Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners Meeting, held on January 12, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioners Chambers, Alamosa County Services Center, 8900 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101.

Members Present: 

Darius Allen, Chair  
Marianne Dunne, Vice-Chair  
Mike Yohn, Commissioner  
Gigi Dennis, County Administrator  
Jason Kelly, County Attorney  
Brittney DeHerrera, Chief Financial Officer  
Belina Ramirez, Deputy Clerk

Call the Meeting to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Approval of the Agenda

m/s Yohn/Dunne motion to approve January 12, 2016 Agenda  
Motion was approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

m/s Dunne/Yohn motion to approve minutes of December 9, 2015 and December 21, 2016  
Motion was approved unanimously.

Bills/Obligations

m/s Yohn/Dunne motion to approve Bills/Obligations  
Motion was approved unanimously.

Public Comment

Ron Brink spoke. Congratulated them on getting 1% tax approved. This sends a message of the progressiveness of the county.

Gigi read a letter received.

Consent Agenda

Strategic Economic & Community Development Applicant Checklist-Mosca Wastewater Improvement Statewide Internet Portal Authority (SIPA) Agreement Security Benefits Adoption Agreement & Resolution Emergency Management Program Grant-Local Emergency Manager Support
Liquor License Renewal-Wize Apples
Preventive Maintenance Contract Scope of Work-Sierra Detention Systems
Treasurer's Report for December

Gigi Dennis requested to pull Preventive Maintenance Contract. Commissioner Yohn would like to pull the Security Benefits Resolution.

**m/s Yohn/Dunne motion to approve Consent Agenda without the two requested to be pulled**

**Motion was approved unanimously.**

**Security Benefits**

Commissioner Yohn asked about the agreement having the amount blank. Jason Kelly asked Connie Ricci about this agreement. It is a 457 plan that the County offers to employees. Six or seven employees participate. This plan allows to borrow against it minimum of $1000 and no more 50%. The County doesn't match this plan. This is why the amount is left blank.

**m/s Yohn/Dunne motion to approve Security Benefits Adoption Agreement & Resolution**

**Motion was approved unanimously.**

**Preventive Maintenance Contract-Sierra Detention**

Gigi Dennis stated on Page 2 of contract “Annual Service Agreement” they need to clarify the statement “two (1) times a year” to reflect “two (2) times a year”. She has called Sierra Detention but haven’t received any return call.

Sheriff Jackson stated this contract had a significant increase.

Jason Kelly stated normally they increase 7% but they gave them a 5% increase.

Sheriff Jackson stated this includes the electronic locks. They are getting through this but he is not happy with them. There is no one local that can do this so we have no other choice. If we have to call them they are very expensive outside the two visits a year. The speakers are tied in and if they go down it can be problematic. There are other vendors so when we get into construction stage we need to look at this seriously.

Commissioner Allen asked if there is an out of the contract.

Sheriff Jackson stated it is just annual contract.

Jason Kelly stated the problem is getting the expertise, someone who knows the system. They have limited options. We did this in 2010.

Commissioner Dunne stated she doesn’t understand they are supposed to maintain it.

Gigi Dennis stated they do troubleshooting by telephone with Andrew. The security cameras also fall into this.

Sheriff Jackson stated they are trying to get away from those cameras but it is tied together. It does save them money by phoning in to Andrew.
Commissioner Yohn stated when he came in they just came in installing it. It does take a lot of use and abuse. They had problems with an employee with Sierra Detention and they are aware of it so maybe things will get better now.

Commissioner Dunne asked who sets up the schedule for the lock maintenance.

Sheriff Jackson stated Andrew does.

Gigi Dennis stated she met with them and spent some time with them going through jail.

Sheriff Jackson stated the assistant manager came. He is satisfied for the time being.

m/s Yohn/Dunne motion to accept contract with provision of correction of “2” times a year
Motion was approved unanimously.

REORGANIZATION

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALAMOSA COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO: 2016- G - 1

RE: 2016 REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Yohn moved for the adoption of the following resolution. Commissioner Dunne seconded the motion.

WHEREAS:

To nominate Darius Allen as Chairman of the Board of Alamosa County Commissioners.

To nominate Marianne Dunne as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Alamosa County Commissioners.

That the Chairman and Vice-Chairman be authorized to sign checks, vouchers and other instruments on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners.

To nominate Tim Gallagher to the San Luis Valley Airport Board of Control.

To nominate Michael Yohn as alternate to Alamosa Airport Board of Control.

To nominate Michael Yohn as Alamosa County’s representative to the San Luis Valley Development Resource Group Board of Directors.

To nominate Michael Yohn as Alamosa County’s representative to the Senior Citizen’s Board.
To nominate Marianne Dunne as Alamosa County's representative to the Home Health Agency Professional Advisory Committee.

To nominate Marianne Dunne as Alamosa County's representative on the Alamosa County Family Preservation Plan Commission.

To nominate Frank Muniz as Alamosa County's representative to Veteran's Affairs.

To nominate Wall Smith Bateman as Alamosa County's auditing firm.

To nominate ALAMOSA STATE BANK, FIRST SOUTHWEST BANK, RIO GRANDE SAVINGS AND LOAN, SAN LUIS VALLEY FEDERAL BANK, COLO TRUST, RIO GRANDE SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION to be designated as the official depositories for Alamosa County funds and MORGAN STANLEY SMITH BARNEY, PEAKS PUBLIC INVESTMENT ADVISORS AND PUBLIC INVESTMENT CONSULTANTS as other banks/investment companies.

To nominate Britney DeHerrera as Alamosa County Budget Officer.

To designate the Alamosa County Service Center and the Alamosa County Office Building per court order as the place to post the County Commissioner's agenda and other meeting agendas.

To nominate THE VALLEY COURIER AND PUEBLO CHIEFTAIN to be designated as the newspaper of record for legal publications by the County of Alamosa to be supplemented by Radio Stations KALQ/KGIF/KRZA/KSPK where appropriate.

To nominate Marianne Dunne to San Luis Valley Public Health Partnership.

To nominate Michael Yohn as Alamosa County's representative to the 12th Judicial Community Corrections Board.

To nominate Britney DeHerrera as Alamosa County's representative for the San Luis Valley Regional DRG Revolving Loan Fund.

To nominate Michael Yohn as Alamosa County's representative to the San Luis Valley Television.

To nominate Marianne Dunne as Alamosa County's representative to the South Central Senior Citizen's Board.

To nominate Jason Kelly as the designated County Attorney.

To nominate Darius Allen as Alamosa County's representative to the San Luis Valley Regional Solid Waste Authority Board.
To nominate Walter Paulson and Michael Yohn as Alamosa County’s representatives to the San Luis Valley E-911 Telephone Authority Board.

To nominate Michael Yohn to the San Luis Valley All Hazards Committee.

To nominate Marianne Dunne, Michael Yohn, and Darius Allen, Public Lands, Agriculture, Wildlife and Rural Affairs, Land use and Natural Resources Health and Human Services for Colorado Counties Inc.,


To nominate Marianne Dunne to the Board of Directors of the Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area.

To nominate Michael Yohn to Crossroads Turning Points Board of Directors.

To nominate Marianne Dunne and Catherine Salazar to the San Luis Valley Community Action Agency Committee.

To nominate Darius Allen, Michael Yohn and Marianne Dunne to the San Luis Valley County Commissioners Association.

To nominate Marianne Dunne to Courtroom Security Advisory Board.

To nominate Marianne Dunne on Pre Trial Release Advisory Committee.

To nominate George Wilkinson to TPR/STAC Advisory Committee for Colorado Department of Transportation.

To re-appoint Leroy Team to the Alamosa County Planning Commission.

To re-appoint Monte Mullins to the Alamosa County Planning Commission.

The standard office hours for Alamosa County are 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Friday.

Roll call vote resulting in approval: all in favor

DATED: January 12, 2016
Lois Widhalm spoke. The Depository list there will be changes to the depository that she will be making. Commissioner Yohn asked if she is using them presently.

Lois Widhalm stated they won’t be using Morgan Stanley Smith Barney. She has two to add but she will run it through Jason Kelly for a resolution.

m/s Yohn/Dunne motion to approve Resolution 2016G1 Reorganization
   Motion was approved unanimously.

m/s Yohn/Dunne motion to amend motion with deletion of Morgan Stanley Smith Barney
   Motion was approved unanimously.

**Alamosa County Treasurer**

2015 Tax Warrant Modification Report

Lois Widhalm was present. She provided the 2015 Tax Warrant Modification Report and Resolutions. Commissioner Yohn asked some of these are they still in business such as Vision Care Plus.

Lois Widhalm stated no. They made an appeal to Property Tax due to a death and were given an exemption. It ended up being uncollectable to the County.

Commissioner Yohn stated Southwest Machine Service is currently doing business. How long do these go back?

Lois Widhalm stated these are from 2000-2001 so these were outed.

Commissioner Yohn stated when selling a business all taxes should be satisfied.

Lois Widhalm stated personal property can be excluded.

m/s Dunne/Yohn motion to accept Tax Modification Report and Resolution 2016-F-1 Cancelling Uncollected Mobile Home Taxes and 2016-F-2 Uncollected Personal Property Tax
County Public Health Department

Della Cox-Vieira was present.

She has plans to review MOU with Clerk & Recorder’s Office to review mutual obligations. She would also like to request a vital stats report for 2015. An attachment on PH Emergency Management Law Annex was provided. Commissioners recommended having a worksession to discuss these further. Financial Reports were provided.

ASU Community Partnerships

Mary Hoffman was present. They would like to facilitate higher Ed, County Government, and Economic Development. They are looking at Universities that would assist business relationships. A professor might have innovation/invention that a company would take to market. The State is looking for 3 higher Ed Universities to participate in this program with one County per Institution. They will see in following years if they will expand their county zones. On the State website they will designate zones. She spoke with Mike Wisdom to see how the Enterprise zone fits into this if there is a benefit and if qualify for an Enterprise Credit. Businesses cannot compete within the region was their first thought but that has softened up. Ken Jensen is with the Office of Economic and International Trade who approached them. The 1st year is a pilot program to see how it goes. Businesses has to be new and unique. They do have few potential businesses which is not a requirement. Ted Heersink is looking to create a process to discard farm twine. There is not one in Colorado the closest is in Oregon. President McClure is interested.

Commissioner Allen stated it didn’t seem like a level competition but that has changed now being regionally. Have you talked to the City?

Mary Hoffman stated not in the jurisdiction. She did talk to Heather Brooks. Her concern was accepting a business not appropriate in the City limits. ASU would consider a business, bring to the County and the City to see if this is something you want to bring to the State.

Commissioner Dunne stated her concern is they have to hire 3 people with salaries higher than the Counties.

Mary Hoffman stated the average wage is low so a unique business would meet that. Mesa University has been working closely with this program. They probably will apply and there is just three applications accepted.

Commissioner Yohn stated he thinks we need more information. NACO resists pre-exemption of taxation. The Resolution is dictating who by sending choice to them. He would like more answers in a worksession and/or a public hearing where other businesses could hear the proposal.

Commissioner Dunne stated they could add Alamosa County into the Resolution. She doesn’t know what public forum would do unless they know someone who qualifies. She doesn’t think anyone would come. It is for a new business.

Mary Hoffman asked Ken Jensen how to determine the competition. He said since it is a new program the Office of Economic and International Trade are working off of cuff. They will see what works and what doesn’t.
Commissioner Yohn stated he is in favor of economic development but they are putting restrictions. Industries don’t want their hands tied on how much to pay people.

Commissioner Dunne stated Ted Heersink is already working to get his business going. Will they accept that?

Mary Hoffman stated it is not up and going so he could qualify. She doesn’t see this as “opening the flood gates”. It is for unique situations. The intention is to get higher Ed involved rather than just for cheap land and cheap workers.

Gigi Dennis stated she is concerned about getting relief from all sales tax she thought only tax cited are exempt. Except for hiring employees they are not really doing anything for the County. What says they are viable enough long enough to contribute to the Community? They must pass a Resolution for municipality.

Jason Kelly stated there is a minimum of four and up to 10 exemptions.

Commissioner Dunne thought Counties decide what taxes are exempted.

Jason Kelly stated personal property. He suggested looking at their website and sit back and see how the first three applicants do then the following year there may be flood gate opening up.

Commissioner Yohn stated we already have ability to waive taxes so this could be done now without the State.

Jason Kelly stated it is the collaboration you have with higher Education and the State of Colorado. Until the business is in the program you can get out.

Commissioner Yohn stated a couple of years ago a motel requested tax exemption so the perception is out there. If you are going to do this for someone new and not for someone who has been here for twenty years.

Commissioner Allen asked what the timeframe is.

Mary Hoffman stated they are taking applications until filled. Probably until the end of January. She doesn’t know the level of interest from other institutions.

Commissioner Allen stated we can table until our next meeting.

Commissioner Dunne stated Ted Heersink said we can go visit his farm to see his idea.

Commissioner Allen stated it has to be something totally new that we don’t have because it is not fair for something already here.

Commissioner Dunne stated this isn’t the same kind of business.

Gigi Dennis suggested UAS manufacturing of unmanned aircraft maybe we can do joint counties.

Mary Hoffman stated for the beginning 2016 it has to be one county. It has to have some relationship with the University.

Jason Kelly stated we are saying we are participating in the program but we really don’t have a say.
Gigi Dennis stated maybe they could present at the SLV Commissioner meeting January 25th. Maybe they could discuss this then.

Commissioner Yohn stated Pueblo County offers tax exemptions.

m/s Yohn/Dunne motion to postpone until the next Commissioner meeting January 27th.
    Motion was approved unanimously.

**Board/Staff Updates**

m/s Dunne/Yohn motion to proceed to provide letter for SLV Housing Coalition to request to transfer some operating funds to admin costs.
    Motion was approved unanimously.

m/s Yohn/Dunne motion to have Jason Kelly send out RFP for Project Manager for new Justice Center
    Motion was approved unanimously.

**Designation of Representative to County Health Pool**

m/s Dunne/Yohn motion to designate Health Pool Representative as Brittney DeHerrera and Gigi Dennis
    Motion was approved unanimously.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business, the Regular Meeting of the Board of Alamosa County Commissioners was adjourned.

**ATTEST:**

Belina Ramirez, Deputy Clerk

Darius Allen, Chairman

Marianne Dunne, Vice-Chair

Mike Yohn, County Commissioner