Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners Meeting, held on July 9, 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 Weed Management Report and addition of Notice of Proceed for Alcon Construction under the Consent Agenda.

M/S Allen/Dunne motion to approve the agenda of July 9, 2014 as amended.
Motion was approved unanimously.

Approval of General Business/Minutes

The Following Minutes were presented:
Regular Minutes-June 25, 2014
Public Hearing Minutes-On Site Wastewater Treatment Systems
Public Hearing Minutes-Ordinance No 16 Amendment

m/s Dunne/Allen motion to approve the Minutes of June 25, 2014
Motion was approved unanimously.

Approval of Bills/Obligations

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

Public Comment
Cheryl O’Doud residing at 6037 Meadow Lane spoke. She spoke about the health benefits of Marijuana. The perception of the public is the negatives of marijuana. She admits she had done it once but never again because she became a mother. She has been doing so much research since starting this project. Yesterday she was crying because of these children suffering with epilepsy. One child with 100 seizures a day. One passed away at four years old. It is horrific. She has read testimonies from kids with epilepsy of what Marijuana is doing for their quality of life. She believes the State of Colorado did a positive thing in passing this Amendment. Yes people abuse it but even food is abused by people. This is something they really need to focus on. She presented 4-5 stories of these children. They are calling themselves medical refugees because they have to leave the states they live in to get this treatment.

William Gilmore who resides at 12477 E Hwy 160 spoke. He would like to find out what is going on with public television. The reception here is horrific. None of the channels are on most of the time. You are not getting what you spend your money on. He understands we budget $400-800,000 a year for this. His question is where is the money going.

Consent Agenda

Ratification of DOLA Grant – Construction of Airport Terminal
Ratification of Contract with Alcon Construction for Airport Terminal
Notice to Proceed for Alcon Construction

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

Alamosa County Sheriff

Sheriff Stong was present.

1st Reading of Amendment to Ordinance No 13

An Ordinance repealing Alamosa County Ordinance 13 and amending and re-enacting these rules and regulations governing animal control.

County Dog License

It is a requirement of Alamosa County, for all dogs within the County of Alamosa, be licensed with a County dog tag. These licenses may be purchased from the Valley Humane League which is located behind Alpine Veterinarian Clinic. Their address is 7038 Hwy 160 in Alamosa. The Cost for the license will be as follows: Ten ($10) for Un-neutered or Un-spayed dogs and two ($2) dollars for neutered and spayed dogs. Proof of residence as well as rabies vaccination is required to license your dogs. Licenses will be valid for one calendar year from date of purchase.

(Other Change is to Fines)

Barking Dog

First Offense – Verbal Warning
Second Offense-$60
Third Offense-$100
Subsequent Offenses  
Maximum Penalty -$300

Same Applies to the following  
**Dog at Large**  
**Failure to Obtain a County Dog License**  
**Female Dog in Heat**  
**Accumulation of Feces**

Everything else remains the same.

Mr. Kelly stated they need publication.

Commissioner Dunne asked if they live in the city limits they don’t need to get a County one because they already purchase a City Dog License. No this is just for county jurisdiction stated Sheriff Stong.

Commissioner Yohn commented on the 1st change on County Dog License isn’t this redundant with a rabies tag. Doesn’t this have the same information? Also you are purchasing tags through the County through the Valley Humane League. We discussed this for housing dogs they decided Aspen would sell license and get proceeds from them. Proceeds can be used to offset for expenditures it costs the County stated Mr. Kelly. Commissioner Yohn stated this Amendment is to donate to Valley Humane League. Mr. Kelly stated they need to put “offset costs” for housing dogs there.

Commissioner Yohn asked about the Adventfs.com Contract. This is a method to help collect the costs from those that have been incarcerated in their facility. There is no cost to the County charges are passed to the inmates. Are we using a collection agency for the inmates at this time? Yes they give them 30 days if no payment arrangement or no payments are received they refer them to the collection agency. They do not collect very much if any maybe 10 cents on the dollar. This would help them get more. It requires them to give information on each person released that has not paid stated Commissioner Yohn. He has a concern of being discriminatory on which ones you do or don’t. On this contract all of them will be turned over. For a partial payment or payment arrangement they handle this themselves if they don’t hear from them then they send it off to the credit agency. This would not change from these folks. The way the contract reads when the inmate is released you agree to notify and send information. Basically as soon as they are released they assign that delinquent account to Adventfs. That is not going to work stated Sheriff Stong they need to be given a 30 day notice. If they could put in a 30 day clause. Mr. Kelly recommends to table for 30 days to see what the best process is to do this. If they cannot pay it becomes more difficult for them. It is a good system to use but not sure if it is framed the way they want to do it. Commissioner Dunne stated the average is 20-50% but presently they are only at 5-10% so there is an increase but she is bothered that the fee isn’t stated. She wants to make sure it is not exuberant. The fee is listed on Exhibit A.

*m/s Dunne/Allen motion to table Adventfs.com Contract until next meeting  
Motion was approved unanimously.*
Alamosa County Public Health

Della Vieira was present. She presented the following report.

1. **Core Services Update**
   a. 1st meeting yesterday-instituted “stand up” with each program lead what each one is doing, talk about priorities,
   b. Vital Records-no updates
   c. Communicable Disease Prevention, Investigation, and Control
      i. Joint press release 7/2/14 announcing 1st West Nile Virus Case
      ii. Regional epidemiologist started a rabies round table,
   d. Prevention and Population Health Promotion
      i. CDPHE rep’s met with SLV PH Partnership
      ii. Direction and PH Supervisor met with hospital to plan for next round of grants
   e. Emergency Preparedness & Response
      i. We had the kick-off call for 2014-2015 contract year on 6/30.
      ii. Highlights from workplan-several emergency plan updates, drills, and trainings
      iii. Contract received
   f. Environmental Health
      i. Closed June with a 94% completion rate on total retail food inspections,
      ii. Food Safety Class took place on 7/2 with a total of 11 food service workers in attendance
      iii. See attached report for summary of EH activities in June.
   g. Administration and Governance:
      i. Finance and PH Supervisor have worked out a schedule for monthly meetings to track progress on grants & contracts, coordinate upcoming expenses & activities:

2. **Home Health Program**
   a. Team has participated in 3 Quality Management meetings with director and d
   b. Skills Fair
3. **Options for Long-term Care Program**
   a. Case Managers are serving approx. 460 clients
   b. Case Managers invite commissioners to ride along
4. **PCP Program**
   a. PCP’s serving approx.
5. **Financial Activity**
   a. Reports available day of session

She also has been called for Jury Duty.

Commissioner Dunne stated they are delighted to have her on board. Lynnae is such an asset to have on. She has a good relationship with restaurants. She really appreciated the work Emma did to get the grant information out to them. She knows that was extra work but will make it easier. She would like to
publicly commend Quality Inn for assisting them. YTime she hasn’t talked with the presenter but she has a contract template and will give to Jason Kelly for review.

Commissioner Yohn asked about public health about Hanta virus if any new cases. She hasn’t heard any new. Let’s hope the public education that went out help out. Commissioner Yohn stated the education process is important. Ride along visits is that a violation of HIPPA asked Commissioner Yohn. If you are interested they would look at their schedule and contact their client before going out and ask if that is okay. Also they can give them a HIPPA consent form to sign.

Commissioner Allen received a call regarding upcoming collection of vegetables at Farmers Market do we have any regulations for them. Is it different from prepared food? Ms. Vieira didn’t know but will look into it.

Alamosa County Assessor

Sandra Hostetter was present. Preliminary Assessed Values which include Real Property Abstract, Personal Property Abstract, State Assessed Abstract, Disposition and Register of Protests, Personal Property Late Filing Report were provided.

Commissioner Dunne asked if she had enough appraisers in her office. Her and Jason have been doing the assessed values. Jason is in training.

Commissioner Yohn production level at 5 years how does this work. If in they are in the CREP program stated Ms. Hostetter. They haven’t had to deal with that yet because no contracts have been given to them yet. They value in arrears. They are in middle of crop report right now. They drive around and take if they have a sprinkler. If in CREP program has to be same way it was when went into program. Commissioner Allen stated it is a management decision if they decide not to grow a crop. It would change in their office from a sprinkler to a non-irrigated land but still consider valued because it still capable. Unless they lose water rights for good. Commissioner Allen stated if they lose water rights for good then he sees that being taken into consideration. Commissioner Dunne asked if she is mapping with GIS. How are they recording what are they doing. They are still old school doing journals that tract crop they are on. Irrigated or not is on GIS. Is this public knowledge could see this. Do we need to expand GIS to show crops asked Commissioner Dunne. What crop is grown isn’t tracked but how it is being irrigated. They use information from manuals for those that work with Soil Conservation but very few participate. Either provided by state or what is published. Would there be a process where they would force state to consider potatoes as a crop. They consider Alfalfa, Barley, and corn. Potatoes would drive the value up which would be bad for the farmer.

Ty Coleman-Alamosa City Councilman

He appreciates the collaboration working together as a team. Commissioner Allen stated working on the new terminal they appreciate their help.

Alamosa County Road & Bridge

Phil West and Tim DeHerrera were present. They have been blading roads and burning trash. The roads north of 2 S off of 260 for a subdivision they thought wasn’t theirs but Rachel Doyle told them they were. They have 3 trustees and 2 of his guys to clean up. There are no houses there but it is subdivided. Scrapers cleaned up all steel but mattresses, couches, and etc are left. Commissioner Yohn asked if it is
posted. No stated Mr. West. The problem is roadways stated Mr. Vanlwarden. Some use it for target practice. They cannot get on the property so they just dump on road. There were at least 100 couches stated Mr. DeHerrera. They bladed subdivision east of 150 on foot of Mt. Blanca. La Puente has garden materials that are being stored at the old Road & Bridge building. They have stacks of PVC, waffle board, drip systems, rakes, and furniture. They got the fire hazard out but there is still a lot of stuff there. For them it will work because they just want to get everything covered for winter. La Puente will get their stuff out by the end of the month. They will plug holes to keep pigeons out of there. Mr. Kampfer stated maybe they could look at removing and securing the WPA plaque. They are quite the collectors’ item.

Commissioner Yohn asked if they are doing anything for those kids that helped them clean. They fed them all three days.

Proclamation Counties helping Counties was presented from Weld County for their assistance with the flooding.

**Noxious Weed Control**

Ken Vanlwarden, Jinger Tilden and Tim DeHerrera were present. Mr. Vanlwarden spoke. The Board asked to re-evaluate the Noxious Weed Control program. Tim and Jinger have been diligent about this. Jinger is doing the administration work and Road & Bridge are spraying. They have completed their obligation. They have some inventory left and discussed last meeting to spray East Alamosa. They were confused in East Alamosa to East of Alamosa. They are looking for direction on where and what to do. Alley ways and property should be the responsibility of the property owners. The County could assist as before in mowing. Possibility of damaging flowers, gardens, and shrubs so they should keep it to their roadways East of Alamosa stated Commissioner Yohn. Should that be inclusive of Deer Valley Meadows asked Mr. Vanlwarden. Also question of what kind of weeds to be controlled. That would be determined by the State of Noxious Weed. Depends on the amount of product. If you do you have to do it years forward. No all weeds are right for spray at the same time maybe they have to look at it stated Commissioner Dunne. Maybe they need to look at the weeks coming up in August and September.

Mr. DeHerrera stated all the weeds are out nothing is going to grow now. They are getting them with the chemical they are spraying. He hasn’t sprayed Sand Dunes. He has 70 miles of spray left. Are you talking Harmony and Bonneville? They have sprayed those in the past all the way to Gommer stated Ms. Tilden. Mr. West stated they have more roads than product. They could spray three main roads of Deer Valley. It is more grater friendly if they knock down the chicos because they are not noxious weed. Mr. Vanlwarden stated they would like their department to create a map of areas of what is being done and let them know where they are supposed to go. Commissioner Dunne asked about the wildlife refuge, has there been any dialogue. Property owners should take care of their own weeds. She believes the roads are their responsibility. Spraying is detrimental to gardens, pets and human beings. What kind of animals maybe dialogue with Wildlife. Wildlife takes care of their own. The products are different. The boom shoots out to 32 ft. Typically homes set back are 50 Ft so that shouldn’t affect them. They have to stop spraying at a specific wind speed.

They have to have a Resolution to appoint a weed board. There is specific criteria you have to have to be on the board stated Mr. Kelly. They are just an advisory board. Commissioner Yohn asked if they had
an agreement with SLV Weed Board or do they just participate with them. They don’t have an agreement. Surely as a County they have a right to spray their right a ways. He doesn’t see a need for a weed board unless you are going to hire someone to go into private lands stated Mr. West. Mr. Kelly stated they do but statute says they need a board. Board can do this and has done this in the past. Mr. DeHerrera stated in the past he has just used his own judgment. People get mad if they spray the willows but they keep growing back. Ms. Tilden stated the amount 49.7 in Deer Valley Meadows. Four major roads are out there. Commissioner Yohn stated he doesn’t want to put all the resources in one area. They need to prioritize roads. Ones that are real visible and traveled a lot. 4 and 6 S go all to 150 is not a high priority road, he thinks if they do this it would be better than in Deer Valley. Mr. West stated if they don’t spray dirt roads. State needs to have an advisory board that way you can get feedback stated Mr. Kelly. Commissioner Dunne stated the purpose isn’t more government but more participating from the community. If you have 3 members than 2 need to have at least 40 areas. No more than 5 should be on the board stated Mr. Kelly. Why don’t they have Road & Bridge write out what they would like to do and them present them to the board to keep things going stated Mr. Kampfer. Commissioner Allen asked about East Alamosa and the alley ways is that a public easement. If it is a public right away by statute they are required to address that. Some of those streets are wide enough they need to spray. His suggestion is Tim knows what he is doing. Rio Grande County requires everyone to do their own weeds and enforce it. He has a problem with they cannot even do their own right a ways and then require everyone to. They need to start somewhere they are getting more and more weeds. Next year they could put an advisory board together. She has gotten multiple complaints about East Alamosa. She would to spray and get a letter out. Her intentions to get a board approved as soon as they can. She could contact the members that were active before to see if they would like to be on this board.

Alamosa County Administrator

Peter Kampfer spoke. They would like to hire Catherine Salazar as the new DHS Director.

m/s Dunne/Allen motion to hire Catherine Salazar as new DHS Director
Motion was approved unanimously.

Worksession

Medical Marijuana Cultivation and Manufacturer Excise Tax was discussed.

Board & Staff Updates

SLV Fair

m/s Allen/Dunne motion to give $500 to the SLV Fair
Motion was approved unanimously.

Adjourn

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

ATTEND:
Belina Ramirez, Office Manager
Carol Osborn, Assistant Administrator

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