Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners Meeting, held on June 11, 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

M/S Allen/Dunne motion to approve the agenda of June 11, 2014.  
Motion was passed unanimously.

Consent agenda Items:

Approval of General Business/Minutes

The Following Minutes were presented:

Regular Minutes-May 21, 2014  
Public Hearing Minutes-Ordinance #16  
Public Hearing Minutes-Harvey & Sandra Smalley  
Public Hearing Minutes-Gus Lopez  
Public Hearing Minutes-Discount Liquor Transfer

M/S Dunne/Yohn motion to approve the Minutes of May 21, 2014.  
Motion was passed unanimously with Allen abstaining due to being absent.

Approval of Bills/Obligations

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

Public Comment
Cheryl O’Doud spoke. If you will please consider doing waiver on Kramer property going forward on Ordinance 16.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

*Ratification of CDPHE Amendment for Task Orders #1 DTap and Child Care Inspections*

*Class A Renewal License Application*

*Ratification of CDBG Grant Amendment-Children’s Advocacy Center*

*Ratification of Notice of Award-SLV Regional Airport Terminal Construction*

M/S Allen/Dunne motion to approve Consent Agenda

Motion was approved unanimously.

**Alamosa County Public Health**

Julie Geiser and Della Vieira were present. The Revenue Expenditures Summary was presented.

On Task Order Contract there were three separate pieces, this was a study on a feasibility study of billing. They did a contract with Ann Marie. It is hard to bill insurance and get paid. Private insurance isn’t getting reimbursed to cover the cost of immunization. Plus they feel they get better care at a Medical Clinic. Commissioner Yohn asked this isn’t money that has to be returned. No stated Ms Geiser they will just not be getting it this year.

With their Tobacco Grant because kids went to the City Council for a designated smoking area. City Council approved it at that time. She met with Heather Brooks, she stated there wasn’t any funds for signs. She would like to take this money to get this done. It has to be done by July 1st.

Commissioner Yohn asked if it was just Cole Park. No not just Cole Park. City and County Parks stated Yohn. She didn’t consider County Parks but they could. Who is going to enforce this asked Commissioner Allen. Nobody stated Ms. Geiser. Ms. Vieira stated just having the signs would encourage them to obey. Maybe having a container stated Commissioner Yohn. They could spend some money on this as well stated Ms. Geiser. Commissioner Dunne asked who were these kids that did this because they should get recognized. “Get Real” is the group. They have a Quit line.

LoriAnn is recruiting for CHAMP.

Commissioner Dunne is concerned with the visitations with mental illness, are they crossing a line if they ask the Sheriff to check if these clients have a gun license. That would be crossing a line stated Ms. Geiser. Commissioner Dunne stated it is mental illness and carrying guns that is a big issue. In some states if a law officer enters into someone’s property they can shoot to kill. Mr. Kamper stated there has to be some aggression. Mr. Kampfer stated they will address this. Commissioner Yohn stated we are becoming aware and people are getting treated. Commissioner Dunne stated they shouldn’t be afraid to get Mental Health treatment.
Alamosa County Home Health

Senior Management meeting discussing Cost Analysis report is tomorrow. How much it is costing them for visits. For the Nurses Aids it is costing them a lot. They pay travel time and mileage where it is quite a lot per visit. They need to discuss the new structure they implemented in Home Health.

They have gone a few days without referrals. They just cannot staff them. A lot of them are for physical therapist and they don’t have enough physical therapists.

In past they used to accept referrals without getting all the paperwork they were needing to be legal for CMS. This includes doing a face to face visit with the doctor which they haven’t done. Then they are chasing paperwork after the fact. This isn’t going to happen anymore. They are not going to consider it a referral until they have all the paperwork. She feels they are going to have more training.

The Auditors questioned why they had a higher revenue amount and fewer visits last year. One reason is because they got a 8.5% increase from Medicare.

She is becoming increasingly more concerned with the safety of her staff. They have more and more clients with mental illness. With one client they will not go to his home but meet him at Mental Health but they have other clients that don’t get Mental Health Services. Commissioner Allen asked are we obligated to serve them. They have to accept them for Options for Long Term Care but not for Home Health Services. Sometimes they are successful with nurse’s getting medication management to keep them stable but other times they are not successful.

M. Kampfer asked a lot of visits are not done independently they are done with more than one person. They do send two people for those they know who need it, but not always. They get referrals and they don’t know them. Commissioner Dunne asked about face to face with the doctor. For those that have Medicare not Medicaid. A lot of the clients have Medicaid. Commissioner Dunne asked if they could ask for a face to face and the doctor could refer them to Mental Health. Not everyone is willing to get help from Mental Health. Ms. Geiser stated they had a video for staff. At one time there was a team that was developing safety things for our building. For instance the alarm at the front desk went off and they didn’t know what to do. Ms. Vieira stated maybe some drills should be done. Another thing is the fire alarm doesn’t alert the fire department so they need to make a plan for who needs to call them.

Another thing is encrypting emails to be HIPAA compliant. They don’t have an encrypting system they thought Google did that but WSB stated it is not HIPAA compliant. They will probably be submitting a request contract for this. Centura Health and COHRIO have given them an option to try theirs for a year and see.

They have a person with Otero County that worked in Public Health that could help Emma with ACS to manage grants and reports.
Ms. Vieira reported. She has done all her hiring paperwork done. She has created a share calendar. They have developed a transition plan. They have started attending meetings with community departments together. They have submitted their Renewal Class License with the state. They have scheduled meetings with staff. Some other goals she has is to review rules and regulations for Home Health, review the electronic medical systems they have, and begin online training sessions to comply with licensing requirements as the agency director for Home Health and Personal Care Provider Program. She met with law enforcement in Center with Options Supervisor to go over the new At-risk Adult Reporting Requirements for medical services providers. They were very receptive to make sure they have those services.

**Alamosa County Department of Human Services**

Joe Carrica was present. PTown Foundation is involved in Earned Income Credit and the Affordable Care Act. There 345,000 Colorado families who used the Earned Income Credit with a total of 737 million dollars. 280,000 people gained health coverage under the Affordable Care Act. Of those 158,000 got on Medicaid not the Affordable Care Act. No one ever thought that many would be eligible for Medicaid. Commissioner Allen stated Connect for Health reported 178,000 enrolled in Medicaid. In Alamosa County the report says 1,700 applicants for Affordable Care Act and 1,600 applicants for earned income credit.

The Medicaid Dollars Spent Report was presented. It showed April total being $3,406,158. The biggest increase is Outpatient and Prescription. If we spend $3.4 million every month how do we keep doing this every month asked Commissioner Allen.

Ongoing Caseload Graph Report was provided. Recovery Collection Comparison Report and Child Support Collection Comparison were provided.

Local Early Childhood Council got a grant which they supported them to increase rates for a tiered education level to get more per hour. They want them to give quality care to advance how well kids do. They got $36,000 last year for only nine months and now they are going to get $22,000.

Statement of Expenditures was presented.

They had correspondence from State regarding TANF that they can lower their maintenance of efforts for the program. We spend all the money they get for TANF and over 70% of the dollars goes to the client. If you decide to take the incentive that is your percentage of the dollars so you lose your percentage from the State. They are asking if you want this incentive. His recommendation is do not do it. They can do the same as last year.

m/s Dunne motion to do nothing regarding this opportunity

Mr. Kelly stated they do not need a motion.

m/s Dunne withdrew motion
The State contracted with Maximus to take Medicaid applications. They would take Medicaid applications, process them, and approve them. They would send them those cases. There are many cases that they have to correct. The State told Directors Association that they don’t have to go with Maximus. It has to be all or none in not going with Maximus. They will get $35,000-$75,000 to run it. We will be fine if we get it. The results were 65% of the cases they handled required no human contact. The State Health Care Policy & Finance asked to bring this to the Board of County Commissioners. He would like to tell the State that they are in favor of it. Commissioner Allen stated anytime they can do it ourselves, we can do it better. They support not using Maximus. Commissioner Yohn stated it is already determined by the other counties in favor. The Commissioners affirm his decision.

The Executive Director recognized Alamosa County for their CStat Distinguished Performance which is the State’s way of tracking the numbers. It is in the areas for timeliness of Colorado Works Applications they exceed, Timeliness of Adult Financial Applications they exceed, Timeliness of Food Stamps New Applications they exceed, Timeliness of Energy Assistance they exceed, and achieving permanency for legally free children and reducing the percentage of children in congregate care.

They have an agreement with CSU Extension to do a nutrition program. Last year they signed an agreement to do this with their TANF clients. It is a 16 hour program. They have written it up in their contracts. He has signed this again.

**Southwest Conservation Corps**

Jody Karr-Silaski Regional Director was present. They are a non-profit. They operate in Salida and Durango offices. Their program area includes upper Arkansas Valley and San Luis Valley. Their program range from high school day crews to adult camping crews. They improve access to public properties. They support individual placements with land management agencies so internships with BLM. They train Afghanistan veterans in wild land firefighting. She comes today regarding the Community Corps. Last year they were awarded a grant to increase the number they serve in the SLV. They received a grant from Sangre de Cristo Heritage. This year they will be working with Rio Grande Headwater Restoration Program. They will also be working with the Alamosa Community Garden. She is asking for ways for young people to meet important county project needs.

Commissioner Allen stated he visited with Jody. He asked Andrew Atencio and Carol Osborn if they could use them. It is a great program. Ms. Karr-Silaski stated they also have partnered with the Road & Bridge Department in Saguache and Chaffee County. Commissioner Dunne stated she sits on the Board for the Sangre de Cristo Heritage. Mr. Kampfer stated they are working with the Boys & Girls Club on a project maybe they could assist them.

**Alamosa County Road & Bridge**

Phil West was present. They are going to wind up hand patching tomorrow. He is going to start spraying weeds next Monday. They are going to stop pouring cracks next week. They spent $70,000 on crack pouring this year. He will be done with that for this year. He has a little bit of
dirt to move on 108. He asked if they still want clay on airport for the crosswind. They will start after the 4th. He drove it the other day and it was pretty solid.

He is going to be short two employees. Felipe has been with them for 29 years.

**m/s Allen/Dunne motion to replace two employee vacancies.**

*Motion was approved unanimously.*

CCI was there any information he would like to share with them. They had one on fleet management. They borrowed $2 million to set it up. They are going to get better equipment but he doesn’t think they want to go that route.

Commissioner Dunne asked if they use the equipment stored. He stores seasonally. Certain times you need a tandem for example. He would like to clean it out to store more.

**Senator Bennet’s Office**

Charlotte Bobicki introduced Dwight Gardner. He is responsible for what she does. He was a former County Commissioner for Crowly County.

**UAS Colorado**

John Huguly, Constatine Diehl, and Shawn McClung were present. Mr. McClung Chairman for Board of Directors for Unmanned Aircraft Systems Colorado. They are nonprofit dedicated to the safe and productive use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems for the public good. They have been spearheading creation of a test area for UAS in Colorado. This is to provide expertise for our National Air Space Integration proposal on the behalf of the State of Colorado to the FAA. They didn’t receive that designation by the FAA. Since that time they have had a great deal of interest from industries to fly UAS in Colorado because of the geographic uniqueness. This is specifically for the State of Colorado. Last few months they have been under an education campaign to spread the message of the good uses of the UAS. Some are for agriculture, wildlife monitoring, livestock monitoring, search n rescue, firefighting, and floods.

Mr. Huguly spoke. The purpose today is to formally identify Alamosa County as cardholder for UAS operations in the San Luis Valley. Unmanned systems had the opportunity as an individual business to apply to fly anywhere in the US. This will be reviewed by the FAA and fly in designated air space that is approved. They have tried to grow the industry for the state. To do this they have to take a public entity to take the role of as applicant. They are requesting Alamosa to take this role and apply for Certification of Authorization. They have approximately 8 companies that would like to apply. Ownership if they are part of process and control industry doesn’t drive the boat you do. If you fly, when you fly, and why you fly. He could come and apply and do this without their permission. The main reason they want Alamosa to do this is for ownership. Alamosa County would control who they fly, when they fly, and how they fly. You are the ultimate authority of who gets to fly in the Valley. They can do this as an independent company and never even go through them. Instead of a company reaping the benefits you would. They are asking for Alamosa County to agree to be the applicant for the Certificates of
Authorization from the Federal Aviation Administration to allow them to fly unmanned systems in the Valley. He was interviewed by CBS news back in January and was asked they have identified so many things that we can use UAS for how many do you think are still out there. His answer was if they identified 3,000 today there are 10,000 more they haven’t even thought of. There has been much discussion of privacy and safety. The whole purpose of involving Alamosa County and the other 6 counties is to have an educated process. To have a forum where people could come and ask questions of what are we doing, why are we doing it, how do we do it, and what do we get out of this. Alamosa County or the other counties do not have the expertise to write a Certificate of Authorization nor do you have the expertise to operate unmanned systems but the companies in this industry wants to develop that within your community. They would develop a curriculum with the colleges to teach people to fly these, maintain these, design these, research with these, and employ them with all the facets you have in the valley. No other state can do this other than Alaska that matches what Colorado can do. You will review before it is submitted. CSU did this for the State of Colorado.

Mr. Diehl spoke. Currently they have between 8-10 individual applications that could be moved forward and 5 will be ready within a 3-5 weeks. Within two weeks they could have two active and ready to go. They would need one specific contact person that would be the primary person to discuss all the questions with and for the application to the FAA.

Commissioner Yohn asked will there be any impacts on the airport as far as federal or state funding and air traffic impacts.

Mr. Huguly stated as the AUS Conference in Orlando Florida he met with Jim Williams who is the Senior UAS Office Representative for the Federal Aviation Administration. He is in charge of the unmanned systems in aviation. He posed this exact question to him because it had been raised by the Department of Transportation. There is no impact to concurrent operations. It is to avoid impact on commercial aviation, business aviation, personal aviation, and private aviation. It is their responsibility not to impact those. It is also their desire as an industry not to impact those. One of the reasons they chose Alamosa was because of the light traffic. There are few runways in the valley to use as auxiliary airports to operate off of but the goal is to use the known deconfliction methods that they currently employ around the world today. Such as scheduling deconfliction, procedural deconfliction, and the fact that an unmanned systems can typically hold out for an hour on a cup and half of gas to wait for a delay. They take off and depart and it is typically 15-24 hours before they return. They would work with the local air carrier to deconflict with their schedule.

Commissioner Dunne stated this was her main concern as well. She would not want to put onus to our airport or those who have private planes. Are you going to be doing experimentation so you wouldn’t necessarily be out 24 hours. Mr. Huguly stated very few are in an experiment phase. There is only that is under experimentation which is air drop or firefighting type of aircraft. All the other airframes are currently in use today. They would be partnering with the entities within the state to support those missions as they are identified. Only two flights scheduled for today so it is very easy to deconflict there. They are also designated to use auxiliary landing strips or emergency landing strips whether they have to build them or create them to avoid impacts.
Mr. Diehl stated that is why they are in contact with other air fields in the valley.

Commissioner Allen stated he has been real supportive of this program. He thought he would sales pitch Alamosa County. He sees a lot of win-win situations of this. He thinks of jobs. He asked Carol Osborn to speak on behalf of the Airport Board.

Ms. Osborn stated the board fully supports their program and excited. The economic portion sounds very good. There is partially concern of whether they have to shut down operation if UAV’s have to be out and about. They do support them fully.

Mr. Huguly stated the processes currently published today there are two documents that specifically spell out concurrent operations. This means the continuous operation of manned and unmanned aircraft in the same airport environment and airspace overhead. There are locations today that concurrent. Safety and nonusers when approved at other locations. They are approved by FAA and by airport if applicant. Colorado University has done 120+ applications so they are experts in doing this, the individuals would provide information on criteria to FAA. Current operators will be providing you the application for review and provide a question and answer period. He wants it to our process and be economic viable for the Valley.

Mr. Diehl stated two of the companies have FAA experimental aircraft. They both want Alamosa to be the co-applicant. This is where the central location is.

Mr. Huguly stated the financial responsibility until you assume liability are born with the companies. Individual companies would have to assume liability. Until you have the education which may be completed in a 3-5 year term in a university or experience you have to rely on the industry to support that.

Mr. Diehl stated it is expensive to do individual basis for a company, if a testing environment can provide a means to get liability insurance easier or covered under a common insurance to attract more business. This would not be an FAA test site stated Mr. Huguly.

Commissioner Allen need proper release of liability. Mike Wisdom is present and Commissioner Allen would like his comment.

Mr. Wisdom spoke. He started studying history in the aviation in the valley. Once you set a base in place that other people who have similar interest are attracted in that ultimately invest in the area of aviation. They have gone outside the state and the Valley about unmanned aircraft and smart aircraft. Adams State is purchasing a UAV to tie a camera to it to broadcast to students’ smartphones to gain information. They are finding 40-50 UAV’s currently in operation in different parts of the Valley already. The 2nd largest user is in Colorado in Mesa County with that huge landslide. The biggest potential is they might design an aircraft where they can fight fires where they might not fly now. A sensor would relay where the fire is so we don’t lose fireman.
Tim Gallagher spoke. They would be happy to help them with anything they can. If it is done properly it is a win-win situation.

Mr. Kelly stated the Board should make sure they have all information before they submit an application. The city council has given support and the airport board gave unanimous support. The biggest concern is liability. If the county applies and if approved the private entity can apply. This is not a blanket certificate. Every company would have to come in and apply but would have to come get authorization from the Board. Each change has to receive a certification of authorization. When they see 8 applications it has a value rather than one. Mr. Deihl stated the authorizations are granted for 1-2 years. Every year they would have to reapply again.

Charlie Griego spoke. They had a presentation for the City and the Council was in support of this. He also sits on the Airport Board and are in support. A project like this would be a great deal for Alamosa and the SLV. The city will be on support to sign off on this.

m/s Allen/Dunne motion Alamosa County to proceed on the Certifications of Authorization applications
Motion was approved unanimously.

Alamosa County Administrator

Peter Kampfer spoke.

Projects that he is working on include the Road & Bridge Plan, Lovingier Jail Study, Judicial Center RFQ, Mosca Wastewater Protection survey, County Newsletter, Human Services Director position posting, old Road & Bridge Yard/Brownfield Grant, Public Health Director Orientation, Employee Badge ID’s, Collaborative Zero Based Budget Development, Pink Elephant Demolition, and Marijuana Ballot Consideration. He has four grants out TiGER Grant, TAP Grant (CDOT/FTA), USDA Search Grant, and Brownfield Grant.

He is working on Policy Development. The areas are weed control, procurement, social media, Personnel Policy Manual update, BOCC Hire/Terminate Resolution, Economic Development, and Revised County Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

Board/Staff Updates

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, Chairman