Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners Meeting, held on August 14, 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

Pledge of Allegiance

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Approval of the Agenda

Delete Jeffrey Otey and the Sheriff from the Consent Agenda, they will not be able to attend.

M/S Yohn/Dunne motion to approve the agenda of August 14, 2013 as amended.
Motion was passed unanimously.

Consent agenda Items:

Approval of General Business/Minutes

The Following Minutes were presented:
Regular Minutes-July 24, 2013
Public Hearing-Diane Dunlap
Public Hearing-Andres Montoya
Board of Equalization Hearings
July 29, 2913 -Board of Equalization Decisions

Commissioner Yohn stated on the Agenda General Approval of the Minutes for July 4th & July 23rd it should state “Special Use” not “Special Events”.

M/S Yohn/Dunne motion to approve the Minutes of July 24, 2013 and July 29, 2013 with corrections.
Motion was passed unanimously.

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

Public Comment

Approval of Consent Agenda
Alamosa County Treasurer’s Report for July
Immunization Core Services Budget Modification
State Intergovernmental Agreement LTC for Colorado Home & Community Based Services
CDPHE Amendment for Task Orders #1-MCH

M/S Yohn/Dunne motion to approve Consent Agenda
Motion was approved unanimously.

Public Hearings

Special Use Permit –Della Prince/Andres Monoya

Commissioner Yohn stated he thanked the board for tabling this for more information. The question was a residential child care facility being in a rural area but this was cleared up for him by the County Attorney. They did get a lot of input from the residents. There were conditions on Page 172 such as #2 should read as a Residential Child Care facility not a group home so if we could correct this. If we could state only 8 children will be allowed in this group home.

Commissioner Dunne congratulated the applicants for the concern of the children and she hopes the services they provide will be successful. The children they have chosen are special needs children and they deserve a loving caring environment. All the guidelines set by the State of Colorado and rules regulating Residential Child Care Facilities that were revised in 2012 so she hopes they will implement those. She hopes it will not be a drain on the County’s resources such as DHS, Sheriff, and the medical health facilities.

Commissioner Allen stated so many times in the newspaper we only hear only the bad things and not the good things so we tend to just look only at the bad things. He hopes the Residential Child Care Center will come to turns with the neighbors there. He felt they went to the Planning Commission and they did a good job but they wanted to be careful. This is the first time they had ever done this in the 17 years he has been here. The applicants will now apply for the license through the State of Colorado and they will determine if they can do this.

Mr. Montoya stated this is something that is needed. It is a positive thing and hopefully successful.

m/s Dunne/Yohn motion to approve Special Use Permit for a Residential Child Care Facility as applied including the conditions.
Motion was approved unanimously.
BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALAMOSA COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO: 2013 – SUP - 004

RE: APPLICATION OF ANDRES MONTOYA AND DELLA PRINCE FOR A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW A “SPECIALIZED GROUP HOME” IN ALAMOSA COUNTY, COLORADO.

Commissioner Dunne moved for the adoption of the following Resolution. Commissioner Yohn seconded the motion.

WHEREAS, Andres Montoya and Della Prince have submitted an application for a special use permit to allow the operation of a “Residential Child Care Facility” in Alamosa County on the following property:

7880 Timothy Lane, Alamosa, CO 81101, the legal description being as follows:

Tract 1, Timothy subdivision, the Plat thereof being filed May 17, 1977, under reception number 192357, County of Alamosa, Colorado

said property being zoned Rural (RU) District; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held before the Alamosa County Planning Commission on May 8, 2013, to consider said application

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held before the Board of County Commissioners on July 24, 2013, to consider said application and a decision on said application was tabled until August 14, 2013;

WHEREAS, proper notice was provided as required by law; and

WHEREAS, at the hearing on July 24, 2013 the following individuals expressed support for the application:

1. Della Prince & Andres Montoya – Applicant
2. Brad Heredia

WHEREAS, at the hearing on July 24, 2013 the following individuals expressed an objection to the application:

1. Benito Pacheco read letter from Toni Reed
2. Benito Pacheco
3. Giovanni Janicio & Monica Janicio
4. Ritchie McDaniel
5. Jean Henley
WHEREAS, at the hearing held on August 14, 2013, there was no one who spoke in favor of or in opposition to the application; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has considered the application, and finds the application meets all requirements of the Alamosa County Land Development Code pertaining thereto as presented by the Land Use Administrator; and

WHEREAS, the proposed use is consistent with the objectives and purposes of the Alamosa County Land Development Code.

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the special use permit to allow the operation of the above mentioned property as a Residential Child Care Facility for up to eight (8) individuals is hereby granted as a special use pursuant to the Alamosa County Land Development Code under Article 7, Section 7.9 subject to the following conditions:

1. That the permitted Residential Child Care Facility meet all state and federal guidelines for the operation of said Specialized Group Home; and

2. These conditions shall become a part of the permit and any violation thereof shall be grounds to revoke said permit.

Passed by roll call vote: Allen, Dunne and Yohn all in favor.

DATED this 15th day of August, 2013

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALAMOSA COUNTY

By ________________________________
Darius Alle, Chairman

ATTEST:

Melanie Woodward, Clerk of the Board

Alamosa County Land Use

Ken Vanlwarden and Juan Altamirano were present.

Background: COOP Landfill. The state is requiring the county to amend the Post Closure Plan of the landfill because of an error created that was not part of the original closure plan. They have completed the second environmental monitoring sampling which was completed on July 8 & 9th of July 2013. All quality control parameters were within the accepted limits. The third sampling is scheduled to be completed in October 2013.
One question asked Commissioner Allen about the first sample they had to use a pump. The wells are about 16-20 feet and they were at the 11 foot level. They pump air into there and it regurgitates the water in the bottom of the sample. After 15-20 minutes it starts pumping the water out. They pump out 8 gallons of water. They then take another sample and put those in beakers. They put those on ice. They take a total of 5 or 6 samples. It is very particular where you have to wear rubber gloves and sanitize everything even the pipe they use in the hole. The second time around there was hard sediment so they were told they had to develop that well. It was a different kind of pump where they tried to get the sediment out. They didn’t accomplish anything with that. They had a conference call on their cell phones. He questioned why they are doing this so they agreed. They are leaving that alone and doing sample with depth meter borrowed from SLV Regional Landfill.

Mr. Vanlwarden presented a budget estimate for the quarterly testing. The variation in the quarterly estimated costs is due to the following conditions: 1) the budget estimate for the 2nd quarter of 2013 is lower than the other quarters. Time for data validation and field support were not included in the original scope of work, but were incorporated into the change order. 2) The sampling costs for the 2nd and 3rd quarters of 2014 are slightly lower than the 1st and 3rd quarters because sampling may occur in a joint trip with the San Luis Valley Regional Landfill, reducing travel expenses and travel time. Additional labor and expenses for travel will be incurred for sampling if Golder is not authorized for sampling at the SLVRLF in 2014. 3) The 2nd quarter of 2014 includes time for sampling, preparing the 2013 annual report and reviewing state files. 4) The 1st quarter of 2015 includes time for sampling and preparing the 2014 annual report. The cost for each quarter may fluctuate depending on the field conditions and the amount of reporting time completed each quarter.

Golder Associates has to submit a report to the State of Colorado so those costs are going to be higher for those two times.

Commissioner Yohn stated he thought they only had to test for 4 quarters. Mr. Vanlwarden stated it originally it was for 8 quarters.

Ms. DeHerrera asked who is Test America. They contract with Golder which invoices separately. Test America does the sample testing and Golder takes the sampling and does the reporting stated Mr. Vanlwarden.

Commissioner Allen asked if they had any contact with Saguache County. Mr. Vanlwarden stated they are in trouble. They have three options they can close, make a transfer station, or put a liner. They do not charge enough for tipping fees so it comes out of their General Fund Budget. The SLV Landfill is considering increasing the tipping costs stated Commissioner Allen. They spent $20,000 for a study to show they didn’t need a liner. This got them waived so they saved some money. Saguache opened a new landfill without a liner and they dumped the demo from the school. They waived the tipping fees from them as well.

Background: Food Bank. Commissioner Allen has solicited donations to build a storage facility for the food bank. The project is located at 8735 Independence Dr., west of the Road & Bridge Department. The purpose of this facility is a place to store food that is distributed to those that
need it. The place is coming along very well. Commissioner Allen stated he called ACI about some asphalt for the parking lot.

Activity: Alamosa County Road & Bridge prepared the lot, SLV Quality Concrete donated the placement of the concrete, Southwest Readymix donated the concrete, Sierra Lumber donated forming material used in the process of forming for the concrete slab and SLV Builders is in the process of erecting the steel building that was donated by Discount Tires. Also the City of Alamosa assisted. They applied for a grant to do some landscaping.

Public Relations: The Land Use Department provided a booth in the Small Farms section at the SLV Fair held at Ski Hi Park in Monte Vista August 7. Pat and Jinger provided a poster board and handouts with information about land use regulations and the services that the department provides for the public.

Building Code Adoption: The staff is still in the process of seeking approval for the adoption of the Suite of 2012 building codes.

Activities Report was presented.

Commissioner Allen asked about the Wild West Code making sure people have that. Mr. Vanlwarden stated they hand out one for every subdivision they do. Can we make sure the titling companies have those also asked Commissioner Allen? Maybe they could make that part of their check off list at the title company when they close. So they know what to expect with their roads that they will not be grated every day and what to expect.

Commissioner Dunne asked in the revision of the Building Code will that include the RV living in it for 2 weeks. This is not in the Building Code it is in the Land Use Code. They are working on this because without a permanent home on the property it may incur more problems such as blight problems stated Mr. Altamirano.

Mr. Vanlwarden stated they are talking about 180 days. They would require a septic tank so there will be an investment into the property. They would have to secure water elsewhere.

Mr. Altamirano stated they had ASU student volunteers distribute information flyers on blight regarding steps they have to take in reporting blight and what they could expect if found blight. He met with BLM to discuss ways to enhance Zapata Falls. They are also taking a look at Land Use Code specifically looking at new flood plain regulations. They have to adopt new regulations because of the new State regulations. You could expect this before the end of the year.

Commissioner Yohn stated he has seen a lot of activity cleaning up east of town he doesn’t know if they were notified but they are making a difference. They can get an extension if they need it to keep an RV on their property. He went camping and went to Zapata Falls. They had a grader parked there and were contemplating what to do. He mentioned to Elmer that they had an agreement to maintain the road and he was not aware of that. The road has been entered into the Highway Administration Fund. It is scheduled for 2015 for the Highway Administration to do a
field survey to look at the best possible ways to improve the road. It could be anything from a high grade gravel road to having them provide funds for them to pave the road. Maybe they could help BLM to see how the best way to help with that road.

Ms. Day has not come into their office. Since the last time she was here before the board she has come into the office three times. They do not intend to go out until the end of the year. She did state they didn’t want anyone to go out to her property but to contact her by phone. This poses a problem for them because do not give out phone numbers through their office.

Commissioner Dunne asked about the grant on roads. Mr. Altamirano stated he has not heard anything but he will check on it when he returns to the office.

Commissioner Allen asked if they had heard anything about Eagle Net. They have been doing some work in Alamosa in drilling underground lines. They ran into some problems. The whole idea is provide for the schools.

Commissioner Allen asked about the mobile home park on Wild Acres because they were pulling a mobile home out and tore up the road quite a bit so are they required to get a permit for that. They are required to get a moving permit by the State of Colorado and notify the Assessor’s Office. They need to try to recoup the costs for that. Road & Bridge was supposed to send out a bill for it. They will need to give them 30 days stated Mr. Kelly.

Alamosa County Clerk & Recorder

Clerk & Recorder’s Report for July

Melanie Woodward was present. They received approval where they can go online on the State’s database where they can check on insurance. They are getting ready for the elections. They are going to get death certificates online. Now the funeral directors come into their office to get these but now they will be able to go online and get them theirselves. They are going to have training for them next week. It will be for them, doctors, coroners, and the funeral homes.

Commissioner Allen asked about voting equipment if they could sell it. If she sells it she has to pay back the grant that they were given to purchase it. She is also hesitant to sell because the state wants to have a unified system across the state and they might go with that vendor.

Commissioner Dunne thought they were going to mail only ballots statewide. They still are required to have an ADA compliant ballot machine and a regular scanner to run the ballots through. Last year she was renting the Handicap Accessible Machine because it was cheaper than paying for leasing and software. She was using the scanners so she was having to pay two different programmers. It was with the same company but for two different types of equipments and two different programming. This year this year she will be renting all the equipment from one company and paying for programming from one company.

Commissioner Yohn asked about the new proof of insurance system how is it different then they used in the past. You know right now whether they have insurance so what is the difference and
what does it cost. It doesn’t cost anything. Before they ran into some showing uninsured so they had to call the company and verify. Now they would just go online and check. Motor Vehicle is supposed to be tied into the State Insurance System so they are hoping this new system will help. If the VIN# is incorrect she doesn’t know if the system will pull it up. They are able to pull by VIN#’s and Plate #’s so maybe it will.

**m/s Dunne/Yohn motion to accept the Clerk & Recorder’s Report for July**
**Motion was approved unanimously.**

She is requesting to fill an employee vacancy. Karla Heredia took a position at the school so she needs to replace her.

**m/s Yohn/Dunne motion to approve employee vacancy**
**Motion was approved unanimously.**

**Community Forum with Governor of Colorado**

**Public Hearing**
*CDBG Public Hearing for Children’s Advocacy Center*

Ms. Ashley Riley-Lopes was present.

Commissioner Dunne stated she is proud and grateful for those who spear headed this. There are seven centers in the state but the closest is in Pueblo stated Ms. Lopes. We need to educate children in case something bad happens to them and educate adults to listen.

Commissioner Yohn asked what the operating budget is after the center is built. It is around $80,000 year just for this program. It will become part of their umbrella. This includes having a full time advocate, a forensic interviewer, a part-time forensic interviewer, and providing pediatric sex assault nurses exam on site. A little goes towards administrative support and the building. Since March they already served 50 families. They started this project they had calculated serving 30 families. They have some private foundation funding and Criminal Justice Act for personnel. Currently the forensic interviewers through Alamosa County Sheriff’s is providing in-kind and the SLV Regional Medical Center providing in-kind. Once get accredited they will have funds available through them. They plan to be accredited by the time the Center opens.

This weekend they have a ranch party through SLV Regional Medical Center for a fundraiser. Also Erin Murin talking who is a survivor of child abuse and working towards passing laws to mandate schools to provide education to children and educators which is November 1st at ASU. DHS is providing their forensic interviews there until their center is built. They are a great partner. Once they turn everything in and they are contracted they would go out into bid so her goal is to break ground October 15th but November 1st the latest.

Because it is regional Mr. Kelly stated he noticed Alamosa County is the only one listed on the grant application wouldn’t you want it a multi-jurisdictional and maybe get more funds. DOLA
advised them it would be better to go just as Alamosa County. They did get support letters from other counties. This is the best way they were told to approach this.

**m/s Yohn/Dunne motion to approve Assurance & Certifications, Environmental Review, & Replacement for CDBG for Children’s Advocacy Center**

**Motion was approved unanimously.**

**Eagle Net Alliance**

Doug Kessler was present. He is working with Eagle Net Alliance. They received a $100 million grant originally focused for school districts and libraries. It is a three year grant but expect an extension.

A power point presentation was given.

Commissioner Dunne asked if they could serve private schools or churches. They could but they would have to have a service provider for the last mile.

Commissioner Yohn asked if they are going with fiber optics and then wireless through the mountain couldn’t you just go wireless all the way. The wireless is restricted to a GB capability and fiber they can transfer data on one laser at 10GB. So they have more capacity.

Neil Schauall was present. Coming from Denver to here is fiber all way across. They sell service to other service providers stated Mr. Kessler. One provider they serviced to three towns where they most they could get was 46 mbg and now they can have 300 mbg after going with them.

They are an enabler where other local companies don’t like them because they allow other service providers to come in and compete. For economic development you can lose if you don’t have duplicate paths in case one path is cut to have an alternative.

Commissioner Allen stated when grant was first announced there were several counties that were circulating a letter in favor or opposition. They did not respond either way. They felt they didn’t want to get into that.

They would like a letter of support for another path. Alongside the state highways where is the other $25 million in for in-kind from State of Colorado? They are working with ASU to get connected.

**Alamosa County Public Health**

Julie Geiser was present.

The Regional effort with the partnership among the six counties will meet September 26th for an onsite visit. It is from 12:30-3pm. They are not looking at a total Regional office where there will be only one Public Health Department. If Public Health was to pull out it will cost them a lot of money.
CHAMP was very successful. They had about 1400 students passed through.

She will be sending Samantha to get training to be a certified lactuous specialist. She will be able to get funding from the Maternal Child Health Grant. This will also contribute to her effort towards early childhood obesity prevention because breastfeeding has been shown to help with obesity rates among children.

Ola Bovin has done 5 presentations to law enforcement agencies in regards to rabies. This is around the entire valley. They had 11 latent tb cases. They had a food born outbreak in Costilla the second week of July. They had measles scare in Rio Grande County. They have had 65 cases of immunal diseases referred so far this year. Pertussis which is Whooping Cough has had 22 people prescribed antibiotics. They have had special clinics to offer Pertussis Vaccinations to people especially those who are having babies also to the grandparents.

Their walking contest is going well and they will have a final in September. Their competition is DHS and Mental Health.

**Alamosa County Home Health**

They have allowed nurses to make as many visits as they want to. She believes it is a safety issue for them if they are doing too many visits a day. She would like to restrict to 9 visits a day. She also has seen nurses not doing hardly any visits as well as therapists. They have a computer with Allscripts that they pay for this. She would like to see a minimum of 5 visits a week for them.

They have been paying the therapists an extra $12 to do Supervisory visits for the Physical Therapy Assistance. It is real hassle so she would like to add another $12 to those visits as incentive for the RN’s.

She is not sure what is going to happen with health insurance if she has to pay for providers and nurses. Some are putting over 20 hours and some are not. The only contractors right now are the therapists. She is thinking they can contract with the nurses but she is not sure if she can contract with those that are not professionals. Mr. Kelly didn’t think that they had to be a professional to be contracted.

They had a surveyor here for HCBS and they only had two inefficiencies.

Options for Long Term Care they have 391 clients, HCA 85 clients, & 21 were in June. They are denying people because they are not meeting the criteria. Commissioner Dunne asked what is the criteria that they are not meeting. They have to be functional for a nursing home.

**Alamosa County Assessor**

Sandra Hostetter was present. She has a Petition for Abatement for Excelsior. It was the Hooper School and when it was sold they put it back on the tax roll. They valued it at the Cost Approach
Value for a school and it was excessive. The Commercial Auditors came in and adjusted the value. They paid half of the taxes and the other is still owed.

They valued it at as a school since that was what it was but it was not used as this. It was sold for $110,000. Excelsior accepted the value at the appeal period.

**m/s Yohn/Dunne motion to approve the abatement for Excelsior**

**Motion was approved unanimously.**

**Alamosa County Department of Human Services**

Joe Carrica was present. A Medicaid Dollars Spent Report was presented. It showed $2,737,092 total for July. Statement of Expenditures were presented. There is not a line that is overspent at this time. Old Age Pension and AND had overage but they have the money to cover that. Ongoing Programs Report was presented. Adult Financial showed they are staying stable. Food Stamps report shows they are the same as in 2012. There is a change in Food Stamps in October because there was an extra amount put in by the state prior and it ran out so now it will go down. The Investigation Report they had only one case which was a disqualification. The 2012 "Retained" Collections report was presented. State and Fed get 80% and we get 20% if above collected it is a bonus.

He has a contract with Whimspire which will do an adoption study for them. It costs $800 and it is cheaper than sending someone down there frequently.

**m/s Dunne/Yohn motion to approve contract with Whimspire Adoption Study**

**Motions were taken back since no motion was needed.**

They have an agreement with Barbara Gonzales in case they have a trauma. Such as if they lost a child it puts a burden on the staff and if someone needs to talk to someone they will have this person on kind of retainer.

In the allocation of Core Services it went up so that $669,909 went up to $775,000. Some goes to Mental Health to provide services to us. Some goes to Signal a drug/alcohol provider as well.

They are a financial agent that manages the HB1451. It is between the Mental Health Center, Alamosa representative, and a joint representative. They have had this agreement before. It allows them to tap into the fund and pay for things they wouldn’t be able to otherwise.

**m/s Dunne/Yohn motion to approve HB1451 Alamosa County acting as Fiscal Agent for those funds**

**Motion was approved unanimously.**

They have a multi County Contract for Nurturing Parenting Class with San Juan House where they are using Core Services dollars to fund. Saguache, Rio Grande, Conejos, and Alamosa have put money into this for a total of $165815. Mental Health used to do this program but they are not anymore. It is not effective until the last party’s signature is obtained stated Mr. Kelly. We
put in $52,297 and so did Rio Grande because they have the bigger demand. They are counting on 18 families for these counties and 10 families for Saguache and Conejos to be covered through this program. They make sure they are all certified and have liability.

**m/s Yohn/Dunne motion to approve contract with San Juan House**

Motion was approved unanimously.

The Early Childhood Council is trying to get funds from the State. They are trying to get the quality of Child Care up. They have a star system and they will evaluate the child cares. They have two facilities now that would qualify. There is $35,000 to help pay for the increase costs. They have two facilities that qualify for this now. He gave his support to this but in no way committed to them. These funds come from the legislature but where does that leave them to count on continuing funds. They can justify giving this amount if they are in this system. This will be a multi-county agreement. He hates to start a program if they cannot sustain it.

Commissioner Yohn asked if they can have a stipulation in there as long as funds are in there then rates will change. Yes you can stated Mr. Carrica. The goal is to improve the quality of child daycares. It is supposed to make them a better provider therefore they will pay them more money.

**m/s Yohn/Dunne motion to approve Early Childhood contract as funds are available**

Motion was approved unanimously.

Earned Income Credits. There were 1738 receipts of this in Alamosa County. The refunds totals were $3,733,198.

Works Allocation TANF Programs they contacted him. You spend most of the portion of money towards clients so they received a bonus for doing so. They put this in their TANF reserves. It is not cash but an IOU from the State. We got $48,237.41.

Commissioner Yohn asked about Colorado Works. He is on WIB. Is the dislocated worker program and this program overlapping. He did try to reach the regional rep of Workforce but never did get in touch stated Mr. Carrica.

**Alamosa County Road & Bridge**

Phil West and Bill Simmington were present. Mr. Simmington spoke. He spent 80% of time at Deer Valley Meadows. He was asked to put some roads and ditches out there. At the time he started if they got water showers you couldn’t get out there. He has put a shoulder. He hasn’t been out there for a couple of years. The only thing to do for improvement is to blade a little more often but there are only so much blades can do. He thinks Phil does a good job on picking priorities. It hasn’t been hit for 10 months. They try to prioritize the worst roads. There are a lot of people that don’t live there but use that road as a short cut to 160 stated Mr. West.
The subdivision off east of Brush Lane is that a county maintained road in Galbreth Estates asked Commissioner Yohn. He doesn’t think so but they blade it once in a while out of kindness.

**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

Carol Osborn, Assistant Administrator

Darius Allen, Chairman

Mike Yohn, Vice-Chair

Marianne Dunne, County Commissioner
Minutes of the Public Hearing for CDBG Children’s Advocacy Center was held on August 14, 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  
Britney DeHerrera, Chief Financial Officer  
Carol Osborn, Assistant Administrator  
Belina Ramirez, Office Manager

Ashley Riley-Lopes Executive Director of Tu Casa & Children’s Advocacy Center was present.

They need their Pre-contracting work with (DOLA) Department of Local Affairs. They have been receiving grants to build center. She is pleased to announce that they have $720,000. They have $123,000 left to raise. She would like to thank everyone being so supportive of this project. They hired the first full-time staff person in March. Since then they have provided services to over 50 child abuse victims and their non-offending caregivers. They receive referrals throughout the San Luis Valley.

Carol Osborn stated the grant was approved for $300,000. In order to complete the grant process some exhibits need to be signed and/or returned.

1. Assurance and Certification  
2. Excessive Force Policy  
3. Public Hearing Notice  
4. Minutes of meeting along with Public Presentation  
5. Memorandum of Understanding.

The MOU is to be signed prior to contract being signed typically it is signed after. Ms. Lopes stated that they didn’t need to sign at this time. Mr. Kelly stated there was blanks so it went from paragraph 1 to paragraph 8 and the MOU stated we are entering this agreement pursuant to contract being signed so that didn’t make sense. The email does state MOU doesn’t need to be signed at this time.

Commissioner Allen asked if anyone is in opposition to or in favor of this CDBG for Children’s Advocacy Center

No comment was made.

There being no further business, the Public Hearing for CDBG Children’s Advocacy Center was adjourned.

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

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