Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners Meeting, held on September 24, 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 Emergency Management Performance Grant for 2014 under the Consent Agenda.

M/S Allen/Dunne motion to approve the agenda of September 24, 2014 with addition. Motion was approved unanimously.

Approval of General Business/Minutes

The Following Minutes were presented:
Regular Minutes-September 10, 2014

m/s Dunne/Allen motion to approve the Minutes of September 10, 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
Consent Agenda

County Clerk & Recorder Report for August
MOU Rocky Mountain Health Plans-Baby & Me Tobacco Free Program
Master Business Associate Agreement-CORHIO
MOA HCP Specialty Clinic-Conejos, Saguache, & Rio Grande County Public Health Agencies
CDPHE Approved Task Order Contract Waiver #154-HCP Care Coordination
JViation Amendment No 2
Colorado Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management Performance Grant 2014

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

m/s Dunne/Allen motion to break
  Motion was approved unanimously.

Alamosa County Marketing District

2015 Operating Plan

Jamie Greeman and Jeff Woodward were present. The Operating Plan hasn’t changed anything from last year. Mr. Kelly stated the date still says 2013 on page 3. Commissioner Dunne stated it doesn’t coincide with the budget and where are the salaries listed. This is a general basic budget. This Operating Plan only requires Marketing Tax so it is going to be different because it includes Marketing District Tax and Lodging Tax. The budget for Colorado Tourism Bureau is even more detailed than the one they supply to the County.

m/s Allen/Dunne motion to approve with correction of date
  Motion was approved unanimously.

Jeff Woodward was present. Update on Motorway building. The option that was pulled off the table because they didn’t get the bid from the Federal Government to purchase this building to remodel it for BLM offices. They ended up purchased the old Whitlock building. DRG owns 50% and they own 50%. The Marketing District has come to an agreement on a price to purchase the other percentage from DRG so it will be a single owner. There are several ways the building can be utilized. Their goal is to promote tourism, economic development, and to be a partner with the county. They can have events there such as Farmers Market, ALMA, and conventions they can recruit. Already they have an event as early as October. It will be an arts/crafts fair and haunted house. They are trying to find some grants to assist. Their mission is not to create office space. This will benefit Alamosa County.

Commissioner Yohn asked what the amount is and what the agreement for payment for the property is. It is for $190,000. SLV DRG will finance and pay off in two years in two payments. He wasn’t at the meeting where it was approved so he wants to have some more discussion. They have been able to pay down the mortgage on the building in a considerable amount. The Boards thought was instead of paying off the mortgage they could use it for the motorway building. They are exercising the 1st right of refusal.
Commissioner Dunne stated this fits in their mission statement. She wouldn’t want them to take any of the funds from the museum. Mr. Woodward said he would want any of the funds taken away from anyone.

Commissioner Allen asked what kind of timeframe they are looking at. Once bought and an agreement is signed they would like to develop a long term goal. If they have to do one piece at a time they will. The Visitor Center number is up 21%.

Alamosa County Department of Human Services

Catherine Salazar was present. Statement of Expenditures was presented. Food Assistance issuance was $499,501 for the month. Expenditures are $1,064,195. We are 56% expended for the budget year. They look relatively steady. The other larger expenditure is Child Welfare which is $101,637.

Commissioner Dunne asked about the report. This is reflective of the calendar year stated Ms. Salazar. She can provide a report that shows the state fiscal year but this is for the calendar year. July would be one month into state fiscal year.

Commissioner Yohn asked when the LEAP program begins. It begins November 1st and runs through April 30th stated Ms. Salazar. Because that is an entitlement program there is not a set amount. They are given a small allocation for administrative costs. That is $42,686. The minimum payment is $300 and the max $1300. Counties receive a letter telling directors what the allocation for LEAP is state wide. It usually comes late September into October. Hopefully by the next meeting she can share that with them.

The Monthly Food Assistance Report was presented. It showed $502,111 issuance for August. The YTD is $4,007,196. She is projecting the issuance will be down $40,000 compared to the previous year. A Graph was presented comparing the year’s issuance. There was a 10% drop does sequestration have an effect on that. Yes it does stated Ms. Salazar.

The Ongoing Workload Summary report was presented. For August they have 291 cases for Adult Financial, 126 cases for Colorado Works, 1956 cases for Food Stamps/Food Assistance, and 3394 cases for Medical Assistance. Food Stamps have increased about 200 cases this year. Medical Assistance increased since last August which the Affordable Care Act hadn’t come in yet so they already seen an increase. She is anxious to see November and December to compare.

Commissioner Dunne asked if they have to hire someone for Medicaid. So far staff has stepped up but they are expecting in November an increase because those that didn’t sign up have another opportunity to sign up. She would envision they would have another surge. Those are numbers she will watch to whether they would have to hire another person.

Investigation Reports were provided. They had 2 unfounded investigations. They had 30 IV-D Locates. This means they have located the absent parent and a support order will be placed. Services/Child Welfare Locates was 3. This is where they are searching for absent parent or grandparents for a stable home.

Recovery Collection Comparison Report was presented. Recovery of overpayment or fraud payments of food stamps is 70% of the total. The Food Stamp collection was $4,769.32 for August. Public Assistance collection was $1,594.22. Total this is a 2.6% increase from last year.
Child Support Collection Comparison Report was provided.

Commissioner Dunne asked the funds we raised goes back to the state and they pay us the incentives. The incentives are driven by the collection by meeting the goals.

The Child Support Monthly Case Count Report was presented. It shows 1184 cases as of August 2014.

**Employee Vacancy Request**

Michael Freeman has resigned. A current case manager has indicated they would like to move back to the case aid position. They have decided to advertise and see what they get and if they would move the Case Manager to Case Aid then they would need to fill the Case Manager position.

**m/s Allen/Dunne motion to fill employee vacancy**

Motion was approved unanimously.

**Alamosa County Road & Bridge**

**Employee Vacancy Request**

Phil West and Tim DeHerrera were present. Tim has been doing culverts. They had 3 on Rd 107. Hauling dirt where they raise, lower, or widen out the culverts. Potato harvest has been going on so they have been running the water truck and blading the roads. Over the summer they used all the sand and clay up so they have been replenishing it so they have been hauling to rebuild their stock pile back up. They are going to redo the 105 near Gilmore’s and raise it up with some clay. The Clerk & Recorders invited the Port of Entry from Trinidad so they wanted a truck and a trailer for the class so they took one over.

They had Dwight retire so they need to fill this position. They ran an ad for this position and only got one application but he was just a driver so they are going to continue running the ad. They have a good part time mechanic that is assisting. Another blade operator is off due to heart surgery which will be awhile before he can return.

Commissioner Dunne appreciate them responding to complaints and the system they are using is good.

**m/s Dunne/Allen motion to approve employee vacancy**

Motion was approved unanimously.

**Worksession**

**Alamosa County Road & Bridge – Trial 4/10 Workweek**

**Board & Staff Updates**

**Adjourn**

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

Belinda Ramirez, Office Manager
Carol Osborn, Assistant Administrator

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