Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners Meeting, held on February 12, 2014 at 8:30 a.m.
in the Commissioners Chambers, Alamosa County Services Center, 8900 Independence Way,
Alamosa, CO 81101.

Members Present:
Mike Yohn, Chair
Marianne Dunne, Vice-Chair
Darius Allen, Commissioner
Jason Kelly, County Attorney
Peter Kampfer, County Administrator
Carol Osborn, Assistant Administrator
Belina Ramirez, Office Manager

Call the Meeting to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Approval of the Agenda

Addition of Pre-Trial Services Renewal Contract and deletion of Show Cause Hearing

M/S Allen/Dunne motion to approve the agenda of February 12, 2014 with changes.
Motion was passed unanimously.

Consent agenda Items:

Approval of General Business/Minutes

The Following Minutes were presented:
Regular Minutes-January 22, 2014
Public Hearing Minutes—Resolution 2014-F-1

M/S Dunne/Allen motion to approve the Minutes of January 22, 2014.
Motion was passed unanimously.

Approval of Bills/Obligations

M/S Allen/Dunne motion to approve the Bills/Obligations
Motion was passed unanimously.
Public Comment

Pastor Carl Sutter – Pentecostal Church spoke. He would ask to waive the interest for the church. He has to pay out of his own pocket to keep the church going. Right now they have almost $1000 in plumbing costs from pipes freezing.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Appointment of Public Officer to Linda Smith
Appointment to Courtroom Security Advisory Board to Marianne Dunne
Wall, Smith, Bateman Engagement Letter to provide audit services
Airport Wildlife Consultants LLC-Wildlife Hazard Assessment and Plan for SLV Reg Airport
Proclamation for Children and Youth Leadership Commission Human Trafficking
CDOT Division of Aeronautics Grant Agreement
County Treasurer’s Report for January
Value West Contract for Appraisal Services
MOU Victims Advocate for Mineral County, Saguache County, & Conejos County
CDPHE Master Contract Amendment #1

Pull Proclamation for Children and Youth Leadership Commission Human Trafficking
And pull Value West Contract asked Commissioner Dunne.

M/S Allen/Dunne motion to approve Consent Agenda without Proclamation and Value West Contract
Motion was approved unanimously.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF ALAMOSA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

PROCLAMATION 2014 – P – 1

Children and Youth Leadership Commission Human Trafficking

WHEREAS: on February 1, 1865 Abraham Lincoln signed the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Once ratified it officially outlawed slavery and involuntary servitude except as punishment for a crime; and

WHEREAS: human trafficking is modern day slavery, a practice that is in direct opposition to our fundamental principles of liberty and human rights upon which our nation was founded, and

WHEREAS: human trafficking occurs when a person is recruited, harbored, obtained, or exported through force, fraud or coercion for the purposes of sexual or labor exploitation, involuntary servitude; and other types of mental and physical abuse; and

WHEREAS: the sexual exploitation of children and human trafficking is one of the greatest human rights abuses of all time; and
WHEREAS: around the world, men, women and children are bought, sold, beaten and abused for money, a modern day slavery; and

WHEREAS: the people of Alamosa County regardless of political persuasion, creed, race or national origin stand together to protect the fundamental freedoms and rights of all persons, to fight the proliferation of human trafficking in all its forms and to assist survivors of modern day slavery; and

WHEREAS: Alamosa County stands committed to protecting human rights and individual freedom by eliminating human trafficking; to take effective action to protect our children by vigorously investigating and prosecuting the exploiters; and ensure victims have a safe and nurturing environment giving them an opportunity to thrive; and

WHEREAS: Alamosa County will take action to empower investigators, law enforcement, caseworkers and counselors with the training and tools they need, and will work to help men, women and children escape their abusers and rebuild their lives, and

WHEREAS: Alamosa County urges the State and Federal Legislators to pass comprehensive anti-trafficking laws, enforce them rigorously and care for survivors; and

WHEREAS: human trafficking is the fastest growing criminal enterprise in the world today and is tied with arms smuggling as the second largest international criminal industry, falling only behind the illegal drug trade; and

WHEREAS: we recognize that Colorado is a prime location and known as a victim source state and a destination state with high demand,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners for Alamosa County, State of Colorado, hereby wishes to raise awareness about the signs and consequences of human trafficking, by promoting opposition to human trafficking in all forms and encouraging support for the survivors of human trafficking, and to prosecute and end the demand for these victims, to end the criminal activity, and to restore freedom and dignity to its survivors.

DATED THIS 12TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2014

[Signature]
Chairman, Board of Alamosa County Commissioners

[Signature]
Clerk of the Board

m/s Allen/Dunne motion to support Proclamation for Children and Youth Leadership Commission Human Trafficking
Commissioner Allen asked who put this Proclamation together. Commissioner Dunne stated from the US Council of Catholic Bishops working with the United Nations.

Value West Contract

Commissioner Dunne asked Sandra Hostetter who is present for more information. There is more than one person with this Company under this contract. She doesn’t have anyone that is licensed to for commercial property. They previously contracted with Tim Walters. As the county has grown it has gone beyond what she has licensed appraisers for. If they hired a staff appraiser that could defend commercial properties we would be looking at an amount beyond what we contract with Value West. Value West has Judy Kahl who worked for the Division of Property Taxation for 25 years and retired from there and John Zimmerman worked with the audit for many years so she feels very comfortable and confident with them. They will follow through all the way through Board of Assessment Appeals, District Court, and Arbitration and defend them.

Commissioner Dunne stated the businesses here have a concern of businesses that Alamosa is very high for taxes that is why some prefer to be in other counties do you think that is true. She hopes these people assess according to the valley and not to the city. They would be facing reappraisal issues with the state stated Ms. Hostetter. Cost market and income they send out questionnaire to all the commercial properties asking for information so they can use approaches to value. Commissioner Dunne stated she would motion to approve Value West but perhaps next year look at employment pool in Alamosa to see if there are qualified people or people we could train because it is important to give jobs to local people.

Part of our job is to get the best value for the citizens of Alamosa County stated Commissioner Allen. They are not just hiring a person they are hiring a company. If we look to hire an employee for appraisal for real estate we would be looking at around $60,000. He would encourage Commissioner Dunne to meet them and see what they do.

Since we had Value West there were some adjustments made and no appeals stated Commissioner Yohn. There have been some appeals but these were handled in her office and the public is very receptive to them. A lot of the hotel owners felt comfortable and confident on the evaluations. They also are more receptive to give them more information. It has been a very positive thing.

Commissioner Allen asked if other counties do this. They do about 16 counties such as Archuleta, Montrose, and Telluride. Conejos County is looking into them as well. Some issues Denver Adams County has Value West has come in and straighten them out.

m/s Dunne/Allen motion to approve Value West Contract

Motion was approved unanimously.

Pre-Trial Release

m/s Dunne/Allen motion to approve Pre-Trial Release Contract

Motion was approved unanimously.
**District Attorney**

David Mahonee was present. The timeline for writing for this grant is at the end of the month. Initially he applied for this grant last year and it was denied. They appealed and Commissioner Sandoval went with him and they granted it. The need is not an issue but the criteria is that they have Commissioners and the Districts support. When you write the letter if you could put you do support him and when the grant expires in October of 2015 that they are willing to keep the attorney position. It has been since 2002 since they have had another deputy. At that time there were 3 Public Defenders and 2 District Court Judges. Now there are 3 District Court Judges and looking at getting another, and 7 Public Defenders. It is imperative they have this 5th attorney. It gives us another year with this grant.

Commissioner Allen asked what we need to include in the letter if it should have background information or should it just show support. The support of the grant and the willingness to keep the position after the grant expires. Will you include that position in your budget asked Commissioner Allen? Yes he will stated Mr. Mahonee. Can you put together a draft letter Commissioner Allen asked?

Mr. Kelly asked about legislation regarding State starting to fund DA's office. It is going to be a voluntary thing for each district and he doesn’t know where it is at stated Mr. Mahonee. A minimum salary is a requirement. The State will pay 20% of salary to help keep deputies in the rural areas. This is a huge problem; they train in rural areas and then go to larger cities for larger salaries where he cannot compete. It is similar to the way his salary is paid 20% by the state. He doesn’t know where this bill is at.

The public doesn’t realize the public defender is funded by the State stated Commissioner Dunne. The DA’s office has four deputies which are funded 100% by the counties and the DA is 80% funded by the County. The value of the grant is $55,000. He has spoken with Conejos County and they are willing to support. He is meeting with Rio Grande County this afternoon.

m/s Allen/Dunne motion to write support letter of grant requested by Mr. Mahonee

Motion was approved unanimously.

**Alamosa County Public Health**

*Request to fill employee vacancies*

Julie Geiser was present. She is requesting to fill some of her employee position openings. Ola Bovin Epidemiologist is taking a position at the hospital so she would request to fill his position. She had a couple of Public Health Nurses that are interested and capable. This would leave their position open. She has one contract nurse that could fill that position. She would ask to pull one of the Field Home Health Nurses assure documentation is appropriate, in order, and for the CMS survey that comes unannounced periodically. There has been some turnover there where she has lost three positions. It would be more effective to hire the RN rather than two clerical. She had to deny two referrals because she didn’t have enough nurses.
Commissioner Dunne thanked her work and her adjustments are smart and just. So in the long run she is really asking to reorganize.

**m/s Dunne/Allen motion to approve employee vacancies in the Department of Public Health**

Motion was approved unanimously.

**Alamosa County Emergency Management**

**Alamosa County Emergency Regulations Resolution**

David Osborn was present.

During the South Fork Fire they didn’t have any of these so when they evacuated the town the city council couldn’t meet at their usual location. They couldn’t meet until they passed a Resolution with a change of location. In an event of a disaster these regulations would go into effect. The regulations were discussed. The Succession of Authority stated the following:

“If the Chair of the Alamosa BOCC is unavailable, the line of succession of authority shall be delegated by seniority of office of the remaining two Commissioners. If none of the three BOCC members are available the County Administrator are shall be delegated this authority. In the event all members of the BOCC and the County Administrator are unavailable/absent, the Alamosa County Attorney shall be delegated this authority. Should all aforementioned officials be absent and unavailable, the Alamosa County Emergency Manager will be delegated this authority. The Alamosa County Emergency Manager shall coordinate, cooperate, and work with available department heads acting in the best interests of Alamosa County and our residents.”

This comes into play with the spending authority which is included in the regulations.

Jason Kelly stated he needed to change part 21 has been reappealed so under your purpose section it is not longer in effect. It has been put in 2433.5701 from Department of Local Affairs. Another thing is he hasn’t seen anything in the State Statutes that says the BOCC has this authority.

Trevor Denney Regional Field Manager with Colorado Division of Homeland Security Manager for the SLV spoke. This is the local authority; it is the intention is to make decisions in a short period. The main intent is to get rid of red tape so people can respond. What they saw in the West Fork Fire it was hard to get things done. They need to ensure government can continue. He would encourage them to look at the personnel policies to see if nothing is in the way of helping people or if they need anything else to be added.

Commissioner Allen stated there was a few things that concerned him such as going on people’s property we don’t have the authority to do that. In the event if a major disaster if they have to go into someone’s property they have it in the policy stated Mr. Osborn. They always have to find the property owners for consent not trump on people’s rights. Mr. Kelly stated that is what he
was looking in state statutes if they have this authority in the State of Emergency. It would be covered under the office of the Sheriff stated Mr. Denney. The Sheriff would have this authority in the State of Emergency. This has to be something you are comfortable in signing stated Mr. Denney.

Commissioner Allen stated the Succession of Authority doesn’t mention the Sheriff and if the spending authority is under the County Administrator, not all our counties have Chief Financial Officers but we do so they need to be involved. The reason the Sheriff was not chosen is because they were more likely to be involved in the incident rather than policy stated Mr. Osborn. The Commissioners decided to take time and review it.

*Disaster Declaration Template*

This is a template if there is a major disaster in Alamosa County it would expedite the process in declaring one. This document would be signed in the event of a disaster and sent to Homeland Security then to the Governor in hopes in getting funding to deal with disaster.

**m/s Allen/Dunne motion to adopt Disaster Declaration Template**

Motion was approved unanimously.

*SLV Museum*

Dorothy Brandt was present. She is the Chairman for the Board of the SLV Museum. When she went to Denver for the Philanthropy Award it wasn’t for Dorothy Brandt but for the Museum. It was the most beautiful reception ever received. She was very impressed. They didn’t ask about Dorothy but they asked about the museum.

She wrote a letter to the Commissioners regarding finances. They are asking for a percentage of 15%. She needs a letter stating this because when she applies for grants they want to know where their money comes from. She is applying for a grant for a one year grant study for the women veterans and women seniors. If we eat right, and exercise we can decrease doctor’s visits.

Commissioner Dunne congratulates her for the Philanthropy award it is about her for her dedication and work. She needs to accept this.

Commissioner Yohn stated he has been to the museum several times is there any way the museum could incorporate the solar in the SLV such as our natural resources. Maybe how the technology has evolved since the beginning. Yes stated Ms. Brandt they also have been asked to do something on the water issues.

Commissioner Yohn stated they will be willing to provide a letter of support for the grant for what they do but not about the percentage. Ms. Brandt asked if they talk to the Marketing District about getting a percentage. Commissioner Yohn suggested going to the Marketing Board because they control the budget not us.
Women Veterans Group

Women Veterans returning contacted them three months ago. It is held at the museum but it is separate from the museum work. She received $1000 from the city to get them going. The Women’s Program is under the auspices of the museum’s 501c3 because they don’t have one. They have women veterans but they haven’t been upfront. They want to make sure people know they are here. February 26th they are having an overall Veterans Meeting at Adams State University where everyone is working together.

Commissioner Allen asked if our veteran’s officer was open to women. Yes he is there is just not enough help.

Commissioner Dunne is confused because they have veteran’s organizations already so why don’t they join those. They do stated Ms. Brandt but she sees the need of women because they are different. They are not separating they are just holding meetings. They had up to 10 women attend these meetings.

Alamosa County has a Veterans Officer and is available to all the Veterans stated Commissioner Allen. Ms. Brandt stated they work with him but she wanted to make clear they are not starting another organization.

Commissioner Dunne stated it really is a support group. Yes stated Ms. Brandt.

Alamosa County Administrator

Peter Kampfer spoke. He presented his work plan of Result Based Management creating a strong corporate culture emphasizing customer service, professionalism, cost efficiency, and accountability. Outlined as below:

General Administration
1. Personnel Policy
   • Accountability
   • Assignments
   • Attendance/Schedules/Coordination
   • Evaluations
   • Compensation/Benefits/Merit
   • Transition to Result Based Management System
2. Recruitment of new County Public Health Director
3. Additional General Administration Opportunities
   • Implement a zero-based budget approach
   • Convene regular meetings with Staff—work to ensure open lines of communication with employees and departments
   • Continue to provide leadership and strategic direction for staff
   • Implement comprehensive public information plans linked to new County Court Judicial Center Project
   • Produce and disseminate a County Newsletter
• Launch a County wide Volunteer program
• Continue commitment to quick turnaround times and tracking of responses

Road and Bridge Department Planning
1. 5-10 Year Road and Bridge Infrastructure Investment Plan
2. 5-10 Year Department Capital Equipment Investment Plan
3. Develop a project priorities list
4. Conduct annual physical property inventory

Financial
1. Completion of 5-10 year financial forecast for Road and Bridge Department Projects
2. Completion of financial forecast for the proposed new County Judicial Center Project
3. Financial monitoring of County Jail inmate count
4. Implement a zero-based budget approach in producing the County’s Annual Budget

Public Safety
1. Sheriff’s Office
   a. Department Collaboration/attendance
   b. Deputy/Employee overtime monitoring
2. Collaboration with Community Corrections Committee – County Jail Inmate Count

Capital Development/Building Project
1. Proposed new County Judicial Center
2. Assessment
3. Potential Sales Tax Election

Community and Economic Development
1. Complete a community-visioning process for County Wide area
2. Clean and abate Devil’s Park

County Wide Retail Marijuana Election
Mosca Sewer/Waste Water System
1. Locate funding/grants
2. Develop Best Solution for Waste Water System Implementation
3. Citizen Input

**Alamosa County Road & Bridge**

Phil West was present. They are working on the taxiway. They are pouring cracks on 12 S. They started on County Line 100 going east. They started building shoulders on the 106 N. They don’t have enough dirt to finish but they will need to find some more. Out on the Refuge Rd they filled that road so last week Bill Simmington has raised it at least 2 feet.

Commissioner Dunne asked when spring time starts she is concerned with the Sand Dunes Road. They have done everything they can such as pouring cracks. If they can overlay the worst spots that would help but that wouldn’t be able to until July.

**Alamosa County Sheriff**

Sheriff Dave Stong was present.
The Monthly Detention Report was presented. The Daily Average Population is 72. Only 5 inmates were transported out of the facility which was to Conejos County. The Patrol Activities Report was presented. Overall they had 933 calls.

Commissioner Dunne asked the DA has fewer people than the Public Defender’s office so does that frustrate him such as maybe cases are getting dropped. Yes stated Sheriff Stong.

Commissioner Yohn asked about animal control. It is working out good since they have no limit of dogs they can take a month.

Commissioner Yohn asked about Community Corrections that the state pays the first two days and the last day is that true. Only if a parolee do they get paid stated Sheriff Stong.

**Worksession/Alamosa County Public Health**

Julie Geiser and Lynnae Rappold Environmental Health Specialist were present. Rates on Environmental Specialist Fees were discussed.

Ms. Rappold gave an update on what she has been doing. She has done 49 retail food inspections, 1 pre opening, 8 follow ups, 3 change of ownerships, 3 complaints, 1 child care inspection, 1 pool inspection, and 1 pool complaint. She also had one illegal caterer get licensed now.

**Alamosa County Jail Inspection**

**Board/Staff Updates**

**Adjourn**

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

**ATTEST:**

Bolina Ramirez, Office Manager
Carol Osborn, Assistant Administrator

Mike Yohn, Chairman
Marianne Dunne, Vice Chair
Darius Allen, County Commissioner