mainframes and PC base. Out of our building services, power points, heating and air conditioning. In regard to public service, telephones, roads street lights, water and sewer. We also identified law enforcement and emergency services. These have all been identified as Y2K impacts.

The second bullet includes divisions of essential services, which would be

communication links with other departments, the use of the emergency operation center or the EOC to centralize coordination of additional services or resources, fuel services which is -- harvesting oil that will be provided for us, food services through our Red Cross, housing and sheltering also through the Red Cross. Potential of emergency situations from external sources would be our utility companies, PNM, so forth, state agencies, City of Santa Fe.

Some of the computer equipment hardware and software issues, it was a four-step process, evaluation. What we did was we inventoried our network in hardware, inventory surveyed our mainframes, inventory of our personal computers and software. Remediation was our type and cost of upgrades. Implementation was what we did with our equipment and also the testing. What we did is we have a cost breakdown of approximately for our AS-400 software, the cost went in at about \$80,000, which included the Assessor's or land management upgrade, the Land Use projects tracking system, our Indigent claims and Sheriff's records management and CAD systems for a total of \$80,000. Hardware and software cost us approximately \$26,200. Phone system, \$45,000. Heating and cooling at our Judicial Complex, \$7,200 for a total of \$158,400.

All this has been implemented and tests have been completed. Individual type departments, I'll start with the General Services Department, Resource Development Department, myself, I will report to the EOC at approximately 8:00 p.m. on Friday on shift one, which will last until 4:00 the next morning. Our property control personnel will report to the Public Works site approximately on midnight of that next night, or midnight of the 31st or midnight of New Year's. Therefore our GSD contingency plan will be implemented if there is a problem.

If I could ask our Fire Chief, our Public Works Director, Housing Director, our Sheriff and his staff, also with Agnes to come up and just kind of give a brief description on their Y2K readiness. The first will be Chief Holden.

STAN HOLDEN (Fire Chief): Mr. Chairman, members of the Commission, the Fire Department is planning on having three shifts staff the EOC center beginning that evening on the 31st at 8:00 with the senior administrative personnel staffing the Emergency Operations Center. Four regional stations will be also manned, 24 hours a day, seven days a week at that same time with three separate crews. Two of the crews will be specifically set aside to respond to emergencies with the third crew remaining in station to remain as a resource for any individual in the county who has a problem and is unable to reach through a telephone or any other means a County official. They will be able to report to one of the four regional stations.

Those stations have been advertised on the radio and in the newspaper, but for the purposes of information now, the Pojoaque main station, the Edgewood main station, the La Cienega main station and Hondo station 2 are the four stations that have been designated as resource centers for citizens if they have any problem that they're unable to remediate themselves during that time. The Fire Department will also have some source of food

available at those four centers. We are not encouraging housing individuals at the regional stations, but if it becomes necessary we're prepared to do that.

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: Mr. Chairman, this document has gone out to the public?

MR. OJINAGA: The actual document has been an internal document for Santa Fe County. We made approximately 50,000 copies that we've sent out to schools, churches and throughout the communities of Santa Fe County. Next, our Public Works Director. I don't think he's going to have to talk about the snow removal plan though.

MR. GARCIA: Thank you. I hope not. Basically, our preparedness is in three areas. The first area is the shop. We're going to man the shop starting early that evening. We're going to bring in three individuals. We have a generator to run the shop should power fail and should we need to support the fleet, the Sheriff's Department or other vehicles we'll be able to that evening out of our own shop. We have gasoline and diesel tanks, we'll have them fully filled for that evening should we have a snow event.

One area that I'd like to discuss and maybe generate some discussion is the issue of the signalized traffic lights. Our plan was to have each signal that the County's responsible for have a person there all evening in the event of a power failure. And our plan was that in the event of a power failure we would set up stop signs and bring the interchange to a stop condition. Our plan was to bring it to a two-way stop condition. However, the State Highway Department has issued public service announcements statewide through various medias advising people that should motorists encounter a completely dark signalized intersection, they should treat it as a four-way stop. So this is a bit contradictory to what we had planned as of this moment. I'm still not sure exactly what we're going to do. We've asked for some advice from Legal and my thinking at this point would be that we should just follow the State Highway Department's PSA and should power at a certain signal fail, that we would leave it alone and the public would treat it as a four-way stop.

The other area is in the event of a snow event. What we're going to do, what we're planning on doing is taking a good look at the forecast a little bit later in the week. At this point we do anticipate perhaps some precipitation. But if we do anticipate it, if we have strong confidence in a snow event then we'll put people on standby and request them to come in for that evening. Do you have any questions?

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: In the discussion about the state participating, there's a lot of private roads, as you know, a lot of intersections or traffic signs that don't have street lights. I'm thinking of one particular one in La Cienega, by 599 and the frontage road that's caused lots of traffic accidents prior to the lights, several fatalities. I guess it doesn't make sense that the state is asking [inaudible] I don't think a lot of people are going to know that if the lights are out that they need to treat it as a stop sign [inaudible]

MR. GARCIA: I don't believe so. No, sir.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: So I'd like to see us support your original

plan of having the personnel available, certainly at large intersections, to have personnel show up at the stop sign, because I think that's a very dangerous situation and I don't think people are going to be concentrating in their minds, they're going to just stay going. So I'd like to see us follow your original plan of making sure that personnel is available at the intersections.

MR. GARCIA: The idea of treating a dark signalized intersection as a four-way stop is nationally accepted standard.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: It is nationally accepted?

MR. GARCIA: Yes. But I certainly will --

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: So I'd like for you to put that back in.

MR. GARCIA: We will then.

MR. OJINAGA: Our next will be Robert Anaya from Housing.

MR. ANAYA: Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, the Housing Authority will be moving the entire shift workday back from 8:00 and we'll have a shift that starts at 10:00 in the morning so we will have the staff at the three public housing sites. Staff people will be at Santa Cruz. Staff people will be at Valle Vista and staff people will be at Camino Jacobo throughout the course of the day to make sure that the tenants are aware of what's going on, that we will be present at each of the community centers and we will be walking around, checking on the senior citizens and the disabled people. In the event that there is power failure, we will have those maintenance personnel and staff go back around and check on those, all the tenants if you will and we'll have the central point of contact at each of the three housing sites. I stand for any questions.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: Mr. Chairman, I know in a couple of the housing communities that there are community problems with whether it's gangs or people who may be disruptive to the neighborhood. In the event there is some kind of occurrence, is there going to be extra Sheriff's personnel available to assist at the Housing Authority? Would we have security personnel there to be available to assist if there is an outbreak?

MR. ANAYA: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Gonzales, I will be located physically at the EOC center which will have the representatives from the Sheriff's Department there. We will have constant radio communication between the EOC and the housing sites in the event that there is any uprising that occurs, we will get quick response to those housing sites to take care of the situation.

COMMISSIONER GONZALES: As far as the elderly goes, do we have an adequate understanding of where they're housed if there needs to be an evacuation of a quick assessment, would we be able to make that?

MR. ANAYA: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Gonzales, we have taken the steps with each staff that will be located at the three housing sites, targeting specifically the seniors and disabled as our key, primary points, but we will be walking throughout those three housing sites whether or not anything happens or not, the staff will be there through midnight, through the next morning, just to make sure everything works out okay.

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MR. OJINAGA: Commissioners, next we have our representatives from the Sheriff's, Benjie Montano and Ron Madrid. They actually have their own contingency plan in the packet. So I'll turn it over to Ron.

RON MADRID: Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, part of the Sheriff's Department Y2K action plan is beginning on the 30th, we will have all the enforcement divisions going to a 12-hour shift. Our dispatchers will also be on a 12-hour shift. We have a full time operation going on in Edgewood. There will be officers assigned to that area. We have met with Cornell. We have met with the penitentiary of New Mexico. We will have deputies assigned to Cornell that evening. We have direct communications with Cornell and the penitentiary.

We have also a list in our action plan of all the major intersections. These intersections are going to be monitored by the deputies. If there is a traffic hazard we will actually have the officers monitor traffic at those intersections. The City Police, we have met with them. They have agreed to help us out with any problems, if we need personnel out in the county. Would you have any questions of the department?

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Any questions of Ron?

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: Mr. Chairman, Ron, are you going to have extra manpower, rather than your regular, what is it? Two deputies per district?

MR. MADRID: Yes, sir. We have everybody working. The Sheriff has canceled all days off and we have gone to 12-hour shifts so we will have all employees working on a 24-hours basis.

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: Thank you.

MR. OJINAGA: In regards to the EOC center, the location is 2515 Camino Entrada, which is across from Cerrillos Road, west of the Villa Linda Mall. The people who are staffing that will be at the EOC, there will be representatives from the City, St. Vincents, PNM, the Red Cross, the media will also be there and the County as well. Communication plan, as Chief Holden stated, four fire stations will be manned 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Part of that plan is back-up generators, batteries, hand-held radios, cellular phones will also be used.

And the last part of this particular presentation is the shifts that we have. Shift one consists of elected officials and department directors from 8:00 p.m. on December 31 to 4 o'clock a.m. Shift two consists of our deputy directors, primarily, and other staff from 2 o'clock a.m. until 10:00 a.m. There's a two-hour overlap in case something does happen, shift one and shift two will have two hours to brief each other and kind of tell what's going on. Shift three will consist of elected officials as well and management staff from 8:00 a.m. to 4 o'clock p.m. If something does happen, the shifts will begin, after shift three, shift one will come back again.

So with that, I thank you, Commissioners. I'd like to thank the County Manager and I stand for any questions.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Any questions of staff? Thank you, Corky. I think

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everything is going to go smooth. It's only what human beings create is what we're going to be dealing with. Thank you.

- IX. E. 3. Resolution No. 1999-170. A resolution authorizing certain individuals to exercise the Board of County Commissioners' authority to request that the Governor declare a state of emergency in the event of public disorder, or disaster or emergency related to Y2K**

MR. OJINAGA: Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, as a follow-up to that, the Office of Emergency Preparedness has suggested that the County prepare an emergency declaration to be implemented in the event that a state of emergency exists as a result of the Y2K related problems. Section 5.10.4 NMSA-1978 allows the Governor to mobilize resources in the event of a disaster beyond local control. The proposed resolution provides that in the event of an emergency related to Y2K, certain deputies of the Commission are authorized to request that the Governor declare a state of emergency. Therefore, staff requests that the cc approve the attached resolution authorizing certain designees to request that the Governor declare a state of emergency in the event of emergency related to the Y2K. The three individuals which represent shifts one, two and three, there's shift one, our County Manager, Samuel Montoya, our second shift is Denice Brown, and the third is Katherine Miller.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Any questions of Corky? If not, what are the wishes of the Board?

Commissioner Trujillo moved to approve Resolution 1999-170 allowing certain deputies to request that the Governor declare a state of emergency. Commissioner Anaya seconded and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote. [Commissioner Duran and Commissioner Gonzales were not present for this vote.]

IX. F. UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

- 1. Request authorization to enter into a customer contract for commitment of water services with John J. McCarthy to provide water supply for the benefit of development on New Mexico state lands on NM State Road 14**

ESTEVAN LOPEZ (Utilities Director): Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, the County has completed negotiations with John McCarthy through which we would provide 22 acre-feet for the benefit of the development happening at the state lands, just off of State

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Road 14. The contract is with John McCarthy, not with state lands, but the service is clearly designated for service only within the state lands and it's also subject to ultimate development approvals by the Commission.

Mr. McCarthy has or is a party to a pre-development business lease arrangement with the state lands under which he is to develop a master plan to facilitate the development of that land, and that's why we entered the contract with him. The state lands have been in constant communication throughout this whole negotiation and they know exactly the contents of this contract and they've also signed off on it. Well, they haven't signed off on it per se, but they have agreed to the terms and so forth. Ultimately, whoever takes on that development will be the successor in interest to this agreement and will be subject to the terms of this agreement.

The Utilities Department recommends approval of this contract to commit 22 acre-feet of water service to this development. Are there any questions?

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Thank you, Estevan. Any questions of Estevan? If not, what's the wishes of the Commission?

Commissioner Anaya moved approval of the contract with John McCarthy for water service. Commissioner Trujillo seconded and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote. [Commissioner Duran and Commissioner Gonzales were not present for this action.]

IX. F. 2. Request authorization to enter into Amendment number two to the customer contract for commitment of water service with Browncastle Ranch, Inc. for commitment of additional water

MR. LOPEZ: Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, Browncastle Ranch is one of the existing customers of the utility. Under its existing contract it has 2.5 acre-feet under contract for service from the County's utility. In a previous amendment, Browncastle Ranch also got an option to purchase an additional 3.1 acre-feet to service the ultimate development of its RV park. At this point they've come forward and asked to exercise their option for that additional water right and the total water right available to them would be 5.6 and the RV park that it will be serving has already been approved and has already been constructed and is already taking water service.

The basic arrangements in terms of payment and so forth were laid out in the original option agreement and I recommend approval at this point of the contract to grant an additional 3.1 acre-feet to Browncastle Ranch. Are there any questions?

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Are there any questions?

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: Where's the water coming from? Is this part of the utility company?

MR. LOPEZ: Yes, it is. And this, I should make clear that with this

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contract, this will tie up all of the remainder of the water that had been turned back to the utility from when Frijoles Village, the 50 acre-feet that Frijoles Village had and turned back to the utility. This will have used all of this up.

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: Where did the other water go?

MR. LOPEZ: Last meeting, we committed some of it under a preference contract to Greer Enterprises and the state lands has taken a portion of it and Browncastle has taken a portion of it.

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: So that depletes our water rights?

MR. LOPEZ: That's correct. At least as we have them today.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Any other questions?

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: What do you anticipate as far as, do you look at this as a priority? Is it a good way to use water rights?

MR. LOPEZ: This particular? In my opinion I think we have to treat it as a priority for a few reasons, Commissioner. First of all, the allocation policy that we laid out specified that we would deal first with any pre-existing contracts or preferential arrangements that had been made. There are a number of those that were made back when the company was originally starting and I think we now have to, to the extent that somebody tries to call on those, we have to make that available. In particular, with respect to Browncastle, I think that they have something that in my opinion is even stronger than the preference in that they actually had an option to purchase this if and when the water was available. They've now called on that option, so I think that we do have to make this a priority.

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Any questions of Estevan?

COMMISSIONER DURAN: Who's Browncastle?

MR. LOPEZ: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Duran, the president is Florence Ruth Brown and John Brown is her son and works the --

COMMISSIONER DURAN: What project is this?

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: It's right behind the Allsup's on Highway 14.

MR. LOPEZ: It's an RV park out there. It's called the Blue Skies RV Park.

COMMISSIONER DURAN: I guess I haven't seen it.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Any other questions of staff? If not, what's the wishes of the Commission?

Commissioner Trujillo moved to approve the amendment to the contract to provide water services for Browncastle Ranch, Inc. Commissioner Anaya seconded and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

IX. G MATTERS FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER

1. Request ratification to the contract with the City of Española to house Española inmates at the Santa Fe County Detention Center

MR. MONTTOYA: Mr. Chairman, we have a contract before you with the City of Española for the provision of care of prisoners at the County jail. At the prices, you will note under item two under compensation is \$65 per day. The term of the contract, Mr. Chairman, it does not have a specific date. It is basically pending a 30-day written notice from either side. We do not have a lot of traffic from the City of Española but we did not have an instrument in place in case we do need to take some of their prisoners. So, Mr. Chairman, I would recommend that the Board would adopt the contract. I stand for any questions.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Any questions of Sam?

Commissioner Anaya moved to approve the contract with the City of Española for the housing of prisoners. Commissioner Trujillo seconded and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote. [Commissioner Gonzales was not present for this vote.]

IX. G. 2. Request authorization to enter into a contract with the City of Santa Fe to house City inmates at the Santa Fe County Detention Center

MR. MONTTOYA: Mr. Chairman, this is the same exact type of agreement. However, under item two if you will note, the compensation is somewhat different. We have negotiated with the City, \$66.50 per inmate for twelve hours or more, and \$33.25 for prisoners that are held less than twelve hours. This was an ongoing negotiation with the City and we have received concurrence from the City. Mayor Delgado has signed the contract that's before you for ratification. I also want to point out that it will terminate June 30, 2000.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Any questions of Sam? If not, what's the wishes?

Commissioner Anaya moved to approve the contract with the City of Santa Fe to house prisoners and Commissioner Duran seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. [Commissioner Gonzales was not present for this vote.]

MR. MONTTOYA: Mr. Chairman, if I could, I would like to ask for the indulgence of the Board to bring back G.3, to pull that off the table. I'd like to have the Commission consider authorizing that purchase. We would like to bring that to you simply because the components that were missing from the actual document are not of major

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concern from either party and I would like to have the Commissioners bring it off the table and then I would like to commence that discussion and then to defer to Ms. Brown for further comments.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Thank you, Sam. Can I have a motion to bring it back from tabling?

Commissioner Trujillo moved to take item IX. G. 3 off the table. Commissioner Anaya seconded the motion passed by unanimous voice vote. [Commissioner Gonzales was not present for this vote.]

IX. G. 3. Request approval of purchase of option property from Rancho Viejo

MS. BROWN: Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, originally, the County purchased from Rancho Viejo fifty acres where we built the new jail. And in that contract of sale there was an option for the County to purchase an additional fifty-acre site that's adjacent to the jail. The option price is \$125,000 and we would like to exercise that option. The contract is almost final but not quite. The outstanding issues, just so you know, are the value of the property, although our purchase price is \$125,000, the actual value of the property needs to be determined because that excess over \$125,000 will be a donation by Rancho Viejo.

So that needs to be determined as well as a provision about an access agreement. There was an access agreement attached to the first purchase of fifty acres and we're not certain that that access is necessary for this parcel. So that needs to be determined. Architectural restrictions, if any that will be applied to projects that would be built on this property. The County has not yet finalized what projects would be built there but we've discussed a number of options so we've asked them to let us know if there are going to be architectural restrictions.

As you know if you've seen the new jail, it was designed so that it would be aesthetically pleasing and look somewhat as southwestern as you can get a jail to look. So architectural restrictions, fencing -- the first fifty acres was required to be fenced. We haven't yet determined whether this fifty acres will be required to be fenced or not. And finally, setbacks, what the distance of the setbacks for this property will be. And the last thing is the closing date.

So they're fairly minor issues, but they've not been finalized yet so we don't have a final draft yet for you to sign. But if you're comfortable with those issues being worked out between staff and Rancho Viejo, with the purchase price of \$125,000 for fifty acres adjacent to the jail then we request your authorization now to enter into that contract with the final terms ironed out.

MR. MONTTOYA: Mr. Chairman, I think it's important to underline what Ms. Brown just stated that regardless of what the value of the land is, the contribution from the County for the acquisition from the County is \$125,000 and that will not change. So I think that's important to underline to the Board, and if the Board sees fit to allow staff to negotiate those other minor issues, Mr. Chairman, I think we're ready to procure that land. That would be my recommendation.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Thank you, Sam. Any questions of Sam? Okay, what is the wishes of the Commission?

Commissioner Trujillo moved to approve the contract to purchase fifty acres from Rancho Viejo. Commissioner Anaya seconded and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote. [Commissioner Gonzales was not present for this vote.]

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

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Anybody in the public like to address the Commission? Come forward.

CAROLYN SIGSTEDT: Happy Holidays. My name is Carolyn Sigstedt. First I just want to mention that I think personally as a citizen of Santa Fe that it might behoove you the Board to have the Matters of Public Concern closer to the beginning of your agenda, just in case there is a person from the public that would like to contribute information that might help you on some of the things in the agenda that do not have public input. In fact, I will respond to one of those that you voted on today and that is hiring a Washington lobbyist.

I actually think it's a very good idea, but I would have contributed a few other bits of information which I will do now. In the year 2000, the County, Santa Fe County will become most likely a Class A County. That will bring a lot of federal dollars into this County that previously we have not been able to put our hands on. That's good for having a lobbyist. Also, I for a long time have advocated for the Land and Water Conservation Fund and that money is freed and it is \$900 million and it can be brought into our community for our benefit.

The points that I would have brought up, I think, are that when you go for federal money it's always best to have collaborative grants. They look better to the feds. These grants could have been and in fact the salary, the \$60,000 salary of this lobbyist could have been shared with pueblos, with the City of Santa Fe and you could have had true regional input on this new area that we're all venturing into so that we all could have shared the risk and actually began a new cooperative effort.

So that's one possibility. The other is Javier mentioned that this person would be hired for a six-month period. And that's fine, but federal grants usually have a cycle and

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a grant period sometimes doesn't just fall in six months. You may need to write the grant and prepare for the grant and find the grant during one period and then you actually get it in there and lobby for it another whole period. In other words, in my opinion, from my limited experience, usually on yearly cycles. And that's worth considering. Or, if they are on six-month cycles, you have to be absolutely sure when you put this expensive person on salary and when he's off salary, or all of a sudden you're paying overtime. I'm sure these are things you have thought of, but I'm just bringing them up.

The other thing is that I think that this job -- we don't have to be totally dependent on a Washington professional at whatever his or her hourly rate is. I personally feel that these federal grants, especially with the Internet and with communications the way they are can be found right here in our region. They can be researched and there are the writers of grants right here in our own region. And then, I personally think some of the lobbying -- well, I think actually one of our best lobbyists is sitting right here in this room and we shouldn't lose something that really has brought this County a lot of money so far.

So I would just say you don't have to hire somebody and hand the whole thing over to it, when I personally think we care more about our own projects than somebody from Washington. I still believe that. And then I think if we join with other people from our state we'll have more power collaboratively. Anyway, these are just thoughts. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Carolyn, that was my concern. That's what I mentioned earlier.

MS. SIGSTEDT: I agree. But I do support the idea because there are lots of federal dollars out there and even more to come with the County turning into a Class A region.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Thank you very much.

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Thank you, Carolyn. Anybody else from the public would like to address the Commission? Thank you.

IX. I. MATTERS FROM THE COMMISSION

CHAIRMAN GRINÉ: Any Matters from the Commissioners?

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Mr. Chairman, I was going to ask Sam a question. Sam, that meeting that we had with Don Lithgow and Gilbert Baca, in reference to that Big Brother, Big Sister type of program. Has anything materialized out of that?

MR. MONTROYA: We're still working on that, Commissioner Anaya. We've not had a firm recommendation drafted yet, but we're still working on that.

COMMISSIONER ANAYA: Okay, what it is, Commissioners, it's an extension of the judicial branch for abused kids, primarily abused kids are assigned from the courts like a Big Brother, Big Sister type of program. So it's under the auspices of not only the judicial system but we could help it along by just helping with some form of monetary

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efforts so that's what Sam is looking into on behalf of the Commission. It seems like a really, really good program.

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: I have a question. You're working on a resolution, Sam, regarding the ditches and tapping to the State Engineer funds for enhancement of water gates and stuff like that. I thought we had finished the resolution but it wasn't in the agenda today. Is that going to be in the agenda the next meeting?

MR. MONTTOYA: Yes, Mr. Chairman. That was an oversight on our part. We did have it drafted and ready to go. We simply did not get it out and on to the agenda, but it is ready.

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: So it will be in next --

MR. MONTTOYA: Yes. Exactly.

COMMISSIONER TRUJILLO: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN GRIÑÉ: Any other Matters from the Commission?

IX. J. MATTERS FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

1. Executive session

- a. Discussion of possible acquisition of real property or water rights**
- b. Discussion of pending or threatened litigation**
- c. Limited personnel matters**

Commissioner Anaya moved to go into executive session to discuss the matters listed above. Commissioner Trujillo seconded. The motion passed upon roll call vote with Commissioner Anaya, Commissioner Trujillo, Commissioner Duran and Chairman Griñé voting in the affirmative.

[The Commission met in executive session from 3:40 to 4:55.]

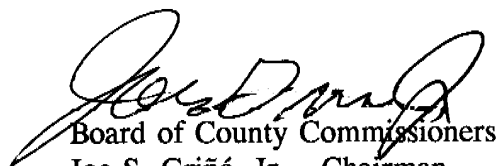
Commissioner Anaya moved to come out of executive session, having discussed possible acquisition of real property or water rights, pending or threatened litigation and limited personnel matters. Commissioner Duran seconded and the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

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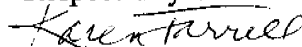
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Chairman Griñé declared this meeting adjourned at approximately 4:55 p.m.

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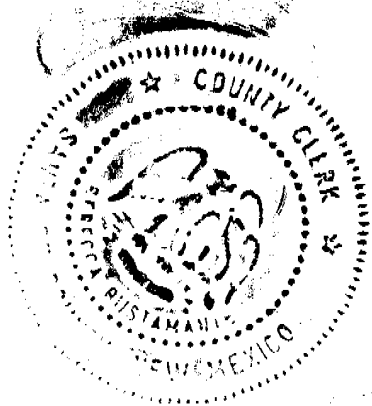
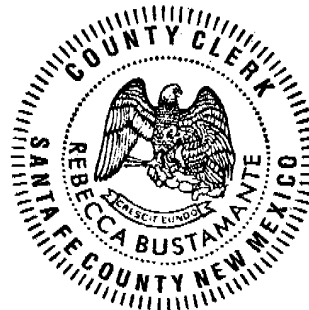

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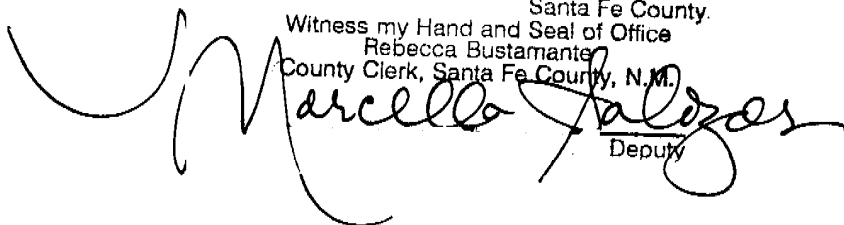
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I hereby certify that this instrument was filed
for record on the 12 day of Jan A.D.
20 00 at 8:49 o'clock a.m.
and was duly recorded in book 1726
page 032 of the records of
Santa Fe County.

Witness my Hand and Seal of Office
Rebecca Bustamante
County Clerk, Santa Fe County, N.M.


Deputy