Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners Meeting, held on March 27, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioners Chambers, Alamosa County Services Center, 8900 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101.

Members Present: Darius Allen, Chair
Mike Yohn, Vice-Chair
Marianne Dunne, Commissioner
Jason Kelly, County Attorney
Brittney DeHerrera, Chief Financial Officer
Carol Osborn, Assistant Administrator
Belina Ramirez, Office Manager

Call the Meeting to Order

8:32 am

Pledge of Allegiance

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Approval of the Agenda

Addition of Public Health Budget Modification and Domestic Septage Removal to agenda.

M/S Yohn/Dunne motion to approve the agenda of March 27, 2013.
   Motion was passed unanimously.

Consent agenda Items:

Approval of General Business/Minutes

The Following Minutes were presented:
   Regular Minutes-March 13, 2012
   Adrian Maestas & Leonard Garcia PH
   Donna Maes Show Cause Hearing
   Aubrey Hoag Show Cause Hearing

M/S Dunne/Yohn motion to approve the Minutes of March 13, 2013.
   Motion was passed unanimously.

Approval of Bills/Obligations

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

Approval of Consent Agenda
MOU CDPHE & Valley Wide Systems
Personal Services Contract - Scott O'Malley & Associates for Haunted Windchimes engagement
Amended Resolution 2012-G-007
Energy & Mineral Impact Assistance Grant-Annex Building
Clerk & Recorder's Report

Pull Energy & Mineral Impact Assistance Grant off of Consent Agenda for more discussion

M/S Yohn/Dunne motion to approve Consent Agenda without Energy & Mineral Impact Assistance Grant

Motion was approved unanimously.

Ms. Deherrera spoke. Grant Application is due April 1st. They met with the architect and worked on the budget on the costs and overages. They are applying for $575,000 to go towards the new Annex Facility. They talked about the aging and the condition of our existing building. How they have overcrowding with staff and parking. If they could receive this they could make the vision of a Government Campus. They meet at the end of July to decide the awarding. Anything they put into the grant they can’t begin or start on until they have an executed contract from the state. Mid-September is the earliest that they could move forward with the building if they receive funding. The building grant is toward the architecture of the building. It is based at a 25% The first tier is $200,000 or less which you don’t have to go before a committee or anything. The 2nd tier is less than 1 million which we are going under.

Commissioner Dunne asked to clarify why it is called Energy & Mineral Grant. Ms. DeHerrera stated the fund comes from the Energy & Mineral Taxes that we have in the state. They talked about in the grant the silver mine in Creede even if we don’t have one here and also the drilling in Rio Grande County.

Commissioner Allen asked they spoke about the Summitville and Reclamation Project. Ms. DeHerrera spoke about in the past the closing of Summitville and Bonanza. She spoke how those closing would affect everything. Costilla and Conejos still have 9% unemployment rate. Also she spoke about the downsizing of the Perlite. She also put in that it is an opportune time with the sale of the building and if they cannot move forward with this that opportunity might not be there again. The sale of the building to SLV Federal Bank was for $675,000.

M/S Dunne/Yohn motion to approve application for Energy & Mineral Impact Assistance Grant

Motion was approved unanimously.

Alamosa County Land Use

Ken Vanlwarden and Juan Altamirano were present.
Activities Report for February was presented as followed:

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Domestic Septage Removal
Currently they have some old railroad cars at the old existing landfill. They were able to dump septic into tanks and when they were fill they would pump it out. They ceased this operation two or three years ago. They have to remove those tanks which are part of the post closing requirements.

Background: A request for bids for the removal of existing septage in six (6) underground railroad tank cars used as storage tanks for licensed septic cleaners and haulers has been advertised and we received the following bids:

RMS Utilities bid $1499 for the six (6) tanks and they will stand the cost of septage and tank removal and install backfill. The County will receive $1499 and RMS will retain title to the tanks.

Doug Brandt bid $8000 to remove the septage and tanks and still retain title to the six (6) railroad tank cars. A cost to the county of $8000.

Browns Septic Bid 45¢ per gallon to remove the septage only with no interest in obtaining title to the tanks that could result in a total cost to the county not to exceed $40,000.

The original RFB was for the removal of the septage with the intent to have the Road & Bridge Department remove and retain title to the six (6) tanks and recover some costs from the salvage. However, after consulting with the R&B director it was determined that there would be considerable cost in removing the tanks because transporting the tanks to a salvage yard in
Pueblo appeared to be the only option. The tanks could be advertised for sale as a complete unit, 
#40,000 each for $4000 each or cut the tanks in half lengthwise and deliver them to Star Steel 
and maybe get $170 per ton.

Originally the idea was to hire someone to remove the septage and then the Road &Bridge 
Department would remove the tanks. When they had the prebid meeting, the question was asked 
if they would be interesting in submitting the removal of the septage with the removal of the 
tanks. They probably had the same idea to take the tanks to the salvage and get their money 
back. The reason for Browns Septic Bid for 45 cents per gallon was originally he was assuming 
that they were 9 inch tanks. He was in error on this when this was brought to his attention he 
figured out what each of these would weigh. Each tank was 45 feet long and 2500 gallons of 
liquid so total weight was around 40000 without the undercarriage. He sent out an addendum to 
that. Browns are not licensed at their own facility for sand trap waste which EPA considered a 
different removal. It is from car wash sewage which could have antifreeze so they would have to 
transport to a licensed facility in Denver. RMS can accept this waste. He has put in their own 
facility; the board knew what he was doing. He has offered to buy tanks, clean the septic, and 
backfill. He will pay the county $1499.

Alternatives: The Board can 1) Award the bid to the low bidder (RMS Utilities); 2) Reject all 
bids and rebid the project with new specifications; 3) Reject all bids and provide staff with 
further instructions or directions.

Fiscal Impact: The storage tanks must be removed to be in compliance with the Post Closure 
Plan for the landfill.

Conclusion: The best overall value to the county appears to be accepting the bid from RMS 
Utilities.

Commissioner Allen asked if the undercarriage was still attached. No the wheels are not 
attached as far as he knows because he hasn’t dug in there to find out.

Commissioner Allen asked who purchased them. Mr. Vanlwarden is unsure. He wasn’t here 
when that happened. The current administrator at that time had already come up with a plan. 
They have been there about 18 years.

Commissioner Allen asked about the haulers been using them can they come back and pump 
them out. There was no contract with the pumpers they just sold them. When they would dump 
they would check the PA, they would pump out of the tanks, spray it out, and disc it in. There 
were no formal contracts with the pumpers to pump out the tanks. Since that happened there has 
been a lot of changes with this type of facility. All the past inspections that he was involved in 
he accompanied the inspectors from the CDPHE they would submit a report. He never saw the 
reports, except for one time they were critical of the tires when they shredding them there. This 
is when they had the West Nile but they never gave any notice or fine. The tires were removed. 
He also went with them to the Baca landfill. One time the inspector was going to send the report 
to the Administrator because they asked to put a burn up to prevent burning. He doesn’t know if 
one was ever received. Locks were placed and they put a burn up. On this last inspection they
had three deficiencies: 1) they had 100-200 tires still there; 2) a place where people were dumping trash and 3) removal of the storage tanks which they were already in place to do that. This happened in October until they inquired about the status. At the state they found some deficiencies in closing the landfills. They have to have quarterly inspections 1st by April 1st. The ultimate goal is comply with the post closure within the next two years. Another process is they have to have is a licensed company to check monitoring wells. The SLV Regional Landfill was using a consultant that will test the wells and they will do ours. The BACA land fill and the Mosca landfill have been closed several years with no activity. They have both observation wells. The state would like them to do some ground water monitoring. They do have to the ones for Coop Landfill so they could do ours. He has made several trips to both of those where there are no locks on the observation wells and they are completely covered with vegetation. The Mosca Landfill you have to cross a bridge and that is about to go out, not safe, and another property owner uses that same access. The state has the opportunity to do a visual inspection of the landfill and look at the records that they are keeping. If the ground water has no contamination it is a good sign, but if there is then it will take another step. He did get a receipt that they got rid of the tires.

Commissioner Dunne asked if there is any chance the tanks are empty. No they are not he checked them. Are they at least 2/3 full asked Commissioner Dunne? Yes stated Mr. VanIwarden.

Commissioner Yohn asked about the weight if that was a railcar or a tank only. That is the tank only stated Mr. VanIwarden and he did ask them at Star Steel. At the prebid were the companies present. Yes they all were and they had Gardner Excavating also but he didn’t submit a bid. Can those tanks be reused? Mr. VanIwarden stated he is assuming they could be reused per RMS and especially because there is no leakage. Commissioner Yohn wants to make sure there is no assumption that they are usable tanks. No stated Mr. VanIwarden he has talked with RMS. He wants to be there when they are removed and make sure there is no contamination.

Ms. Deherrera asked about backfill. Originally when bid they said they could use fill material on site. If they dug fill from off sight they would have to worry about how to backfill that. On the bid it says this bid is contingent on backfill material and RMS would. And it is up them to backfill stated Commissioner Allen. Bid will be higher if he has to go back in and fill. It could have vegetation in it. What kind of timeframe are they looking at asked Commissioner Allen? They said could they could start April 1st. The deadline for completing is for October 1st. He had a discussion with Mr. Emmons the inspector last Wednesday where he went over everything with the compliance checklist. They felt the timelines were all doable.

m/s Yohn/Dunne motion to award the bid to RMS Utilities
Motion was approved unanimously.

Commissioner Yohn stated he should lock and secure the wells in the other landfills. Do we really want to sample the soil there since they are closed? He will put locks on those observation wells. They need to discuss at what point do we want to have the wells monitored.
Commissioner Yohn stated we don’t want to restrict access to that other property owner. They have an easement going across that property. The ditch company owns the bridge, which
probably gave them permission stated Commissioner Allen. Commissioner Yohn stated they do not want to prevent landowner to his property. Mr. Kelly stated to check if they have other access then he could lock it. The other thing he could do is they could put two locks for them and one for the other property owner.

They have six applications on file which 3 are Special Use permits; one is for a Verizon Wireless Cell Tower east of town and another is for a group home. There have been an increased number of calls for Solar Developers. He figures this is a result of Xcel releasing of bids and Tristate releasing RFP in February for 100 mgw of generation. One is Colorado based that is looking for 75-100 mgw. There may be one more medical marijuana dispensary application in the next few months.

**Alamosa County Department of Human Services**

Joe Carrica Director, Laurie Rivera Deputy Director, and Lynn Balderas Manager were present.

They are here today for the Commissioners to sign off on a Proclamation for National Child Abuse Prevention Month. April has been the month throughout the United States. They have done this for the last ten years or so. This gives the community awareness of child abuse to be preventative as opposed to reactionary.

**A PROCLAMATION: April 2013**

**NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

As a Nation and as a community, it is our responsibility to build a safe and nurturing society so that our young people can realize their full potential. During National Child Abuse Prevention Month, we renew our commitment to preventing child abuse and rededicate ourselves to working together to ensure that all children can have a bright and hopeful future.

Whereas, preventing child abuse and neglect is a community problem that depends on involvement of all people throughout the community.

Whereas, child abuse and neglect not only directly harms children, but also increases the likelihood of long term physical and mental health problems, alcohol and substance abuse, continued family violence and criminal behavior;

Whereas, child maltreatment occurs when people find themselves in stressful situations, without community resources and don’t know how to cope;

Whereas, the majority of child abuse cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable in an involved and supportive community;

Whereas, child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure that each family has the support they need in raising their children in a safe and nurturing environment;
Whereas, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among social service agencies, schools, faith-based communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies and the business community;

Therefore, we do hereby proclaim

April 13 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the County of Alamosa and call upon all citizens, community agencies, faith-based groups, and businesses to increase their participation and commitment in our efforts to support families and protect our children from abuse and neglect, helping to ensure that each child can grow up in a secure and loving environment.

Done this 27th day of March, 2013.

The Alamosa County Board of Commissioners

Darius Allen, Chairman  Marianne Dunne  Michael Yohn

Their department supports different things during the month of April. They have supported and organized a children’s carnival on an early release program at the Boys & Girls Club for the last couple of years. This is to have them involved and interacting with children with the different agencies.

Commissioner Dunne appreciates the proactive approach. Yesterday she talked with the Sheriff and Sergeant Abeyta to get proactive on this. She would like them all to meet to discuss what they could do.

Commissioner Yohn thanked them for bringing this forward so the community is aware.

Ms. Rivera presented a report for Child Welfare as followed:

103 referrals  
30 screened out  
73 accepted for assessment  
103 total children accepted in assessment  
82 cases opened as a result of assessment  
52 involved court cases  
30 voluntary cases where families were accepting services with no court involvement  
73 were adoption placements  
24 children where county has legal custody and responsibility for  
15 Foster Home placements  
10 in Child Placement Agencies  
4 are Kinship Care Placement  
5 in Residential Child Care Facility  
11 Foster Homes certified  
3 Kinshi/Child Specific Homes
An Adult Protective Services Report was given.  
50 referrals for adult protection concerns  
14 R&R where no face to face is needed  
36 Referrals where caseworker made contact  
They have response times to make contact either 24 hours or 3 days. Most are neglect to self which means most are not able to care for themselves or their needs. They have 9 individuals that have representative payeeships.

Commissioner Allen stated at their CCI they voted for Bill to support the Adult Protection Bill that passed. He stated one case where they had to get involved. They talked about having some money available for training.

**M/S Dunne/Yohn motion to accept Proclamation for Department of Social Services for National Child Abuse Prevention Month**  
Motion was approved unanimously.

Commissioner Allen added that they appreciated Mr. Kelly’s work and involvement with Social Services.

Graph Reports were given for the programs. Adult Financial showed in January 295 cases and February with 309. Adult Medical showed in January cases at 699 and February 717. Colorado Works showed in January 123 cases and in February 114 cases. Family Medical showed 1021 cases in January and 1022 cases for February. Food Stamps showed for January 1816 cases and in February 1887 cases. Long Term Care, Nursing Care, and Medicare reports were also given.

Update to Medicaid Dollars Report was given. Premiums in December 866,000 and dropped to 127,000. He is not sure what happened there. If it keeps going this way this year the total could be 40 million.

He presented the following contracts: Tanaka for $750; Connely $1500 for inhouse training; Hennesey $540 for services for children and families, $555 for services for workgroups for biological adoptions, and $1055 for services for regular nonrelative adoptions; and Waudby for $550 for tutoring for custodial children.

**m/s Yohn/Dunne motion to approve Mr. Carrica to sign these contracts.**  
**motion was approved unanimously.**

Child Support, Collections and Recoveries Reports were presented. (AWCD) Adults without Child Dependents originally they thought they would 10-15,000 cases but only could fund 10,000. They wanted everyone eligible to apply; they did like a raffle where the first 10,000 got coverage. The next go on a waiting list. They only put 9,000 total. This second cycle they are going to be $3000 more. The Health Care Reform is going to change this.

Tax Base Relief the JVC Budgeted $1 million this year for all in Tier 1. If it is consistent with the years before it will be $260,000. This you don’t have to match. They increased the dollars for next year to $2.7 million to cover all in Tier 1 and Tier 2. He would project around $300,000
for July 2013 to June 2014. Commissioner Allen stated the Steering Committee supported the Tax Base Relief Program so he is glad it passed.

Alamosa is one in the top 3 of Counties that spend the larger percentage of dollars that go to their clients. In doing so they receive $66,000 more in their TANF. There is no county match in these funds.

LEAP runs from October to April. They have 1422 applications, approved 1205, and the numbers are down about 50-60 cases.

Commissioner Allen asked why food stamps is so erratic. If you see in 2012 in July it shows 1706 and May 1847, this could be because of college students.

**Alamosa County Sheriff**

Dave Stong was present. He is requesting a Resolution to be adopted to update the existing Alamosa County Model Traffic Code. To bring the “Fine” portion of the Traffic Code to compliance with the State.

A copy of the Colorado State Patrol’s Model Traffic Code was presented. They wish to adopt only the base fines therein for the violations that are within their current Model Traffic Code. They do not wish to adopt the surcharges noted therein as their two entities surcharges are different.

Mr. Kelly stated they should update the Model Traffic Code. The last time they did a Resolution was in 2003. They could incorporate it with the 2010 Adopted Model Traffic Code.

The Commissioners agreed to proceed with this.

Sheriff Stong asked if the Resolution could say that when the State Patrol changes their fines that we would change ours. Commissioner Dunne stated this would avoid the Sheriff to come back and ask to change this each time. Commissioner Allen stated some of the state surcharges he wouldn’t agree with this so he wouldn’t agree with that. He believes this is why they didn’t do this then. There is much of what is in that book they don’t do and don’t want to stated Sheriff Stong. If they do adopt the State Model Traffic Code then they would be obligated to comply with some of the things they do that we don’t stated Commissioner Allen.

Calls per Service Report was provided. They had 763 calls. Monthly Detention Report was provided. The Daily Average was 127.6. The Monthly Food Service Report was given.

Mr. Kelly asked for a copy of the Monthly Detention Report starting from when the Pre-Trial Release Program began. For some reason he is not seeing the daily average population decreasing so the Pre-Trial Release Program is not working. The goal is to reduce the daily population. The Pre-Trial Release Program is getting people out of jail that doesn’t need to be in jail but at the magnitude we are looking for no stated Sheriff Stong. They are not meeting the criteria for the Pre-Trial Release Program. The only thing they could do is lower the criteria and
he does not want to do this. They would have more criminals out in the streets than there needs to be. Ms. DeHerrera asked how they figure the amounts for the Pre-Trial Release Program. They count the days times per $40 a day for outside housing to come up with the costs.

Commissioner Dunne stated she is going to meet with the Probation Officers to talk about the criteria. They don’t want to lower the criteria that much where they would make the community unsafe. Sergeant Benavidez was going to check on the recidivism. It is pretty low but if they do violate the conditions then they are never eligible again. Ms. DeHerrera stated ½ of the people committing the crimes are from other counties and Alamosa citizens are paying for the bill. Commissioner Dunne stated the Sheriff had said all the crimes are related to drugs so we have a huge drug problem here. Sheriff Stong said they are working with the Congress to bring a bill proposed next year for whoever brings in the inmate to jail they will be responsible for the housing bill.

Commissioner Yohn asked about inmates washing vehicles when Road & Bridge Department asked for inmates and only two were eligible. Also Andrew looks for help as well.

Commissioner Allen asked for the number from those from Community Corrections. Sergeant Abeyta is working on getting those numbers.

Commissioner Allen stated at a meeting they had with the City they would get some numbers from the City about doing some patrolling on the County but since then you have talked to Mr. Kelly that you do not want to do that. That is correct stated Sheriff Stong. Commissioner Allen stated when they asked for them for that they were just trying to get some numbers to see what it would actual cost and you were at that meeting and agreed. Now you don’t want to do that asked Commissioner Allen. Yes that is correct stated Sheriff Stong.

Commissioner Allen also asked Sheriff Stong about the 100th Year Celebration overtime request. Sheriff Stong stated they would like to see if they could get overtime pay for this out of the 100 year Celebration fund but either way they are going to do the coverage.

Commissioner Allen stated he received an email about some squeaky breaks on one of their vehicles. He doesn’t want to hear that, they have to keep on the vendor to get the work done. They have contracted with them to do this work for all the departments. Sheriff Stong stated he was just making them aware of the problem.

Commissioner Allen asked where the Alamosa County Sheriff’s Department he stands on the 2nd Amendment Bill. He cannot enforce with of the bills Hickenlooper signed into law. They are unenforceable. How can he proof someone is in violation. On the background checks he will not know about these gun exchanges to enforce background checks. Commissioner Allen stated other counties such as Weld County Sheriff said the same thing.

**Alamosa County Public Health**

Julie Geiser was present. She introduced new employees Debbie Clair with Home Health and Floyd Garcia with OLTC.
She has gone to Public Health and Leaders Meeting and there is a lobbyist that works with them. They go over the bills and they say whether they were going to support them or not. Several of them said they were not sure where the Commissioners stand on them so they abstained. So she is asking if she should come back and ask them or trust her to make those decisions. The Commissioners agreed that she is in that position to make those decisions on what is best for Alamosa County not to run to them every time.

Pat Perry with Rio Grande County called her that they got some funding to develop a plan for the Region for Public Health. Their Commissioners were not sure all the Commissioners in the other counties were aware of that and what that amounted to so she is bringing that to their attention. They will have to sign an MOU that they are cooperating.

Are they still going to talk to the SLV Commissioners about an Environmental Health Specialist asked Ms. Gei. They talked about it at the last meeting but nothing was decided stated Commissioner Yohn. They would get $30000 from the restaurant inspections for Alamosa County stated Ms. Geiser. Commissioner Yohn stated they needed to know where the funding was going to come from and how much this was going to cost. Ms. Geiser stated she has thought about it and it should be based hourly rate rather than a percentage because some smaller counties such as Mineral County would use this person more but doesn’t have that much population. There was a lot of unanswered questions stated Commissioner Yohn so he thinks CDPHE should be here.

They were talking about a bill for child fatality review that Public Health would review rather than DHS because there would be conflict of interest. As part of their priorities they are looking at Child Abuse as one of their issues.

They just received something from the Immunization Program that they had some excessive funds of $5920 so if they could get that signed.

Options for Long Term Program got notice that they were overpaid by $5897.

**Alamosa County Home Health**

April 1st is a 2% cut from all Medicaid and Medicare reimbursements. This is the bulk of their clients.

They are mandating all their nurses and therapists attend training for OASIS a tool that Medicaid uses to assess outcomes. She feels they are not doing this right so this will make their outcomes better. She believes their care is good but she wants to make it better.

She increased the start of care payments for the therapists. They had the nurses go do all opens for Home Health patients but they don’t like to do it because then the therapists take over.

They hired a new aid yesterday.

9Health Fair is April 12th.
CSU Extension

Marvin Reynolds was present. Ray Hinton their 4H Agent resigned. Normally CSU keeps a position open 4-6 months before filling the position. For this position they have received permission to move forward and fill the position. He has had some people from the Valley inquire about it. Possibly June but maybe not July before they will have the position filled. Mr. Reynolds asked if one of the Commissioners would like to sit in on the search for the candidate. They would interviews in Pueblo on the first day and then here. Commissioner Dunne stated she would be interested. They really need to look for someone that has good leadership skills and someone who can do the leader and officer training for the 4H clubs. Mary Ellen Fleming and he are working on keeping the program going. They are going to do a leader training soon. In Alamosa and Conejos County they haven’t had an active County Council for 4H. Mary Ellen is forming one in Alamosa and he is taking on Conejos County. Then they will begin one in Costilla County.

The SNAP-Ed program is to do nutrition education for those who are on food assistance. This can be for those on WIC, Food Stamps, or TANF. The participants are not mandated to attend. They were working in five counties in the Valley but one of the ladies left. The bad thing is they only hire once a year so it won’t be until next January until they get someone. They had 72 families enrolled and 266 family members reached.

Mary Ellen has done a Senior Nutrition Newsletter. This is mailed out every month. A lot of it comes from CSU but she does add some things. South Central Seniors gave a grant for the printing costs and monthly newsletter. She has a Strong Bones Class. It is a little exercise program and strengthening bones for seniors. She also has worked with the Rio Grande Prevention Partners. They have Christine Cebana come down from Fort Collins to do parenting classes. She uses volunteers from the community to expand the scope to the community. She also has done some food safety training. She does it for the Headstarts.

He has been working on the budget. He has worked with the Dairy here on the calves getting sick. They worked on their protein and energy in the feed. He also worked with the veterinarian and adjusted the vaccinations. He has gotten many calls regarding the poultry farm. He has talked with body condition score on beef cattle and horses. This helps meet the production stage the animal is in. He received calls regarding Pocket Gophers. He did a presentation for producers for that. They have a problem with prairie dogs. He offered suggestions such as traps, treating grain, and timing. He tagged a 4H steer for a 4H youth who was unable to make weigh in. He talked to about 50 third graders on what is 4H. He asked how many of them had dogs and he said there you have your equipment. There were three youth that were in 4H so they talked about it. They have a few questions on the oat varieties for the SLV. He asked an older gentleman and found the recommendation was Maverick and Monaco. He worked with the 4H Horse Council to adjust classes for enrollment.

His goal is to give a report quarterly to them.

Commissioner Yohn asked about the Commercial freezer storage for small production from home. The processing is fine but the storing is the problem with CDPHE. The freezer has to be
commercial, it has to be separate from personal use foods, and it has to be on a concrete slab. Ken Salazar was down talking about processing and slaughter facilities and the capacities we have in the state. They asked him to address this to make it more viable to store at home. It would take many years to pay off for a commercial freezer. The packing house people said this was an issue for them as well. Mel Jaramillo said they put $30,000 into a freezer and it doesn’t meet all their needs. He is going to continue working on this for a better economical solution.

He has some requests for them. He would ask them to talk to people and ask what CSU Extension could do for them and what they would like from CSU Extension. The other request is they want to hear from the people from the community. They had an advisory council and he would like to bring that back so if they had someone to serve on this council. This is one of the items he wants to talk about with the SLV Commissioners Association.

**Worksession**

*12th Judicial District Court*

Patti Swift spoke. Need for new court facility. What steps to take to go forward with that.

Resources are limited. A space assessment was presented.

1. Do not have enough space
   
   They were here previously asking for space for Probation, Recently turned storage room into an office.

2. Inadequate –turn off air condition to run a copy, extension cords everywhere, problems with air conditioning, loud air conditioner

3. 2nd floor ADA issue-no elevators. If they had an employee accommodation they would have to move them upstairs.

4. Security Issues with current facility–no single point entry. Entrances from outside, judges must cross public hallway to get to courtroom. 3 security guards

They would like to have a building long term. Tom Franklin has some ideas to go about funding. He does these types of studies all over the country. Alamosa is in top five of critical conditions for future space. It is well maintained. It is not big enough. They look at 25 years future projection. They look at demographics, court cases time processing. The Study considered staffing. He did measurements 16000 sq feet. Space study evaluates all rooms; map came to 35000 sq feet. There is a methodology to gathering data and establishing this guideline. This is to further develop a plan not to build a new building. They need to establish an architecture study of what is needed and where to be. They will look at remodel, retro somewhere else, and build a new building. Nobody is putting a timetable at this time. He has given a proposed sketching of remodeling. On this sketching page it has an entry area, lower far right, functions as DA disposition area, waiting area, training area, and hearing area. Clerk’s office is next space with public counter. A file room where they can review files and a window where they can request files. Two court rooms, they should make the same size. A holding facility for inmates to be held. An Elevator, jury room, restrooms, chamber, and staff offices. Exhibit storage and administrative suite for administration. A Mediator space. Next floor up-three zones of circulation for public, staff, and court. Probation suite functionality of office-secured area, reception area, conference room, and break room. He was able to verify area of 35000.
They would like to move forward to a master study. They would need someone from court to start process and county to do a DOLA grant and a matching grant. Local affairs study isn’t going to be the expensive part of the process. One thought was try to work with DOLA to coordinate effort for this. They need to team together for this. Funding itself is a different process. Interest rates are low; construction costs are low so by the time they are ready to go they will rise. If the county or anyone would borrow at 4% =64 per day per million would be the cost to borrow. The challenge with the Energy Impact Assistance Grant is kind of dormant. Mr. Shioshita serves on board 32 million to give away and requested. Counties don’t have many choices for borrowing or vote on bonds.

It will be a year or two to compile a study. What do we do with these numbers formulate a plan for further study. They can help assist the county to determine a methodology for advertising, architect for planning stages, and come up with a more comprehensive plan.

New building would be near the jail. This would eliminate transportation. Would DA or Public Offender be part of this facility would need to determine some contribution.

Commissioner Allen stated they can do land, why are we going to do a study we all know what needs to be done. Study can complete architecture development. The numbers have to be reevaluated. Is it cost effective for flat building rather than story building? Courts for their concern for security to have for courts and probation. For example people vs. Willie Clark, person who killed Denver running back over all security costs 450,000 with high profile dangerous cases 10,000. Future operating has savings because you don’t have the man power. Commissioner Allen stated he has an architect that does these court buildings so he asked how much it would cost. He also asked how to pay for it. They are housing out so they are paying a lot. What if we go to people and explain to them the infrastructure and housing of jail and ask for sales tax dedicated to this new building. Sales Tax now 8 cents we receive now approx 900,000 a year. This is something that is needed; Alamosa is the shopping hub of the valley and with that we get a lot of crime. One of the things going to citizens is the creation of task force of citizens to hold forums so public can be informed of the issue and aid in these decisions. In reality can vote for taxes if it explained. A task force would be invaluable.

They want to thank Alamosa County and because this is how they want to work with everyone to solve these issues. Andrew has told them they have tried to make everything as easy but they know the infrastructure is not there. They are not keeping up with the times. The security technology is machine instead of man, they still have to have people operating but the surveillance will overweigh man power to secure facilities. It is a valuable building. They do want to keep that building to be used for something else. Population has increased 1% a year but the demands of the court system have increased so much. Mr. Gonzales stated Alamosa isn’t just the center of the valley but the center of the region. This is part of the risk of being popular. Drug courts and Specialty courts are putting more things on the dollar. They have more complicated cases and more staff for work on cases. One large courtroom is needed. Some can be on the smaller size and be highly functional. 1st task should be form task force stated Commissioner Allen. Cutting the road off to be across from the Sheriff office is an option.
Franklin's study could be useful. It would be a benefit to get money back when project fails. Sales tax revenue by people outside the county they try to see how much taxes are revenue by other counties so you could get a sense of how many dollars are used. Douglas was facing this many years ago so they initiated a sales tax, the process was to build forums, go to churches, and show need. They were able to build a huge justice center. This is not going to be the same here.

Probation space Mr. Gurule stated he explored offices he narrowed to two options. Old Vision Care place is best for practicality and location. He talked with the building owner and property manager. He talked about remodeling and they are willing to do that and absorb the cost. He negotiated lowest price with utilities to $775 a month. The projected time line to move in would be May 1st. They will get two offices and a conference room. He asked them to consider removing wall for meeting space. Other option is Steve Atencio which is a few blocks away for $800. They have four offices but no large room for conference room. For court security also can check on staff next door at the Old Vision Care office. Did they ask for long term lease asked Commissioner Allen? He went with terms of Brew Pub of an annual lease stated Mr. Gurule. Can Probation do half of rent? Currently they split and pay 300 and 300; he will have difficulty to go more stated Judge Swift. They will have a SLV Commissioners meeting in April and bring this up. Electricity was spoken about and asked for consideration since other properties were included so he is positive. What is square footage asked Commissioner Yohn? It is close to the size but the two offices with conference room and location are more valuable than an additional office. Commissioner Dunne stated he had talked about the last time the computer system could work next door better than blocks away. If we built a judicial center do you want the DA with them? It is also possible for the prosecution also and pay rent. It is already county owned property can you use that as matching with DOLA funds asked Commissioner Yohn. You get a lot of credit for a having a good project and cooperation of multiple agencies.

To punish Alamosa County by increasing property tax is not fair to support the other counties so a sales tax is fair.

Back in meeting 3:50 pm after worksession to close out board meeting.

**Board/Staff Updates**

**m/s Yohn/Dunne motion to do fairbooks for SLV Fairboard**

Motion was approved unanimously.

**Adjourn**

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

**ATTEST:**

Belina Ramirez, Office Manager

Darius Allen, Chairman