Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners Meeting, held on July 8, 2015 at 9:00 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  
Jason Kelly, County Attorney  
Gigi Dennis, County Administrator  
Brittney DeHerrera, Chief Financial Officer  
Belina Ramirez, Deputy Clerk

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Call the Meeting to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Approval of the Agenda

m/s Yohn/Dunn motion to approve July 8, 2015 Agenda  
Motion was approved unanimously.

Approval of Bills/Obligations

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

Public Comment

Consent Agenda

Clerk & Recorder's Report for May 2015  
MOU Rio Grande Water Conservation District  
Letter of Support for Top of the World Series Baseball Park

m/s Yohn/Dunne motion to approve Consent Agenda  
Motion was approved unanimously.

Public Hearing

Special Use Permit –Verizon Wireless

Rachel Baird and Adam Perlman with Verizon Wireless were present
Commissioner Dunne: She is concerned like Tom Vendola, they have a large home population there east and the healthy living park as well. In the report it stated you looked at other sites but this was the best site so why is this the best site?

Adam Perlman: Proximity to adjacent currently and constructing sites is very important to Verizon RF Engineers. They have two current sites. RF coverage maps were provided in report. With the other two this was the best site to fill the gap. They received many dropped call reports from this area. Cell phones have become main phones since they have cut land fill phones out.

Commissioner Dunne: is the technology getting better so the electromagnetic field is less dangerous.

Adam Perlman: He is not a technical expert. We have brought sites lower because of more technology such texting with lower power. The new site can only handle 1200 simultaneously connections. This has changed significantly. Usually they are at 1% of what FCC requires.

Commissioner Dunne: Appreciates the triangulation.

Adam: It is amazing how technology has changed. CDOT uses Verizon air cards where they use cameras that connect to see if they need to close roads. E911 are very important and the way these network are perform.

Commissioner Dunne: Rural Colorado needs it.

Adam: This provides wireless broadband which gives another option to wireless broadband for the citizens.

Commissioner Yohn: This will benefit his area where he is at. They don’t have the coverage they need. When presented to the Planning Commission it stated it was stated it was phase 2 compatible.

Adam Perlman: It will be. They will make sure this will get this cleared up

Commissioner Yohn: He is on e911 board so we do need to make sure this is phase 2 compatible. You have 6 months to supply this. You have another tower which has not been completed and it has been a long time. Does this overlap the coverage or enhance it.

Adam Perlman: It just started ground construction right now. It is will enhance it.

Rachel Baird: The process they start with local approval and then they have other agencies they have to go through before starting construction.

Commissioner Yohn: You must have used a standard form letter because it states Pitkin County.

Adam Perlman: He apologized for this.

Commissioner Allen: Any questions with the FAA?

Adam: They have to approve everything we do with the FAA. But not a problem with such a low tower for flight plans.

Commissioner Allen: We can include this in the motion for phase II. He doesn’t have a problem with the location.
Jason Kelly: Who was the owner of the tower that didn’t want to collocate?

Adam Perlman: Alan Wehe

Jason Kelly: We need to consider collocate.

Rachel Baird: It states make every reasonable effort to collocate.

List of Exhibits

1. Special Use Application Checklist
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18. Receipt of Taxes Paid
19. List of Adjoining Property Owners
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21. Public Notice for the Planning Commission
22. Public Notice for the Board of County Commissioners
23. Letters to Agencies
24. Notice to Applicant
25. NEPA Evaluation
26. Vendola Email
27. Building Inspector Letter
28. Road & Bridge Director Letter

Commissioner Yohn: That tower was permitted prior to him being here but we need to make sure they can collocate.

Jason Kelly: So you don’t have 5 different towers in one place and one is holding out. Language does need to be in there to say shall make every reasonable effort to collocate.

Adam Perlman: This tower is collocatable but Verizon is leasing only the space they need so there are several pieces to collocating. They would need to seek leasing space as well. Verizon always allows towers to be collocatable.
Rachel Baird: It states in the Land Use Development Code that “collocation of antennas on existing towers are encouraged where possible in order to reduce the amount of visual clutter that new towers create in the community and that applicants shall provide competent evidence that all reasonable efforts have been made to collocate on the existing tower, building, or structure within a 10,000 radius and that no existing tower, building or structure within such radius will satisfy applicants needs and the applicant must provide proof of that effect.”

Commissioner Yohn: The location of the Wehe tower is fully loaded.

Adam Perlman: That could have been an issue with us.

Commissioner Dunne: it has taken nearly a year for the other so will this take that long.

Adam Perlman: This one is scheduled for this year, it has been budgeted for this year.

m/s Yohn /Dunne motion to approve Special Use Permit for Verizon Wireless with conditions
Motion was approved unanimously.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALAMOSA COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO: 2015 – SUP - 2

RE: APPLICATION OF VERIZON WIRELESS FOR A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE OPERATION OF A 30’ MONOPOLE TELECOMMUNICATION TOWER AND OTHER APPURTENANCES IN ALAMOSA COUNTY, COLORADO.

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

WHEREAS, Verizon Wireless has submitted an application for a special use permit to allow the installation of a 30’ Monopole Telecommunication tower and other appurtenances in Alamosa County on the following property:

LOT 1, BLOCK 7, EAST ALAMOSA PRICE ADDITION, COUNTY OF ALAMOSA, STATE OF COLORADO,
said property being zoned Commercial (C) District; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held before the Alamosa County Planning Commission on June 10, 2015, to consider said application

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held before the Board of County Commissioners on July 8, 2015,

WHEREAS, proper notice was provided as required by law; and
WHEREAS, at the hearing held on July 8, 2015, there was no one who spoke in opposition to the application, however an e-mail was submitted by one citizen in which he opposed the application; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has considered the application, and finds the application meets all requirements of the Alamosa County Land Development Code pertaining thereto as presented by the Land Use Administrator; and

WHEREAS, the proposed use is consistent with the objectives and purposes of the Alamosa County Land Development Code and the Board of County commissioners adopts the findings as set forth in the staff report and as corrected on the record.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the special use permit to allow the installation of a 30’ monopole telecommunications tower and other appurtenances is hereby granted as a special use pursuant to the Alamosa County Land Development Code under Article 8, Section 8.8 subject to the following conditions:

1. The applicant shall comply with all Federal Communications Commission (“FCC”) rules governing construction requirements, technical standards, interface protection, power and height limitations, radio frequency, and FAA rules of location and operation;

2. Prior to groundbreaking, the Applicant must obtain all necessary permits from the Alamosa County Building Department as well as any other regulatory agencies pertaining to the operation of telecommunication facilities;

3. A security fence or wall not less than 6’ in height from finished grade shall be constructed around the tower and access to the site shall be limited to a locked gate in the required fence or wall;

4. Co-location of telecommunications equipment may be allowed as long as the equipment does not exceed the Commercial (C) zoning district height limit of 40’;

5. If high voltage is necessary for the operations of the telecommunication tower and such high voltages are present in a ground grid or in the tower, signs located every 20’ and attached to the fence or wall shall display in large bold letters the following “HIGH VOLTAGE-DANGER”

6. The Applicant shall comply with all applicable FCC standards for non-ionizing electromagnetic radiation;

7. The approved special use permit shall expire 12 months from the date of approval unless the applicant has a valid permit on file or has received a certificate of completion from the Alamosa County Building Inspector;

8. Once the special use permit has been issued, the special use permit shall remain in force unless the use, construction, or activity ceases for a period of 12 consecutive months. In such instance this special use permit shall become void. If the special use permit is determined by the administrator to be void, the applicant shall be notified in writing;
9. All obsolete or unused telecommunications equipment (tower) shall be removed within 12 months of cessation of use.

10. Applicant shall ensure that the tower is suitable and provides for phase II service (E-911).

Passed by roll call vote: Allen, Dunne and Yohn all in favor.

DATED this 23rd day of October, 2015.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
ALAMOSA COUNTY

(SEAL)

By: Darius Allen, Chairman

ATTEST:

Melanie Woodward, Clerk of the Board

Alamosa County Land Use – Fee Schedule Amendment

Rachel Baird was present.

Commissioner Yohn: This is important for applicant of the 1041 process to have a foresight of what it will cost. We have come through the process of coming to these fees.

Commissioner Dunne: they have talked about it quite a bit. It is just and equitable with the solar companies.

m/s Dunne/Yohn motion to accept Fee Schedule Amendment as well as 1041 Permit transfers effective July 8th

Motion was approved unanimously.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALAMOSA COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO: 2015-SUP-3

RE: APPLICATION OF CHARLES HEALD TO AMEND HIS SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO REGARDING A MINI SELF-STORAGE FACILITY ON A TRACT OF LAND IN ALAMOSA COUNTY, COLORADO.
Commissioner Dunne moved for the adoption of the following Resolution. Commissioner Yohn seconded the motion.

WHEREAS, Charles Heald has submitted an application to amend a special use permit regarding a mini self-storage facility in Alamosa County, CO on the following property:

Tract 38 of the Redwing Subdivision., County of Alamosa, Colorado, under parcel number 541506305020;

said property being zoned Commercial (C); and

WHEREAS, the Applicant was granted a special use permit by Alamosa County (2014-SUP-002) to install and operate a mini self-storage facility on October 22, 2014, with certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant has requested that said permit be amended to modify condition No. 3, which requires the installation of an “opaque slated fence”; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held before the Board of County Commissioners on April 22, 2015, and no one spoke in opposition to said application.

WHEREAS, proper notice was provided as required by law; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has considered the application, and finds the application meets all requirements of the Alamosa County Land Development Code pertaining thereto as presented by the Land Use Administrator; and

WHEREAS, the proposed use is consistent with the objectives and purposes of the Alamosa County Land Development Code.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the amendment to the special use permit 2014-SUP-002 regarding the above mentioned property is hereby granted as a special use pursuant to the Alamosa County Land Development Code under Article 3, Section 3.4.8.

Permit 2014-SUP-002 is hereby amended to modify condition No. 3 in that the side of the fence facing U.S. Hwy 160 shall not require opaque slatting. All other requirements and conditions shall remain in full force and effect

Passed by roll call vote: Dunne – Yes; Allen – Yes; Yohn - No.

DATED this ______ day of __________2015, non pro tunc April 22, 2015

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
ALAMOSA COUNTY

( S E A L)
ATTEST:

Melanie Woodward, Clerk of the Board

2015 Supplement Budget

Commissioner Dunne: You didn’t have any significant amount.

Brittney DeHerrera: 1 million

Commissioner Dunne: For clarification the County paid the construction companies so they could pay their workers then the DOLA Grant will come in and pass back into the building of the Airport.

Brittney DeHerrera: You originally approved a loan until the DOLA money came in to pay the contractors. The DOLA Grant money will go into that fund anyway because it is an Alamosa County Grant not an Airport Grant.

Commissioner Allen: Asked to read the Resolution.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALAMOSA COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO: 2015 - F- 5

RE: A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL SUMS OF MONEY TO DEFRAY EXPENSES IN EXCESS OF AMOUNTS BUDGETED FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMOSA, COLORADO.

WHEREAS, on the 18th day of December, 2014 the Board of County Commissioners adopted its 2015 calendar year budget; and

WHEREAS, Alamosa County has: a) to account for reimbursable expenditures for the SLV Regional Airport Terminal Construction. These will be reimbursed by the Department of Local Affairs Energy and Mineral Impact Grant that was awarded to the County for the project.

WHEREAS, Alamosa County has received unanticipated revenue or revenues not assured at the time of adoption of the budget, or will utilize available undesignated fund balances as hereinafter set forth.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners, Alamosa County, Colorado as follows:
Section 1.

That the FY2015 appropriation for the a) Capital Projects Fund is hereby increased from $510,800 to $1,510,800;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Division of Local Government and the Department of Local Affairs by the Clerk of the Board.

ADOPTED this 8th day of July, 2015.

The roll having been called, the vote was as follows:

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The foregoing resolution passed by a roll call vote resulting in a 3-0 vote.

(SEAL)

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ALAMOSA COUNTY, COLORADO

Darius Allen, Chairman

ATTEST:

Melanie Woodward, Clerk of the Board

m/s Yohn/Dunne motion to approve Resolution 2015-F-5
Motion was approved unanimously.

Alamosa County Local Marketing District

Jamie Greeman was present. Board Members also present were Cathy Simpson, David Broyles, Danielle Van Veghten, Tom Bobicki, and Rob Oringdolph.

The Official Visitors Guide was presented. They usually have Sand Dunes on the front cover but this year they asked for a picture for arts and community of Alamosa. They did a good job of representing Richardson Hall.

Annual Update Report was presented. Lodging tax is up, Rails and Ails is up, and the Sand Dunes is up 21%. Jay Young at the Alligator Farm said their visitation is up as well. The visitation count is input manually so it is not always consistent. They are moving to digital format which the state is providing. It is just implemented. Their Website is doing great. Extra promotions through direct mail.

Social media: They have 2,484 “likes” on their Alamosa Facebook. Pages on Trip Advisor, Twitter, Instagram, and Pinterest.
E-newsletter: They have 74,000 e-mail addresses receive the e-newsletter.


Visitor Guide: The CVB prints two guides, the Travel Planner and the Community Guide, with a total of circulation of 70,000. Approximately 25,000 travel planners have been distributed through Certified Distribution Routes of Denver and Colorado Springs, Leadville to Salida, Taos, Red River, and Raton, as well as Hwy 160 corridor to Pagosa Springs.

Direct Mail: Travel Planners mailed from leads generated from online requests through Alamosa.org, Colorado.com, National Park Trips, and e-newsletter.

Print Media: Office State Vacation Guide with circulation of 650,000, Summer Seasonal State Vacation Guide with circulation of 50,000, Elevation Outdoors with circulation of 160,000, Rocky Mountain National Park Trips with circulation of 125,000, and USA Today National Parks Edition with circulation of 700,000. Total Circulation is 1,685,000.

The trend has gone to the internet.

Familiarization trips they bring in groups to familiarize them with the community. They get to show off Alamosa and the Sand Dunes. They go back and promote it and write about it. A lot of these groups are international. These trips are coordinated with the State Tourism Office. They have tried hard to include us.

They have great staff and couldn’t do it without them.

Commissioner Dunne: She was in Taos last weekend and it was packed and it would be nice to pull them to here.

Jamie: It used to be in the summertime the highest visited state would be Texas now New Mexico has surpassed.

Mike Yohn: He appreciates the board. You get information out well. With the BBQ he has great expectations of that.

Darius Allen: We built a new airport terminal how can we enhance this as far as tourism. They are getting ready to have an Open House what could they do to enhance and promote the Airport.

Gigi Dennis: On the Visitors Guides that have been requested are these specifically Alamosa.

Jamie Greeman: Just Alamosa.

Gigi Dennis: Any follow up after the survey such as what did you do here.

Jamie Greeman: They do a follow up email but it would definitely be a great idea.

Gigi Dennis: What was the reason for March increase for requests?

Jamie Greeman: They had a promotion where they got a lot of promotion from that.

Gigi Dennis: Does the State Tourism office provide kiosk for areas such as the Airport.
Jamie Greeman: The State doesn’t do that, they have brochures they approve and they have where they could provide for them. At DIAa they have a desk maybe that is something they can do here.

Gigi Dennis: Suggested on the Visitor Guide they have a cup of coffee that says “eat and drink you way through” it should be “your way through”.

Commissioner Allen: Are you on the State Tourism Board.

Jamie Greeman: Yes the governor appointed her to the board.

Commissioner Allen: He thanked Jamie and the board for their concern of how the community grows. What is your future plans since acquiring the motorway building?

Rob Oringdulph: They hired Don Spencer as Architect. They have some plans they are looking at initially. Right now they are at an impasse because of the ordinance by the City they have to have parking. They do not have parking security in doing these things with the motorway building. They do have some good plans and it is a good project. It may just not happen as quickly as they would like to.

Commissioner Allen: What about across the street parking.

Rob Oringdulph: It is being used currently as parking but they would like to sell it for some kind of construction. It belongs to Economic Development Group. He is on that board as well.

Commissioner Allen: East he was thinking about it.

Rob Oringdulph: It is not enough.

Commissioner Allen: Are you allowed to lease property for parking.

Rob Oringdulph: No you are required to own it.

Jamie Greeman: They are wanting something for a permanent solution.

Commissioner Allen: How many parking spaces are required?

Rob Oringdulph: They would 236 parking because they would 1 parking for each 3 potential occupants of facility. The Ordinance reads parking has to be 300 ft. of the building. There is an issue with property crossing railroad tracks, to the east Moons and the floor store would have to be taken down. There are some options that they would like to explore with the City but they don’t have issue secured now so they are at an impasse.

Commissioner Allen: Is there something they can do. If this doesn’t happen what is plan b?

Rob Oringdulph: Plan b is to work jointly and get something worked out. He is committed to have a Community Event Center because it would be a benefit to the City of Alamosa.

Commissioner Yohn: Did you have a count of parking spaces that are there now.

Rob Oringdulph: Not sure if you can have some parking here and some parking there. The folks in the downtown district are exempt from it but they are not exempt because they are on the south side.

Jamie Greeman: They are not allowed to use city parking for their needs. They are used for downtown merchants.
Gigi Dennis: Have you looked at building a parking garage?

Rob Oringdulph: They haven’t. That is possible but they are expensive.

Commissioner Dunne: She would think the City would be delighted to have this vacant building being used. They need to look at that Ordinance for the south side businesses because they don’t require this for them.

Rob Oringdulph: They did change their ordinance in and made somewhat liberal for businesses. He is not sure they are going to budge on this but they haven’t asked.

David Broyles: They have a great board. Danielle Van Veghten is Treasurer, Tom Bobicki is Vice-Chair. Tom is on the Museum board also. The new budget year request is September 1st they will work hard. They will ask for approval from the board. They get help from Brittney DeHerrera on funds from the State.

Commissioner Dunne: What fundraising activities do you have planned?

David Broyles: They are looking at borrowing $750,000 from a bank. In addition DRG is helping them on grant requests.

Jamie Greeman: They had a site visit from Boettcher. They were excited about their project.

David Broyles: New Referendum requires to have a convention center.

Tom Bobicki: When you look up Infrastructure definition it states framework of an organization. It is a good board but he doesn’t want to be fragmented in something that they want. One problem they will have with CDOT in order to comply with codes. It will be very expensive to buy Moods and the floor store to make something feasible there. The infrastructure is too much to take on. He doesn’t want this to be another Veterans building fiasco. There is no parking downtown. He has advocated that they should have parking in place. Don’t put the cart before the horse. They have to carry insurance. They would have to be responsible for snow removal, trash, and paving costs. They cannot have help with Police Department because it is private. It is not an easy fix. He would love to have Economic Development. Maybe we are getting over our heads with a project of this magnitude. The Board is doing a great job distributing the lodging tax.

Commissioner Dunne: Gigi suggested a parking garage. She wonders if they could do a cost analysis. The city is at a stage now where they need to look at this. This is the issue they have with the Courthouse. They should be able to get help from DRG for this.

Mike Wisdom: 8 or 9 years ago look how the motorway building looked at and they worked together and now it is a better place. The Pink elephant project helped this as well. When CDOT came to them for the two way they lost 176 parking places downtown. They are going to have to focus on a solution. There should be potential to get with the City to accommodate growth this shouldn’t be that difficult.

Alamosa County Assessor

Sandra Hostetter was present.

The following documents were provided:
Real Property Abstract value $135,868,551
Personal property abstract value $6,995,440
Protests/Late Filing Report: 192 Appeals, 3 haven’t been answered yet, 132 were approved, 42 were denied, and 2 active.

Commissioner Allen: Question on State Assessed land gives incentives for such as Solar Farms. They do not have any say on State Assessed land.

Sandra Hostetter: They do not. State does their own assessments so they just allocate what the particular County has.

Commissioner Allen: Are we going to see some appeals?

Sandra Hostetter: She is sure we will such as hotels and motels. It is hard to say. They worked with some and made some adjustments for those warranted. They are up $5 million overall.

Gigi Dennis: What is going to be the impact for the County for Subdistrict land that is going to be coming out of the game?

Sandra Hostetter: They are valued at a 10 year average. They have to address the issue of Subdistricts for the lack of water. She did address it with Appeals for a select group of farmers that submitted information to her. The next reappraisal cycle they have to develop a new Valuation Formula for Ag. She would like to hire the people who helped her to determine the Substricts. Those that did not join the CREP Program are taking their crops out of production by alternating doing half circles. They are going to see that impact and it will be bigger than expecting. The adjustments she did now were heavy adjustments.

Gigi Dennis: How many acres are they expecting.

Sandra Hostetter: 40,000 originally she heard but it is the three counties. She understands most are coming out of Rio Grande County.

Commissioner Yohn: How did the assessment go for Deer Valley Meadow and east Alamosa?

Sandra Hostetter: They had 1 that went lower, residential stayed the same, commercial seen a 6% increase, and vacant land was about the same. Agriculture went up 30-40%.

Commissioner Dunne: The Agriculture increase is State mandated.

Sandra Hostetter: They have a formula set. The State has some criteria they have to use. They can do local expenses such as chemicals and water. They use a 10 year average. They try to use information from CAS Book but farmers don’t like to give their information. 50% was from agricultural. Potatoes are not a commodity they look at. The base crops are barley, wheat, alfalfa and sorghum. Potatoes are not considered a base crop.

Commissioner Dunne: Land Use mentioned base crop of Hemp.

Sandra Hostetter: At this point it is not considered Ag.
**Wall Smith Bateman-2014 Audit**

Karla Willischau and Jessica Bogner were present. The 2014 Audit was presented.


They do not audit it but make sure it correlates with the financial statements.

Page 4 is the Statement of Net Position. Total Assets are $34,036,853. Total Liabilities are $5,228,093. And total Net Position at the end of the year is $24,783,362.

Page 5 shows the change in Net Position of $532,873.

Page 49 is the Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. The Internal Control did identify a weakness. Federal Awards they had a significant deficiency. They are issuing a non-modified opinion on that program.

Page 50 shows the two findings.

Financial Statement Findings

Finding 2014-001 Local Marketing District Promissory Note

You did have a non-usual non-routine transaction that did not get accounted for correctly. They consider this a “material weakness” and “material noncompliance”.

Condition: The Alamosa County Events and Facilities Local Marketing District Fund obtained a long-term financing in the form of a four year commercial loan during 2014. It also was not recorded properly in the financial statements.

Cause: TABOR requires advance voter approval before allowing the “creation of any multiple-fiscal year direct or indirect district debt or other financial obligation whatsoever without adequate present cash reserves pledge irrevocably and held for payments in all future fiscal years”.

Effect: The County is not in compliance with TABOR.

Federal Award Findings & Questioned Costs

Finding 2014-002 Foster Care-Title IV-E, CFDA No. 93.658 US Department of Health and Human Services

Type of Finding: Internal Control over Compliance “significant deficiency” and Noncompliance

Condition: We examined four of 39 foster care child case files. The child placement agreement was missing from the case file for two of the four case files examined.

Cause: The County Department does not have a system of internal control to review case files to ensure all documentation was maintained in the file.

Effect: The County Department is not providing documentary evidence that there was involvement of the foster child, the parent(s) or guardian(s) and the representative of the placing agency regarding placement information of the child, including but not limited to 1) the use of physical management in an emergency 2) written authorization for care and treatment of the foster child 3) written authorization to
obtain routine medical and dental care for the foster child, and 4) legal status or custody of the foster child.

Recommendation: Case Managers and caseworkers should consistently adhere to the policies and procedures of the County Department of Social Services and CDHS Staff Manuel, Volume VII, to ensure compliance with the Foster Care Program requirements.

Page 43 shows the Correction Action Plan.

The Governance letter shows other issues but they do not rise to the level of significant deficiencies or material weakness. If they did they would be listed in the audit report.

Commissioner Allen: When we appoint board members they don’t know everything they can and can’t do so maybe they should have a meeting about this. He is sure they did not have a clue they couldn’t do this.

Karla Willschau: TABOR different a lot of these positions don’t have the government background.

Commissioner Allen: A lot of these boards have financial authority but don’t understand how far they can go. They don’t realize it falls back on us.

Karla Willschau: The Audit process they come in and quadruple their work load so they want to thank Alamosa County staff. It is pretty accurate to only have two audit adjustments at the end.

Commissioner Dunne: It is good to know the staff is doing a good job. Once in a while they need someone looking over their shoulders.

Commissioner Yohn: They will check with Brittney first then if any questions they will ask them.

**Alamosa County Road & Bridge**

Tim and Jinger Tilden were present

Project Status Summary

Jinger Tilden spoke. Weed spraying began in mid-June and was completed on Tuesday, July 7, 2015. Gilbert Cisneros and Tom Bonner sprayed and mapped all of the weeds along the County right of ways. We would like to thank both Gil and Tom for their hard work throughout this process. Once the Buildings & Grounds crew have finished mowing the leech fields in Mosca, our plan is to spray them over the following two weeks. All of the County right of ways including areas around all guardrails are being mowed. This process will take approximately 3 weeks to finish. Subject to regrowth of the weeds, the crew will mow all of the right of ways again in the first week of August. As for east Alamosa, all alleyways will be mowed throughout the remainder of the year. A work session will be planned with the county administrator to discuss future management of these alleyways.

Alamosa County Weed Control received a $3,000 grant via the San Luis Valley Weed Management Association and the Colorado Department of Agriculture to repair the weed truck. Wilbur Ellis installed a new eye wash station on the truck and was able to get the other two tanks operating. The truck will return in September to have Wilbur Ellis complete the repairs.

The report is due in September to the State. They will come in an show a map of this.
Tim DeHerrera stated they lost a clutch in one tractor so they are working on that. They are planning on continuing

Commissioner Allen: Are you going to spray the alleyways in east Alamosa?

Tim DeHerrera: No they are going to move forward with cleaning them up and enforce the property owners to be responsible. They would like to have a worksession regarding this.

Sheriff Robert Jackson: He can provide trustees to maybe provide him a crew to assist. They have to follow State Statute on the type of inmates they can give. They have to be sentenced which is a small portion of his population and not all of those are ok to go out. He hasn’t had any glitches with working with Road & Bridge.

Gigi Dennis: She asked the Sheriff if they ever put the women out there.

Sheriff Robert Jackson: He has to treat them the same but they can’t mix them up. One works in Road & Bridge right now. The Contraband mostly comes from the female population. They try to house the females that are sentenced outside the facility so they don’t have to take them to court.

Commissioner Dunne: What is the primary weed they have to be concerned with?

Tim DeHerrera: Tall white top, Russian knapweed, and hoary cress.

Commissioner Allen: Any progress from farmers.

Jinger Tilden: They are requesting for the Cost Share program. They don’t have enough money to purchase chemical to do this. She refers them to Rio Grande. They came in late for grant funding. In November grants will come up and they will do this so they can do that Cost Share program. Once they do the County right a ways. They were able to spray the Airport runway and the Spanish Cemetery.

Commissioner Allen: As a landowner it is their responsibility. We do have authority to enforce but we don’t have resources to enforce.

Jinger Tilden: They discussed starting with larger acreage owners to send them a letter if they don’t have the resources to spray. Code enforcement is limited from February to November. Through the mapping they can send a letter to those owners in the areas.

Commissioner Dunne: The biological control with CSU how is that going?

Jinger Tilden: They were able to place midges in 6 different areas. They were flagged so they don’t spray there. Midge go into the bloom or stem of the plant and lay eggs, mom midges die off so it is a continual process for three years that they will be monitoring. She comes down in the spring and the fall to monitor. They will be working with Conejos on the Alamosa border and do one for the Russian thistle. They spread the rust over the plant and soak into the root base. The root carries to the other plants. This is a new agent so this is an experimental project also.

Commissioner Dunne: Her fear is they will adapt and go to the crops.

Jinger Tilden: It shouldn’t, they have done experimental work in labs.

Commissioner Yohn: Previously they had equipment to borrow to spray is that possible?
Jinger Tilden: They did have one at one time. Those were sold. They have a tank for a 4 wheeler so they have capability of that.

Tim DeHerrera: They can only buy certain chemicals.

Commissioner Yohn: Is there equipment elsewhere. Are Midgets the same as gnats.

Jinger Tilden: They are so tiny.

Commissioner Dunne: There should be environmental grants they could get.

Gigi Dennis: Is there an update on the board formed for Northwest Weed District.

Jinger Tilden: John Bernal’s brother who is a property owner in that area but they don’t get along but he trying to get his niece involved and trying to get a board together. She told him Alamosa just gets the money and can’t form the board. She told him if he can get three they could train them and use their weed truck. Hopefully by the end of the season they will have a board formed

Tim DeHerrera: His expenditures were asphalt $45,000, Crack seal $11,300, Culvert $438, blade maintenance $14800, water haul $3,700, and weed spraying $45,909. Budget is $35,000 for purchase of chemicals and the rest was labor. He kept some in case they need some somewhere. They are working on the road to the Family Center today. He is hoping to be done by Thursday of next week if not the following week. It has been difficult so had 3 blades down. They trained Dustin to run one blade. All six blades are running again. When one is down they get behind and can’t keep up. They need to build shoulders up on the 6 North and 5 South where they paved. They are trying to finish moving all the right of ways with the tractors. They need to mow all the weeds in East Alamosa. He would like to get an inmate crew to assist. They need to spray the leech fields in Mosca as soon as Road & Bridge is done. They want to get the weed eater on the guardrails and bridges where the mowers didn’t get. They need to move their pit. Pit run went to 40 cents a ton according to the State. They have a lot of culverts to do as well. Conejos County is talking about paving later August which he will have to send a couple of his guys there to assist. Conejos Conejos owns the paver and lends it to them so they are fortunate of that.

Monthly projected plan was presented.

Commissioner Dunne: How much is a new stop sign.

Tim DeHerrera: $220-$250.

Commissioner Allen: He has seen ones with flashing lights.

Tim DeHerrera: They could use some on some of the intersections where there has been a lot of wrecks. Gloria is looking at pricing the solar light ones. He had a lady wanting to run the tire shredder. The problem is only he and Dustin know how to use it. If this goes through they would have to hire someone they could train on the tire shredder.

Commissioner Allen: How many tires do they have?

Tim DeHerrera: She said 9 counties with a whole lot of tires, he can email them her name.

Commissioner Yohn: How is his workforce with one employee out with knee surgery?
Tim DeHerrera: It was hectic for a while.

Commissioner Dunne: Does the Sheriff office let them know when the roads are bad?

Tim DeHerrera: Yes they call State Patrol and then they are notified.

Catherine Salazar: She appreciates the work by Road & Bridge and Facilities Management on the road to the Family Center.

Tim DeHerrera: When they get a slow day they will GPS all culverts so they have a record on them. They will also get dimensions and record how they are so they know which have to be replaced. With the Crestone flood the City donated 6 pellets of filled sand bags which they hauled up there. They also donated a sand bag filler so they hauled it there also. The total cost for helping out was $662. They can get reimbursed through the State.

Commissioner Dunne: When they are cleaning the alleyways they should be careful with the needles out there.

Department of Human Services

Catherine Salazar was present.

She had two requests for vacancy in Colorado Works/TANF unit. One was on a workers comp and can’t work any longer without her so they separated employment with her. Another employee has resigned.

Commissioner Yohn: Do you already have it advertised and do you have a pool to choose from.

Catherine Salazar: She plans to continue advertising until they get a good applicant.

Commissioner Yohn: Do you work with the workforce.

Connie Ricci: Yes and actually they have three employee vacancies.

m/s Yohn/Dunne motion to fill vacancies  
Motion was approved unanimously.

Worksession

Alamosa County Public Health-Physical Therapist Discussion

SLV E911

Walt Paulson was present.

Their Long term Treasurer is home with terminal cancer. He has been on for 25 years. Gigi carried the legislation to allow e911 to exist. Working agreement with state patrol. Have a large debt to state patrol because the allow us to be part of their group. 5000 calls answered last month. 2000 were 911. State patrol offers dispatch service. They are medically approved and can give medical advice over the phone. They went 6 counties unmapped to points of contact for almost every person in the valley. 2 cell phone companies to 30. They are one of the lowest for surcharge of 50 cents. They have been very frugal. In Denver they are at 1.75. cell phones are becoming a big problem because people are going away from land lines. Right now they started out with phase I and starting with phase ii now. Having
cell phone difficulties because they drag their feet. It might help if all cell phone submit permits they should provide. Next thing is genx where texting little voice. Some 911 groups are accepting text messaging. We can do it but not sure about liability. They have the money in reserve.

Commissioner Allen: What is your total budget?

Walt Paulson: $200,254 from December it has gone up from there.

Gigi Dennis: How many FTE do you have?

Walt Paulson: 24 and they are short 2. After midnight they have 2 otherwise there are 3 on every day.

Gigi Dennis: Are they housed out of the State Patrol Office.

Walt Paulson: They are all paid and housed by State Patrol. They purchased the software, computers, office supplies, and for them.

Commissioner Yohn: They can come over here if something happened there. They have 2 stations. We need to be diligent about cell towers coming in.

Walt Paulson: Rio Grande wants to not permit anyone unless

Commissioner Yohn: It would cost $500,000 to update for text/video capabilities that is why it is in reserve.

Walt Paulson: They are going to make the Treasurer full time.

Commissioner Yohn: E911 serves 6 counties. They put a line item for E911 for equipment for the counties at a 50/50 match.

Walt Paulson: They have Code Red for instances such as for a flood.

**CSU Extension**

Marvin Reynolds was present.

Robotics—they have a team in Alamosa and might get another one. A group went to Albuquerque for a national competition. The pattern they had to run included ping pong balls. They took 15 and other countries rought 1200-1500 ping pong balls they came 9th out of 23 teams. Some of these were adult teams they were competing against. They are really wanting to go to Japan for a competition if not this year try next year. 80 4h kids in Alamosa. 8 team leaders. Shooting sports is strong in the community specifically archery. They have kids that are in leather braiding that they usually place in state fair. One of the things they haven’t had for a while is a program for clover bud. cannot participate in shooting. Younger siblings always want to do what the older kids want to do. Mary ellen has done a lot of training on food safety. She goes to food distributions sites and teaches food safety/strong bones classes where 4 are here in Alamosa. They teach senior citizens how they can keep their bones strong. They talk about how they are able to do more than before. They use weights to help tone. It does build bone mass for senior citizens. One is at bridge, rec center, catholic church. She does the senior citizen newsletter which goes out to recipients of the meals once a month. They held a legacy workshop. They did an apid identification class. Range monitoring class-. Colorado master garden class going to run this fall. Energy class where 5 attended and 3 were from Alamosa.
Gigi Dennis: do you charge for classes

Marvin Reynolds: They have to charge for Legacy because they have to pay for the speaker. They had a grant for this but it expired. Depends on the program. Food safety class charges for supplies.

Commissioner Yohn asked about project on Russian knapweed where they use midgets.

Marvin Reynolds: He is aware they are doing this.

Board/Staff Updates

Jr Livestock Sale Boosters

m/s Yohn /Allen motion to support Jr Livestock of $500 out of Community Development Fund
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, Office Manager

Mike Yohn,

Marianne Dunne, Vice-Chair

Darius Allen, County Commissioner
Minutes of the Public Hearing for Fee Schedule Amendment was held on July 8, 2015 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

Rachel Baird was present.

Issue: Does the Board wish to adopt the proposed fee schedule?
- Special Use Permit Amendment Application: $250
- HB 1041 Permit Application: $30,000 (with a contingency for inflation, deviation from standards solar technology)
- HB 1041 Permit Transfer/Amendment Application: $5,000

Background: There is a need to standardize fees association with the HB 1041 Permit application for the Guidelines and Regulations for Areas and Activities of State Interest. The present fee is determined on a case by case basis. We would like to adopt fees for HB 1041 permit amendments and/or transfers and amendments to Special Use Applications. There is no fee for either application at this time.

Recommendation: That the Board of Alamosa County Commissioners adopts the proposed Fee Schedule with an effective date of July 8, 2015.

Alternatives: Our options are: 1) No Action 2) Approve the schedule as drafted 3) Approve the schedule with a different effective date 4) Defer all action for now but reconsider at a later date.

Fiscal impact: Standardization adds certainty and validity to the application process. The other new permit fees are a more accurate representation of county staff time and cover legal notice and mailing.

Conclusion: By approving this proposed fee schedule we are ensuing the cost of permit processing is being supported by the users of these services and not subsidized by the County general fund.

Commissioner Allen asked if anyone is in favor of or opposition to the fee schedule amendment.

There being no further business, the Public Hearing for Fee Schedule Amendment was adjourned.

ATTEST:
Minutes of the Public Hearing for Supplemental Budget Resolution 2015F5 was held on July 8, 2015 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

Brittney DeHerrera was present.

This is to account for our DOLA grant for the Airport. It was applied for and awarded to Alamosa County and not the Airport. We did not account for that anywhere in our budget last year so we need to do a supplemental to account for those expenditures that come into the County. We will pass that money back into the Airport to actual pay the construction costs. This is to stay within State Statute so we do not exceed what we are already appropriated back in December when we adopted the budget.

Commissioner Allen asked if anyone is in favor of or opposition to this Supplemental.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALAMOSA COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO: 2015 - F- 5

RE: A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL SUMS OF MONEY TO DEFRAY EXPENSES IN EXCESS OF AMOUNTS BUDGETED FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMOSA, COLORADO.

WHEREAS, on the 18th day of December, 2014 the Board of County Commissioners adopted its 2015 calendar year budget; and

WHEREAS, Alamosa County has: a) to account for reimbursable expenditures for the SLV Regional Airport Terminal Construction. These will be reimbursed by the Department of Local Affairs Energy and Mineral Impact Grant that was awarded to the County for the project.

WHEREAS, Alamosa County has received unanticipated revenue or revenues not assured at the time of adoption of the budget, or will utilize available undesignated fund balances as hereinafter set forth.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners, Alamosa County, Colorado as follows:

Section 1. That the FY2015 appropriation for the a) Capital Projects Fund is hereby increased from $510,800 to $1,510,800;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the Division of Local Government and the Department of Local Affairs by the Clerk of the Board.

ADOPTED this 8th day of July, 2015.

The roll having been called, the vote was as follows:

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The foregoing resolution passed by a roll call vote resulting in a _____ vote.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ALAMOSA COUNTY, COLORADO

Darius Allen, Chairman

(SEAL)
ATTEST:

Melanie Woodward, Clerk of the Board

There being no further business, the Public Hearing for Supplemental Budget 2015G5 was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Belina Ramirez, Deputy Clerk

Darius Allen, Chair

Marianne Dunne, Vice-Chairman

Mike Yohn, County Commissioner
Minutes of the Public Hearing for Special Use Permit Verizon Wireless was held on July 8, 2015 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
- Brittnye DeHerrera, Chief Financial Officer
- Belina Ramirez, Deputy Clerk

Rachel Baird and Adam Perlman Representative with Verizon Wireless were present.

Proposal: The applicant is proposing construction and operation of a new 30-foot monopole wireless communication tower.

Legal Description: Lot 1, Block 7, East Alamosa Price Addition, County of Alamosa, State of Colorado.

Project History and Background: The applicant, Verizon Wireless, is proposing a new 30’ wireless telecommunication facility monopole, nine (9) new Verizon Wireless antennas on the new monopole, and one (1) new Verizon Wireless pre-fabricated shelter at grade. The site is a Commercial (C) property in East Alamosa that is currently being used as a used car dealership and a self-storage facility. The parcel is zoned Commercial (C). According to the Alamosa County Land Use and Development Code (LUDC), wireless telecommunication facilities are only permitted in Commercial (C) zoned districts with a Special Use Permit.

This facility is proposed to improve both data usage coverages as well as E-911 service coverage. Furthermore, this facility will help offload neighboring Commercial Mobile Radio Service (CMRS) loads from the City of Alamosa and surrounding areas due to an exponential increase in data use. The applicant has asserted that the coverage in East Alamosa is insufficient and represents a significant gap in service. This gap in coverage and capacity represents not only an inconvenience for customers but has potentially serious implications for E-911 emergency network services.

Verizon Wireless considered several sites within Alamosa County but ultimately, determined that vegetation and limited existing structures of sufficient height, constrained them to building a new monopole at the proposed site. As stated by the applicant “Verizon Wireless Radio Frequency Engineers determined a new wireless communications site in the Alamosa Price neighborhood would best cover the objectives needed to maintain and improve the wireless network in Alamosa County... Without this site, adequate service to the citizens and visitors of Alamosa cannot be maintained and would result in a significant gap in coverage and capacity related issues.”

Public Notice:
Adjacent land owners within 1,500 feet of the subject properties have been notified by mail and notice was published in the Valley Courier.

An email received from neighbor Tom Vendola will be read at the conclusion of this staff report. Several phone calls in opposition were received from neighbors, Cecil and Carol Fell at 211 Maple Drive, Margaret Lopez at 462 San Luis Avenue, and an anonymous caller from 310 McKinney Avenue.

Courtesy letters were sent to the East Alamosa Water and Sanitation District, Alamosa Fire Protection District, Colorado Department of Transportation, the City of Alamosa, and Alamosa County Road and Bridge, Public Health Department, and Building Department.

Compatibility: This parcel is surrounded on each side by Commercial (C) zoned properties on the North, West, and South Sides. The parcels to the east are zoned Residential Medium (RM).

Findings:
1. The application is not anticipated to endanger the public health or safety if located where proposed. There are two main health concerns when siting a wireless telecommunication facility, firstly Radio Frequency Radiation (RFR) and secondly, the potential fall radius of the tower in the possibility of failure.

According to their application, Verizon Wireless must comply with Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regulations regarding Radio Frequency Radiation (RFR) emission levels and are required to have continuous monitoring. The applicant has active FCC licenses to operate within Alamosa County which require them to comply with all applicable standards for non-ionizing electromagnetic radiation.

According to the Environmental Protection agency (EPA), “At very high levels, RF energy is dangerous. It can heat the body's tissues rapidly. However such high levels are found only near certain equipment, such as powerful long-distance transmitters. Cellphones and wireless networks produce RF, but not at levels that cause significant heating. In addition, RF energy decreases quickly over distance. At ground level, exposer to RF from sources like cellphone towers is usually very low.” The American Cancer Society describes that “Cell phones communicate with nearby cell towers mainly through radiofrequency (RF) waves, a form of energy in the electromagnetic spectrum between FM radio waves and microwaves. Like FM radio waves, microwaves, visible lights, and heat, they are forms of non-ionizing radiation. This means they cannot cause cancer by directly damaging DNA. At ground level near typical cellular base stations, the amount of RF energy is thousands of times less than the limits for safe exposure set by the US Federal Communication Commission (FCC) and other regulatory authorities. It is very unlikely that a person could be exposed to RF levels in excess of these limits just by being near a cell phone tower.” The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) “has classified RF Fields as ‘possibly carcinogenic to humans, based on limited evidence of a possible increase in risk for brain tumors among cell phone users, and inadequate evidence for other types of cancer. IARC also noted that exposure to the
brain from RF fields from cell phone base stations (mounted on roofs or towers) is less than 1/100th the exposure to the brain from mobile devices such as cell phones.”

In the unlikely event that the tower was to fall, the radius of damage must be considered. Verizon Wireless did provide estimates for fall radius for this tower.

2. The applicant has met all the Special Use Permit application standards and is required to obtain all permits before commencing construction. The application conforms to the standards and practices of sound land use planning in that it is located within one of the three zoned districts where wireless communication towers are permitted and if located where proposed, is sited less than 250’ from a much taller, existing lattice type telecommunication tower. Furthermore, the tower is proposed near the intersection of two major travel corridors, and numerous business and lodging establishments that require reliable wireless coverage.

3. The Special Use Permit is not expected to have any adverse effects upon the adjoining property owners as many of the adjoining lots are commercial and industrial use. It is not believed the monopole will not be detrimental to the use or development of adjacent properties or other neighborhood uses because the area is already densely developed and has long been a mixed residential, commercial, and industrial area of the county. The applicant is committed to be a conscientious neighbor and stated in their application that “Every attempt was made to propose a design that would comply with the requirements for new telecommunications facilities and be compatible with the character of the area both now and in the future.” Finally, the ultimate intention of this wireless communication upgrade is to benefit the public good and safety in East Alamos and the surrounding area.

4. It is not believed that the application will adversely affect the adopted plans and policies of the county. The proposal is consistent with the Community Economics: Goals & Policies in the Alamosa County Master Plan 5.3:
   a. Policy 5.3.4: Develop clear cell tower ordinances to ensure that better and more diversified wireless opportunities occur in the County, with the intent of providing more comprehensive coverage.

5. The proposed application is not anticipated to impact environmental protections, wildlife habitats, ground and surface water, air quality, or jurisdictional wetlands (See Critical Habitat and Floodplain Map). To comply with FCC requirements, the applicant had a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) evaluation of the proposed site completed by a third party consultant. The site was not deemed to be in an environmentally sensitive areas so the evaluation primarily concentrated on cultural and historical resources. Ultimately, the consultants determined that “the project will result in No Adverse Effect” for either.

Department Recommendation:
The applicant has met all submittal requirements for a Special Use Permit according to the Alamosa County LUDC. The Land Use staff has reviewed the proposed application and recommends approval of the Special Use Permit application with the following conditions:
1. The applicant shall comply with all Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules governing construction requirements, technical standards, interference protection, power and height limitations, radio frequency, and FAA rules of location and operation;

2. Prior to groundbreaking, the applicant must obtain all necessary permits from the Alamosa County Building Department as well as any other regulatory agencies pertaining to the operation of telecommunication facilities;

3. A security fence or wall not less than 6 feet in height from finished grade shall be constructed around the tower;

4. Access to the site shall be limited to a locked gate in the required fence or wall;

5. If high voltage is necessary for the operation of the telecommunication tower and such high voltages are present in ground grind or in the tower, signs located every 20 feet and attached to the fence or wall shall display in large bold letters the following: “HIGH VOLTAGE-DANGER”;

6. Co-location of telecommunications equipment may be allowed as long as the equipment does not exceed the Commercial (C) zoning district height limit of 40’;

7. The applicant shall comply with all applicable FCC standards for non-ionizing electromagnetic radiation;

8. An approved special use permit shall expire 12 months from the date of approval unless the applicant has a valid building permit on file or has received a certificate of completion from the Alamosa County Building Inspector;

9. Once the appropriate permit has been issued, the special use permit shall remain in force unless the use, construction, or activity ceases for a period of 12 consecutive months. In such instance the special use permit shall become void. If a special use is determined by the administrator to be void, such determination shall be transmitted in writing to the applicant;

10. All obsolete or unused telecommunication towers shall be removed within 12 months of cessation of use.

Email from Tom Vendola was read.

Adam Perlman: Verizon is excited to bring another wireless facility. They are experiencing expeditious data growth. They need to have suitable network. Planning Commission questioned about phase II. According to Verizon they haven’t received a request from Alamosa County for a Phase II calling wireless site. It is important because it does triangulate E911 to where the caller is.

Rachel Baird: If you call now the location given is the location of the cell tower not the cell caller.

Adam Perlman: They will make sure they square this away so they have the latest and greatest E911.

Commissioner Allen asked if anyone is in opposition to or in favor of this application.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALAMOSA COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO: 2015 – SUP - 2

RE: APPLICATION OF VERIZON WIRELESS FOR A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE OPERATION OF A 30’ MONOPOLE TELECOMMUNICATION TOWER AND OTHER APPURTENANCES IN ALAMOSA COUNTY, COLORADO.

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

WHEREAS, Verizon Wireless has submitted an application for a special use permit to allow the installation of a 30’ Monopole Telecommunication tower and other appurtenances in Alamosa County on the following property:

LOT 1, BLOCK 7, EAST ALAMOSA PRICE ADDITION, COUNTY OF ALAMOSA, STATE OF COLORADO,

said property being zoned Commercial (C) District; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held before the Alamosa County Planning Commission on June 10, 2015, to consider said application

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held before the Board of County Commissioners on July 8, 2015,

WHEREAS, proper notice was provided as required by law; and

WHEREAS, at the hearing held on July 8, 2015, there was no one who spoke in opposition to the application, however an e-mail was submitted by one citizen in which he opposed the application; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has considered the application, and finds the application meets all requirements of the Alamosa County Land Development Code pertaining thereto as presented by the Land Use Administrator; and

WHEREAS, the proposed use is consistent with the objectives and purposes of the Alamosa County Land Development Code and the Board of County commissioners adopts the findings as set forth in the staff report and as corrected on the record.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the special use permit to allow the installation of a 30’ monopole telecommunications tower and other appurtenances is hereby granted as a special use pursuant to the Alamosa County Land Development Code under Article 8, Section 8.8 subject to the following conditions:

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1. The applicant shall comply with all Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") rules governing construction requirements, technical standards, interface protection, power and height limitations, radio frequency, and FAA rules of location and operation;

2. Prior to groundbreaking, the Applicant must obtain all necessary permits from the Alamosa County Building Department as well as any other regulatory agencies pertaining to the operation of telecommunication facilities;

3. A security fence or wall not less than 6’ in height from finished grade shall be constructed around the tower and access to the site shall be limited to a locked gate in the required fence or wall;

4. Co-location of telecommunications equipment may be allowed as long as the equipment does not exceed the Commercial (C) zoning district height limit of 40’;

5. If high voltage is necessary for the operations of the telecommunication tower and such high voltages are present in a ground grid or in the tower, signs located every 20’ and attached to the fence or wall shall display in large bold letters the following “HIGH VOLTAGE-DANGER”

6. The Applicant shall comply with all applicable FCC standards for non-ionizing electromagnetic radiation;

7. The approved special use permit shall expire 12 months from the date of approval unless the applicant has a valid permit on file or has received a certificate of completion from the Alamosa County Building Inspector;

8. Once the special use permit has been issued, the special use permit shall remain in force unless the use, construction, or activity ceases for a period of 12 consecutive months. In such instance this special use permit shall become void. If the special use permit is determined by the administrator to be void, the applicant shall be notified in writing;

9. All obsolete or unused telecommunications equipment (tower) shall be removed within 12 months of cessation of use.

10. Applicant shall ensure that the tower is suitable and provides for phase II service (E-911).

Passed by roll call vote: Allen, Dunne and Yohn all in favor.

DATED this __th day of __, 2015.
There being no further business, the Public Hearing for Special Use Permit Verizon Wireless was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Belina Ramirez, Deputy Clerk

Marianne Dunne, Vice-Chairman

Mike Yohn, County Commissioner