Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners Meeting, held on February 26, 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

Amendment to Agreement for Application Hosting and Technology to be put under the Consent Agenda, add Sheriff to discuss vehicles, and add Annexation Agreement under Consent Agenda.

M/S Allen/Dunne motion to approve the agenda of February 26, 2014 with additions.  
Motion was passed unanimously.

Consent agenda Items:

Approval of General Business/Minutes

The Following Minutes were presented:  
Regular Minutes February 12, 2014

M/S Dunne/Allen motion to approve the Minutes of February 12, 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

Samantha Escobedo and Pat Radford were present. Kick off of the 9Health Fair –April 11, 2014.
Cheryl ODoud spoke. She is representing the Old Aspen Homes property. They are in the process of leasing it out. This has been vacant for some time. They had changed the use so now they have to change it again. They have potential rental to bring in an OPCO. They believe this would benefit Alamosa County many ways. It will be a wholesale facility which means it is not open to the public. It will bring in revenue projected at $50-$100,000 a month in tax revenue and employee up to 45 people. They know there is some negative on the image but the positive of the revenue and employment is great. The problem they are having is the property has other residential property within 1000 ft of the property line. They are asking to amend the Ordinance or adjust it. Pueblo County Ordinance shows from the wall of the facility to the property line. They don’t want to change it from a school or a day care. The Casa Cannabis has from the wall of the facility to the property line of the closest resident is 139 ft; property to property is 65 ft; from the facility wall to the house itself is 204 ft which is causing a problem for the County. If they could change the Ordinance to say 150 ft from the wall of the facility to the house or property line to alleviate the problem. They started a petition and already 100 people signed in the Valley to have this in place. It is not for smoking attributes but for what it can bring to the County.

Approval of Consent Agenda
Approval to acquire William Lovingier for Alamosa County Detention Study
Designation of Representative to County Health Pool – Appoint Darius Allen
Appointment to 12th Judicial Task Force – Commissioner Dunne as Co-Chair
Crime Victims Services Grant
CDPHE Scope of Work – Child Fatality Prevention
January Clerk and Recorder Report
Amendment 1 to Agreement for Application Hosting and Technology Support Services
People’s Annexation Amendment

Pull Approval of Contribution to City of Alamosa for Independence Day Celebration to discuss further.

M/S Dunne/Allen motion to approve Consent Agenda without Approval of contribution to City of Alamosa for 4th of July Celebration
Motion was approved unanimously.

Approval of contribution to City of Alamosa for Independence Day Celebration

Commissioner Yohn stated they have had discussion but no amount had been made.

Commissioner Allen asked what the City has in mind.

Peter Kampfer met with the City and they want to take the full initiative of the 4th of July Celebration. They asked what participation the County wanted to add if any. It was mentioned the possibility to supply the night entertainment in the nature of a band. Commissioner Yohn suggested contributing a financial amount of $4-5000 for entertainment. They would take the role of aligning and scheduling the entertainment and we would just provide the finance.
Commissioner Allen stated it was a great event last year and would like to see it grow every year. Commissioner Yohn it would be good to see we are supporting them.

m/s Dunne/Allen motion to support the City of Alamosa with funds between $3-$5000. Motion was approved unanimously.

Alamosa County Housing Coalition

Brian Garrison was present. The Housing Coalition Down Payment Assistance Grant is approved by the State. For the process they need to do the environmentals such as for flood reviews. They don’t know what they will be because they don’t have applications yet. They want to make sure they are in compliance with it.

Commissioner Dunne asked if someone comes in they will help repair or purchase it. This is for down payment assistance to help someone purchase a home.

m/s Dunne/Allen motion to approve Exhibit IV-B
Motion was approved unanimously.

Alamosa County Land Use

Ken Vanlwarden was present. They are going to do their next coop ground water testing on March 17th.

Activities Report was presented for the month of January.

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Mobile Home RV Parks 2013 most pay by January. It is the same ones that are delinquent every year. If haven’t received payment then we send a notice that if they don’t pay we will send to court. Commissioner Yohn stated they need to be notified right away that they are delinquent. Commissioner Allen asked if we can attach those to their property taxes. Mr. Kelly stated he would have to look at the statutes but his guess would be no. It is continually delinquent. It is not fair for the tenants that live there.

Commissioner Dunne asked if the license fee is just $200. Yes required to renew at the first of year state Mr. Vanlwarden.

**Alamosa County Department of Human Services**

Joe Carrica was present.

LEAP they have taken 1155 applications, approved 830, 86 denied, and average payment of $431. About 41 million dollars throughout the State, serves 100,000 people, and some funds come from energy vendors.

Affordable Care Act the last report showed 165,000 have signed up for something. 100,000 are Medicaid eligible and 63,000 are in that Health Pool. Alamosa has gotten 240 additional Medicaid cases to handle. They have to deny individual for Medicaid before forwarding to Health Pool. Medicaid has doubled no reason to see it go down as people are applying.

Commissioner Allen asked how much pressure does that put on his office. He has rolled one person for this Healthcare and if approved then they handle that case. He does receive some money for this Healthcare Initiative. What kind of financial burden is it asked Commissioner Allen. It is really additional time to do cases. He is leery to bring in someone full time if it goes away then he would have to lay them off.

Ongoing Caseload graphs were presented. When Federal changes income guidelines it will show on graphs such as in Food Stamps, it has increased.

Investigation Report, Recovery Collection Comparison, Child Support Collection Comparison, and Child Support Cases Reports were presented.

The Medicaid Dollars Spent Report was presented. The Revenue Expenditure Summary was presented.

Commissioner Dunne there is a Child Welfare Meeting in Pueblo in March. It is relative to initiatives such as guardianship and congregate care so there are other funds will be seen. It is not open to directors but the Commissioners are welcome.

Commissioner Dunne last year an Agency was to open so she was wondering about it. He hasn’t seen anything.
Alamosa County Public Health

Julie Geiser was present.

The Revenue Expenditure Summary was presented.

Environmental Health Fees
Mr. Kelly asked her to make a master schedule of fees to attach with the Resolution. Ms. Geiser asked if it could still be changed. Yes stated Mr. Kelly. They need to provide notice so they can add it for the next meeting.
The Child Fatality Review Team is just a Scope of Work Agreement. It was always done from the State level at CDPHE but now they are asking the County’s to do it. It is not for an investigation for law enforcement or for DHS. The intent is to address why that child died and what can they do preventive to make sure it doesn’t happen again. If they do not use all the funds they can purchase things such as car seats for DHS. Samantha has moved to the Epidemiologist and needs a two week training in Atlanta. It can be paid for from EPR funds. Ola did this training. They hired Kelli for Samantha’s position but will still have responsibility of running HCP. They are interviewing for the Emergency Planner position Tuesday. One of the applications is out of her department. She has provided a job description to Connie for her position and provided rules of criteria required also.

9 Health Fair is April 11th.

CHAMP will not be funded this next year. The Paternal Health funding is going away as well. Can you appeal this asked Commissioner Dunne. She is not sure because ½ were funded and ½ were not. Might be hard to appeal when they already allocated money to that ½ that were funded so where would they get money to those who appealed. They probably won’t throw in some more money. They will have the money for this year but next year not sure what will happen. What it will come down to because she would like to continue CHAMP but will the leadership continue with departmental money. Commissioner Dunne asked what we need to do is keep an eye on National level of Public Health funding. Ms. Geiser stated living from grant to grant is ludicrous, as a community we can keep this going. Many agencies are doing this such as Valley Wide. If the Board of Health determines that is a priority then they can continue this.

Alamosa County Home Health

They did get the phone that they needed to that but they have had to do revisions with the servers. If they could get a new server it would help next year because windows won’t work on that server.

Would like to put in a formal letter of how or what we are doing.

Marsha McDaniel’s last day is Friday. She has been here for 14 years.
Commissioner Allen asked about expenditures under Public Health operating. Most of it is David Osborn got extra grant money to expend and distribute among all six counties. Andrew has really helped EPR and he would like to have a generator so she would like to see if they could purchase him one.

Commissioner Allen asked about HCP how many clients they are seeing on a regular basis. Do they come from all over valley? Ms. Geiser stated she would guess maybe 100. They used to have 100 in Alamosa and 100 in Rio Grande but those were children that moved on or couldn’t stay on the rolls forever. She will have a phone conversation with CDPHE to revise the budget. She has taken some of those responsibilities herself. They did indicate they have money to help fund the clinics.

**Alamosa County Sheriff**

Mr. Kampfer asked the Sheriff to be present regarding some vehicles.

Sheriff Dave Stong and Lieutenant Jim McClosky were present. Jefferson County has a 2009 Ford Expedition. They maintenance their vehicles on a regular basis. They would use this vehicle to transport. It has a lot of mileage but is well taken care of. The vehicle was originally purchased by the City of Alamosa but didn’t have the funds.

Commissioner Allen asked if it comes with all the equipment. It only has spotlights and they wouldn’t equip it because their use is for transport only. It has 116,000 miles.

Commissioner Dunne stated there were two vehicles but the other needs work. It is going to take money to fix that. This holds 6-9 people. Normally how many do you transport asked Commissioner Dunne. 15 total inmates with two vehicles.

Commissioner Yohn asked if they can use the vehicle from the Senior Citizens. What are you using now? The 1999 Windstar and the diesel. They don’t want another vehicle sitting on the lot. The 15 passenger would better service their needs.

Commissioner Allen stated he doesn’t mind doing this but he keeps being left out of these meetings. He would like to be included.

**m/s Dunne/Allen motion to purchase the Ford Expedition from Jefferson County for $3500 Motion was approved unanimously.**

**MRAP (Mine Resistant Ambush Vehicle)**

It would be very beneficial equipment for the Sheriff’s Office to have. Surrounding areas could utilize it if needed. They need to drive to Texas to pick it up and bring it back. He spoke with Phil West Road & Bridge to assist bringing it back. No permits are needed to bring it back. The only expense they would be looking at would be the fuel. Lieutenant McClosky vehicle has been stripped and rebuilt. The suspension and drive train have been upgraded. They have a narrow 48 hour window to go pick it up.
Mr. Kampfer asked for three uses of the vehicle. Officer safety when they are executing high risk warrants, high risk arrests, or high risk calls. They can go to scene and be protected. They can stop anything including a caliber bullet. He can deploy officers in high risk warrants, for intimidation, and officer safety.

Would other agencies be able to use it asked Commissioner Allen. Yes considerable for Southern Colorado or Northern New Mexico. Tires are expensive but it comes with three extra tires and assemblies. They can ask for three more to keep service a long time. If Road & Bridge needed to pull something can they use it asked Mr. Kampfer. It would be available if it isn’t being used. It is like new, so it isn’t a piece of junk stated Lieutenant McClosky.

Commissioner Dunne asked they wouldn’t take it out for a domestic dispute. No but if the individual is known dangerous or shot at them before then yes. It is not to intimidate general people just the dangerous individual.

How long is training asked Commissioner Yohn. If the driver went with officer how long will they be gone. Two days stated Sheriff Stong. Commissioner Allen asked about the cost of the travel. They need to figure out where they will get the money.

m/s Allen/Dunne motion to proceed with obtaining MRAP
   Motion was approved unanimously.

Worksession
Alamosa County Land Use-Medical Marijuana

Community Corrections

Board/Staff Updates

Commissioner Allen asked Rachel Doyle for an Xcel update on transmission line. Nobody has contacted their office.

Commissioner Dunne would like to form a subcommittee of different agencies to discuss crime rates. Commissioner Allen stated it would good to have the hospital included at the next Community Corrections meeting since at their last meeting they said over 1 million dollars was spent from ComCore. Commissioner Yohn stated he doesn’t know what is being done already so he doesn’t want to step on anybody’s toes.

m/s Dunne/Allen motion to form a subcommittee to spear dialogue for crime rates in regards to use of Lovering report and all hazards to include CRP, schools and others to share with the community.
   Motion was approved unanimously.
HB14-1096 Courthouse grant to look into.

Adjourn

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

ATTEST:

Belina Ramirez, Office Manager

Carol Osborn, Assistant Administrator

Mike Yohn, Chairman

Marianne Dunne, Vice Chair

Darius Allen, County Commissioner