Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners Meeting, held on August 28, 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 Chamber of Commerce and add Special Events Fee Waiver for Rio Grande Headwaters to agenda.

M/S Dunne/Yohn motion to approve the agenda of August 28, 2013 as corrected.
Motion was passed unanimously.

Consent agenda Items:

Approval of General Business/Minutes

The Following Minutes were presented:
Regular Minutes-August 14, 2013
Public Hearing –Prince/Montoya Special Use Permit
Public Hearing –CDBG Children’s Advocacy Center

Commissioner Allen asked to pull the CDBG Children’s Advocacy Center it is missing a couple of paragraphs.
Commissioner Dunne asked for a correction of 2nd paragraph in Della Vieira’s statement “rules going to be revised for 2012” should state “rules were revised in 2012”. Also in Julie Geiser’s report it states “had special Pertussis clinics” it should add vaccinations after Pertussis.

M/S Yohn/Dunne motion to approve the Minutes of August 14, 2013 with corrections and changes.
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

Ratification of La Puente Certification
CCI 2013 Legislative Committee Member Appointment
Golder Associates Change Order #1 –Coop Landfill
Business Lease –Probation Office
Professional Services Agreement –Tuttle and Associates

Pull the Business Lease for the Probation Office because it is missing some pages.

M/S Dunne/Yohn motion to approve Consent Agenda with Business Lease being pulled for further discussion.
Motion was approved unanimously.

m/s Yohn/Dunne motion to approve Business Lease pending legal approval by County Attorney
Motion was approved unanimously.

Jason Kelly Attorney had to step out for a phone conference.

Public Hearings

Special Use Permit –Verizon Wireless

Juan Altimirano and Kelly Harrison Applicant were present.

Commissioner Dunne stated she tried to locate it on the map. It is between Alamosa and Blanca. It is just west of Valley Vista Drive stated Ms. Harrison. It is needed because there is a stretch there that doesn’t get service.

Commissioner Yohn stated he is on the E911 Board and they know they are missing a lot of data from cell calls especially for Phase 2 so this will help a lot. No one can get services there. The only concern is although is it is Commercial there and the access to it. They do have the access there at all times so if the rest of the property was to be sold it would have access. They have an access easement that runs with both properties so if he sells it will be recognized belonging to both properties stated Ms. Harrison. Mr. Altimirano stated they do want to make sure they do not land lock any other properties.
Commissioner Allen asked the conditions that were suggested were they suggested by the Planning Commission. Those conditions he requested to the Planning Commission. Commissioner Allen asked if there is any air restriction by the FAA. The Code calls for 160’ and this is 150’ so this is well within the range stated Mr. Altamirano. Commissioner Allen asked about the appearance condition. Mr. Altamirano stated it is in regard to the color tone of the lattice. They can paint it any color they want stated Ms. Harrison. They requested an earth tone color. They all know that cell phone coverage keeps getting better and better. He thinks it is a need.

Commissioner Yohn asked about the color of the lattice if anyone else paints them. If you drive for example in California they are painted brown so they fit in the landscape and you don’t notice them in the area stated Mr. Altamirano. This is what he is looking for.

Commissioner Allen asked if they had any calls or concerns regarding this application. They had Pam Stewart with E911 Board provide a letter in support. One adjacent land owner opposed at the Planning Commission that it would impact the land value of their property. They believed this wasn’t a problem so they considered the comment. Commissioner Allen asked when they begin building. It is placed for 2014.

List of Exhibits
1. Special Use Application Checklist
2. Staff Report
3. Application
4. Letter of Intent
5. Site drawing and Plans for Construction
6. Request for comments of impact on historic places
7. Receipt of Payment
8. Title Commitment
9. Deed
10. Assessor Record
11. Receipt of Taxes Pd
12. Letter of Authorization
13. Zoning
14. 1500 Foot Boundary Map
15. List of Adjoining Property Owners
16. Letter to Neighbors
17. Public Notice for the Planning Commission
18. Public Notice for the BOCC
19. Notice to Applicant
20. Support Letter from the Alamosa Regional Communication Center

m/s Yohn/Dunne motion to approve Special Use Permit for Verizon Wireless with conditions listed
Motion was approved unanimously.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALAMOSA COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO: 2013 – SUP - 005

RE: APPLICATION OF KELLY HARRISON, REPRESENTATIVE FOR VERIZON WIRELESS FOR A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THE OPERATION OF A 150’ SELF-SUPPORT/LATTICE TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITY AND OTHER APPURTEANCES IN ALAMOSA COUNTY, COLORADO.

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

WHEREAS, Kelly Harrison has submitted an application for a special use permit to allow the operation of a 150’ Self-Support/Lattice Telecommunication facility and other appurtenances in Alamosa County on the following property:

NE Corner of the Subject Property, with no address assigned in Alamosa, CO 81101, the legal description being as follows:

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said property being zoned Commercial (C) District; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held before the Alamosa County Planning Commission on June 12, 2013, to consider said application

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held before the Board of County Commissioners on August 28, 2013,

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

WHEREAS, at the hearing held on August 28, 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 a 150' Self-Support/Lattice Telecommunications facility and other appurtenances 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. Prior to groundbreaking, the applicant shall submit written documentation to the Land Use Office that proper approvals (i.e. licenses, permits) have been obtained from any agency responsible for siting and permitting telecommunication towers.

2. The Special Use Permit shall be in perpetuity and shall be limited to the operation of a telecommunications tower.

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4. The appearance of the telecommunications tower shall blend in with the surrounding landscape (i.e. the tower needs to have an earth toned color to blend in with the landscape.)

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- In granting approval of the Special Use Permit the Board of County Commissioners may impose reasonable conditions which serve to assure the required findings are upheld. Such conditions may include, but are not limited to, right-of-way or easement dedications; recreation; open space or buffer provisions; limitation in scale, intensity, or hours of operation; and other reasonable restrictions.

- Any additional condition approved by the Board of County Commissioners shall become a part of the permit and be of equal importance in the responsibility of the applicant or subsequent assigns to adhere to its terms.

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

DATED this 28th day of August, 2013

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
ALAMOSA COUNTY

(S E A L)

By: Darius Allen, Chairman

ATTEST:
Special Events Fee Waiver – Rio Grande Headwaters

They have submitted a Special Events Permit for Rio Grande Headwaters at the Gilmore Ranch on September 15, 2013. The Rio Grande Headwaters is asking for a fee waiver for $125 for this Special Events Permit. Commissioner Allen stated they are non-profit and they put together some land trusts. He doesn’t have a problem with this.

m/s Yohn/Dunne motion to waive fee for Special Events Permit for Rio Grande Headwaters

Motion was approved unanimously.

Commissioner Allen asked Mr. Altamirano to discuss the Professional Services Agreement with Tuttle and Associates for Commissioner Dunne’s information.

Gary Tuttle has been their consultant for third party reviewer to look at any application for any solar facility here. It is to double check everything for them that they don’t miss anything. He always works for Alamosa County not the developer. The cost associated with reviewing an application is significant because of the time the Land Use office would have to put aside to review would be substantial. The $2205 fee for a Public Hearing is high stated Commissioner Dunne. Mr. Altamirano stated those costs are for him coming down from Broomfield and they are lower than any others. Commissioner Allen explained to Commissioner Dunne that these costs are rolled over to the applicant so the county is not paying for these costs. We typically pay them and then we get reimbursed. They adjust $10-$15,000 in costs in case they go over the costs that they did not anticipate for. Any money they do not incur they refund back to the applicant so the county does not incur any costs. They are reimbursed within 30 days. He has worked on all of the projects here, in Huerfano County, and Las Animas County.

Sun Power Corporation has submitted a preliminary application for a 49.5 mgw facility 5 miles nw of the Iberdrola facility close to the County Line Road. Sun Power does have a Power Purchase agreement with Xcel with their other location.

Alamosa County Clerk & Recorder

Special Events Permit – Rio Grande Headwaters

It is a Special Events Liquor Permit. The event will be September 15, 2013 from 1-6pm. She has a letter of approval from Jim Gilmore because it is on his ranch.

Katherine Bailey Administrative Director was present. They are a small nonprofit organization based out of Del Norte working with private land owners help preserve their land.

Commissioner Allen asked if they are looking for more properties to put into Land Trusts. They are always looking.
Commissioner Yohn asked if they are serving beer and what else. They will be serving beer and wine.

Commissioner Allen asked if they have to post something. Yes Ms. Woodward stated they have to post a sign at the sight notifying if they have problems they can come to the public hearing. Sometimes where it is posted a lot of people don’t see it.

**m/s Yohn/Dunne motion to approve Special Events Liquor Permit for Rio Grande Headwaters**

Motion was approved unanimously.

**Rental of Equipment, Sales of Service Contract**

Ms. Woodward stated this equipment is for the November Election. It will be $1500 cheaper than what she did prior.

Commissioner Yohn stated he appreciated her trying to save the County money.

She has been renting the ADA equipment. The scanners she has had problems with those. She spoke with the vendor at their conference and she told her it would be cheaper to rent everything. Before they already had 70% of voters being permanent mail in ballot only. They won’t have to pay programming for two different equipment. Everyone that participates in the election such as the schools is charged so the fees are recouped.

The equipment now is outdated asked Commissioner Yohn. Yes and right now the state is looking at unified voting to have the same equipment statewide so she has put off doing anything with the current equipment. They are meeting now with vendors now to see who they want to go with.

**m/s Dunne/Yohn motion to approve Rental of Equipment, Sales of Service Contract**

Motion was approved unanimously.

**United States Bureau of Land Management**

Andrew Archuleta Field Manager and Shawn Newnan Recreation Manager were present. Mr. Archuleta spoke. They don’t have that much land in Alamosa County as much as in the rest of the Valley. They are co located with the Forest Service. Headquarters are in Saguache County. They are considering the options of pulling all the staff to one office. BLM previously had an office in Alamosa and that is what they are looking at again. It is been great working with Alamosa County.

A Highlights Handout was presented. BLM manages about 550,000 acres. BLM also manages 650,000 subsurface acres. They manage the Mineral Estate for all Federal Governments for oil & gas, mining, or sand/gravel. They manage Wilderness Study Areas. They have three wilderness study areas. These areas have been proposed as Wilderness designation. They
remain as study cases until Congress decides they are wilderness or if they are going to be removed from the list.

They have Special Management Areas such as Rio Grande Natural Area and the Sangre de Cristo Heritage Area.

Areas of Critical Environment Concern such as Blanca Wetlands primarily for recreation and wetland species there. They each have different emphasis such as Elephant Rocks has geological formations.

Special Recreation Management Areas such as Zapata Falls. They have grazing, Minerals, and Special Projects such as Kerber Creek Restoration Project and Renewable Energy.

BLM is a smaller office in the state so they really rely on their seasonal workforce. They have been working with ASU students. The Blanca ACDC expansion is still in process. A map was provided showed the Land Water Conservation Fund. They are looking at purchasing some land from the Nature Conservancy associated with the Blanca Wetlands. Their previous Secretary of Interior wanted to look at large landscapes. They are working with the Taos Field Office, the Carson National Forest, as well as the Rio Grande National Forest, the Great Sand Dunes National Park, and Alamosa/Monte Vista Refuge comes to put together a land/water conservancy proposal. The proposal was submitted last week which is for 2015 funding and will be expanded over a few years. Through their solar EIS they have Tia Gulche by Saguache and Mogotes Hills in LaJara. Their next phase is doing an auction for the right to begin the process for one of those solar sites.

Mr. Newnan spoke. One of the things they have been doing is when Secretary of Interior unveiled the Great America’s Outdoors they developed the SLV Great Outdoors Project. They are trying to do a better job getting interest in Blanca Wetlands. Alamosa has the two of the largest recreation destinations for public lands being the Great Sand Dunes and Zapata Falls. The second is Wolf Creek. They estimate 145,000 visits on an annual basis. They are interested in getting the relationship with the state land board and the county. They are hoping to get highway signs. They have seen this dramatically increases the visitation. It is a non-motorized area so he has difficulty getting signs for that area. They have been doing the maintenance on the road. He is going submit a request from the Alamosa Road & Bridge to assist. They are working with ASU to develop a downhill cycle program. The campground has got a lot of use.

Commissioner Allen stated they got a lot of calls regarding the roads there. They would really like to coordinate with the Forest Service.

Commissioner Dunne stated the roads have improved.

They had a diesel spill from a grater and they had to excavate it which left a big hole. They appreciated that Road & Bridge came in and filled the hole for them.

Commissioner Yohn stated when he first came in as Commissioner BLM came in with a concern with that road that they didn’t approve of the way Alamosa County was maintaining it, didn’t
approve the way it was engineered, or even that the road was built. They had a Public Health meeting where they had a big concern with dust in Alamosa County so if they could look at some dust mitigation. How many units are in the campgrounds? Twenty four and one is a camp post. The only one that has water is the camp post. They are slated to drill a well. What are the complaints from tourists using the areas? The complaints are of the roads. The maintenance from the County hasn’t had any complaints from BLM.

Commissioner Dunne stated she appreciated the hiking trails and the extra picnic tables. She loves the view from there. She knows there is a lack of water from San Luis Lakes that there is no lake. The goal from the Mitigation is to bring it back stated Mr. Newnan. The tds salts were so high. The requirements are to dry the lake out to get the salts out.

**Mosquito Control District**

Tyler Hurst District Manager and Sarah Cantu were present. Larvicide is their main focus. 70-80% of their budget is for larvicide. They have to catch the flyers before they are problematic. They used to have four larvicide guys and now they have six. Especially with the runoff it was early. Alamosa is in a swamp so whether there is water out there is standing water. They put out a total of 20 traps. They collected 125,807 mosquitoes. They trap 24/7. They have currently 14 traps out now. They are starting to pull some of the traps. They test for West Nile once each week. There has been 22 West Nile cases tested in Colorado fortunately none here.

Ms. Cantu stated they are working hard on surveillance. Some of their challenges this year was they had a new species move into their district and has grown along the river. These mosquitoes like the tree canopy along the river. It has been a nuisance. They train foggers around May. They decided to have a backup fogger which has worked out really well. In the years past they come out the first week of June and this year this didn’t happen. They came out the third week of June. Then they were really rolling out their trucks. Now they usually dwindle down but this year the extra monsoon season they are running their foggers out still. On an average they are getting 22 nights worth of total 47 nights of fogging.

Mr. Hurst stated they bought an airplane last year and by the time they got a pilot and everything the season was over so they were not able to use it. This year they were able to use it. They would put out 15-18 flights a year when they contracted the flights. They have done 8 this year and if they could get 2 more it would be great. Their aerial program to get out in the rural areas does the job. They were only able to treat acres which would be a lot of work for their foggers to cover those areas.

Commissioner Yohn stated when you needed it the Arial program does a great job. They can cover 10 sq miles in 50 minute stated Mr. Hurst.

Commissioner Dunne asked about if the larvicide work for reptiles such as frogs. It is just for mosquitoes so no fish, bug mites, reptiles, and livestock are affected stated Mr. Hurst. They have other larvicide that is not so nice but these are made for just mosquitoes. She has neighbors that want to be asked for no fogging. They have requirements to meet for no fogging stated Mr. Hurst. It is the safest chemical they can use. It is diluted with 6 parts of water with 1 part of
chemical so it is mainly water. Within 12 hours of fogging there is no residue. It is contact only; it has to land on the mosquito. They understand the ecosystem.

They are at 90% of their budget revenue even though they reduced their mill levy. They brought in the bee sites to talk about site locations and how they operate. It was a great opportunity to be on the same side. There were a lot of misconceptions on both of their sides.

They hired a biologist part time. They are working on non target study. There are a lot of people saying they are hurting other reptiles so they are going to put this to the test. They are also doing a drift study to determine how far their chemicals are going and how an 8 foot fence or trees affect it. It is going to be a two year study. They are going to focus on the trucks first then the airplane.

They are doing a mosquito repellent plant program. He is going to talk to the City and Ruth Brown to see if they can help by spreading out some citronella, marigolds, lemongrass, and bee balm which are natural deterrents. They are also giving out seeds and plant out those people who do not want fogged so they could deter mosquitoes somewhat.

Media their website is mosquitobytes.org. They try to keep it updated as much as possible. They are on Facebook. They are doing public outreach. They give presentation to 4th and 5th grades and next year they will do 7th grade.

They have a fogging hotline. People ask when they are going to be spraying in their area or a time. They have designed a hotline where they list the fog areas. There is not a way to see how many call in but the number of calls questioning have gone down.

**Alamosa County Department of Human Services**

Joe Carrica was present. Food Stamp Graph Report was presented. Ongoing Caseload Summary Graphs were presented. Investigation Report was presented. They have finished their emergency plan. They will be educating and testing the plan.

**Alamosa County Public Health**

Julie Geiser was present. She introduced new employees Dawn Arellano Quality Assurance and Dana Martin PRN Field Nurses. They set the Walkingthon to September 24th at 11am. This is a competition between DHS, Public Health, and Mental Health.

CHAMP they did over 1600. She has been invited to sit in interviews for a new school nurse.

Some Veterinarians do decapitate. To prevent rabies the rabies vaccine is provided to them for free. Ms. Carol Osborn asked what the fee is. They paid for $75. Commissioner Allen asked how many do we do. We don’t do that many.

They are going to be doing continued education for Community Corrections for Administering Medication. They will develop a draft contract.
Alamosa County Home Health

They need to hire another Physical Therapist.

They will have a site visit from the Single Entry Point Friday. They will be evaluating OLTC.

The 139% for emergency preparedness was a contract was supposed to go through and they moved up. So if they didn’t spend it they had to send it back. This included upgrading the security cameras, panic buttons, and radios purchased. Public Health just doesn’t support itself but she can cover it from other programs.

Commissioner Yohn stated when the power went off the generator went on. Commissioner Allen asked if the generator doesn’t go back on then how long does the vaccine last. She doesn’t know. You have to have it on the right receptacle for it to go on with the generator.

Alamosa County Sheriff

Dave Stong was present. Alpine Vet is going out of the pound business in January. They structure they have they could lease them that.

Monthly Detention Report was provided. Daily Average Population was 97. Commissioner Allen stated he gave some reports for the last few years to the Governor to look at. The Governor asked if they ever asked why they are in there and where they come from. A past Sheriff from Denver has a consulting firm that they could come and determine this. They had NIC (National Institution of Corrections) coming down to work on some of these things. October 15th and 16th they will be here. They are going to send them to a training to learn remedies to their situation.

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 Verizon Use Special Use Permit was held on August 28, 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

Juan Altamirano and Kelly Harrison Applicant were present.


Owner: Nick N. Bacria 11488 W County Rd 7, Longmont CO 80504

Legal Description: E ½ W ½ NW ¼ 12-37-11

Purpose: The applicant is requesting a Special Use Permit to allow the operation of a 150' Self support/Lattice Telecommunications facility and other appurtenances in the NE corner the subject property. The telecommunications tower and other appurtenance will be placed in a Commercial Zone District.

Location: The subject property is located within the northwest quarter of Section 12 Township 37 North, Range 11 East of the New Mexico Principal Meridian in Alamosa County.

Recommendation: Before the proposed use can be established the applicant will need to apply for and obtain all of the necessary licensing and/or permits which cover telecommunication towers.

Staff believes the use of the property to place a telecommunication tower is consistent with the Alamosa County Land Use and Development Code, Master Plan, and other County guidelines. Conditions of approval, if any, should be consistent with any outlined county goals and guidelines.

They looked at emergency services. Mr. Altamirano asked Pam Stewart from the Alamosa Regional Communications Center to issue their opinion based on what they see on a constant basis. On August 1, 2013 he received communication from Pam Stewart that they would like to voice their support for an additional wireless tower East Alamosa. She continues to say they are currently having issues with a wireless provider in the SLV that doesn’t have updated equipment in their towers that causes an issue with 911 that they are not able to provide location information on the callers. They would like to request as the Communication Center and 911
Board if the county has any control over the tower that the tower come in with Phase 2 wireless equipment. The Phase 2 equipment allows the Communication Center to narrow down the location of the caller in the event that the caller doesn’t know where they are or are unable to speak. They have been quite successful in locating callers that have Phase 2 enabled.

Staff recommends that should the Alamosa County Board of County Commissioners choose to recommend the Special Use Permit No. 2013-004, the following conditions should be imposed:

1. Prior to groundbreaking, the applicant shall submit written documentation to the Land Use Office that proper approvals (i.e. licenses, permits) have been obtained from any agency responsible for siting and permitting telecommunications Towers.
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**ZONING AND LAND USE:** The property is located in a Commercial Zoned District. The site is vacant land covered with native vegetation. Adjacent parcels within the general area are either also vacant or with limited development.

Soil disturbance is anticipated from construction of the equipment shelter pad, tower and underground utilities. However, these disturbances will be temporary and will have little to no signification impact to surrounding landowners.

**ACCESS:** Access to the subject property is from an existing private driveway located east from the subject property. A proposed 20-foot wide access easement will be added extending from State Hwy 160 to the subject property.

**WATER AND WASTEWATER:** The property is currently vacant and does not have sewer service. Staff does not anticipate that the site will be occupied; however temporary repair work may occur from time to time.

**FIRE PROTECTION:** The property is within the service area of the Alamosa County Fire Protection District
Ms. Harrison stated Verizon Wireless is proposing a 150’ lattice tower west of the Town of Blanca. They exceeded the setbacks required by code. A 150’ Tower has to be set back 30’ from each property line and in this case they set it back 145’ from Hwy 160 and 73’7” from east property line. This site is intended to provide 4G LTE Data and E911 Services to travelers around Hwy 160. They are trying to permit 6 sites within the SLV. They are going to link with Hwy 160 and Hwy 285.

Commissioner Allen asked if anyone is in favor of or opposition to this application.

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7. Any additional condition approved by the Board of County Commissioners shall become a part of the permit and be of equal importance in the responsibility of the applicant or subsequent assigns to adhere to its terms.

Passed by roll call vote: Allen, Dunne and Yohn all in favor.
DATED this 24th day of August, 2013

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALAMOSA COUNTY

(SEAL)

By

Darius Allen, Chairman

ATTEST:

Melanie Woodward, Clerk of the Board

There being no further business, the Public Hearing for Verizon Use was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Belina Ramirez, Office Manager

Carol Osborn, Assistant Administrator

Darius Allen, Chair

Mike Yohn, Vice-Chairman

Marianne Dunne, County Commissioner