Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners Meeting, held on December 18, 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

M/S Yohn/Dunne motion to approve the agenda of December 18, 2013.  
Motion was passed unanimously.

Consent agenda Items:

Approval of General Business/Minutes

Approval of Bills/Obligations

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

Public Comment

Pres Porter wished everyone Merry Christmas

Approval of Consent Agenda

Statement of Work Agreement to Perform Online Mapping Services to BOCC  
MOU Colorado Department of Human Services

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

Adoption of 2014 Alamosa County Budget

Commissioner Allen stated his main concern was the Sheriff’s portion with outside housing.

Commissioner Yohn asked why Surveyor doesn’t have health insurance in his budget and why the deputy coroners are not in the budget. Ms. DeHerrera stated the Coroner is actually paid as an employee. The Surveyor is not paid as an employee so he is paid on a monthly stipend so when their monthly health insurance bill comes in they pay it and he receives a 1099. The Deputy Coroners are the same way and are listed as fees on the Coroner’s Budget and they are issued a 1099.

Commissioner Dunne stated the animal control budget of $400 is unrealistic. She is stuck if they increase this where it would come from. She feels it should come from the Sheriff’s budget. They never stay within budget, so to take it from other areas in the Sheriff’s Budget when they maybe already over. Commissioner Allen thought they can take this out of the Community Development fund for the first year to get them up and going. He won’t do this continually. This will help the community. Every year these organizations need our help stated Commissioner Dunne.

m/s Yohn/Dunne motion to adopt 2014 County Budget
Motion was approved unanimously.

m/s Dunne/Yohn motion to adopt 2014-F-1 and 2014-F-2 Resolutions
Motion was approved unanimously.

m/s Dunne/Yohn motion to amend prior motion to reflect “2013-F-1” and “2013-F-2” Resolutions
Motion was approved unanimously.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALAMOSA COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO: 2013 - F - 1


WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Alamosa County has appointed Brittney DeHerrera, Chief Financial Officer, to prepare and submit a proposed budget to said governing body at the proper time, and;
WHEREAS, Brittney DeHerrera, Chief Financial Officer has submitted a proposed budget to this governing body on October 9, 2013, for its consideration, and;

WHEREAS, upon due and proper notice, published or posted in accordance with the law, said proposed budget was open for inspection by the public at a designated place, a public hearing was held on November 6, 2013, and interested taxpayers were given the opportunity to file or register any objections to said proposed budget, and;

WHEREAS, whatever increases may have been made in the expenditures, like increases were added to the revenues or planned to be expended from the reserves / fund balances so that the budget remains in balance, as required by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ALAMOSA, COLORADO:

Section 1. That the estimated expenditures for each fund are as follows:

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Component Units of Government

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Section 2. That the estimated revenues for each fund are as follows:

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**GRAND TOTAL - ALL FUNDS**

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*Note - represents net property tax.

Section 3. That the budget as submitted, amended and hereinabove summarized by fund, hereby is approved and adopted as the budget of Alamosa County for the year stated above.

Section 4. That the budget hereby approved and adopted shall be signed by the Board of County Commissioners and made a part of the public records of the County.

ADOPTED this 18th day of December, A.D. 2013.
The roll having been called, the vote was as follows:

- Commissioner Allen: Yes, No
- Commissioner Yohn: Yes, No
- Commissioner Dunne: Yes, No

The foregoing resolution passed by roll call vote resulting in a \(3-0\) vote.

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**ATTEST:**

Melanie Woodward, Clerk of the Board

(SEAL)

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ALAMOSA, STATE OF COLORADO**

Darius Allen, Chairman

Michael Yohn, Vice-Chairman

Marianne Dunne

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALAMOSA COUNTY**

**RESOLUTION NO: 2013 - F - 2**

**RE:** A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING SUMS OF MONEY TO THE VARIOUS FUNDS AND SPENDING AGENCIES IN THE AMOUNT AND FOR THE PURPOSES AS SET FORTH BELOW, FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMOSA, COLORADO, FOR THE FY2014 BUDGET YEAR.

WHEREAS, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS has adopted the annual budget in accordance with the Local Government Budget Law, on December 18, 2013, and;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has made provisions therein for revenues in an amount equal to or greater than the total proposed expenditures as set forth in said budget, and;
WHEREAS, it is not only required by law, but also necessary to appropriate the revenues and reserves or fund balances provided in the budget to and for the purposes described below, thereby establishing a limitation on expenditures for the operations of Alamosa County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ALAMOSA, COLORADO:

Section 1. That the estimated expenditures for each fund are as follows:

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Note - Does not include expenditure for Treasurer's Fees in funds with property tax revenues.

ADOPTED this 18th day of December, A.D. 2013.

The roll having been called, the vote was as follows:

- Commissioner Allen  
  Yes  
  No
- Commissioner Yohn  
  Yes  
  No
- Commissioner Dunne  
  Yes  
  No

The foregoing resolution passed by roll call vote resulting in a 3-0 vote.

ATTEST:

Melanie Woodward, Clerk of the Board

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ALAMOSA, STATE OF COLORADO

Darius Allen, Chairman

Michael Yohn, Vice-Chair

Marianne Dunne
Mill Levy Certification
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This is for the entire county and school districts. These have to be submitted by December 20th

m/s Dunne/Yohn motion to adopt Mill Levy Certifications as well as 2013-F-3 and 2013-F-4 Resolutions.

Motion was approved unanimously.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALAMOSA COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO: 2013 - F - 3


WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Alamosa, has adopted the annual budget in accordance with the local government budget law on December 18, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the amount of money necessary to balance the budget for General Fund operating expenses is $8,026,644; Department of Human Services expenses is $14,511,736; Road & Bridge expenses is $2,446,260; Retirement expenses is $152,833; Solid Waste Management expenses is $22,700; Capital Projects expenses is $63,200 and for the Debt Service expenses is $318,040.

WHEREAS, the 2013 valuation for assessment for the County of Alamosa as certified by the County Assessor is $159,608,315; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the requirements for anticipated expenditures and revenues from all the sources for FY2014, the Board of County Commissioners of Alamosa County has determined that for the year 2013 the proper mill levy, which shall be collected in the year 2014 upon each dollar of the assessed valuation of all taxable property in the County shall be 25.238 mills.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ALAMOSA, COLORADO, as follows:

Section 1. There is hereby levied upon each dollar’s worth of property within the county limits of the County of Alamosa for the purpose of defraying the necessary expenses and paying all legal obligations of said County for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2014, a tax of 25.238 mills on each dollars’ worth of property as per the assessed value thereon as show by the
valuation for assessment, as certified by the Alamosa County Assessor for the year 2013, as fixed by the Alamosa County Board of Equalization.

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ADOPTED THIS 18TH DAY OF DECEMBER, A.D. 2013.

The roll having been called, the vote was as follows:

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<td>Commissioner Dunne</td>
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The foregoing resolution passed by roll call vote resulting in a 3-0 vote.

ATTEST:

Melanie Woodward, Clerk of the Board

Darius Allen, Chairman
BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALAMOSA COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO: 2013 - F - 4


WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Alamosa in its capacity as the Weed & Pest Control Board, has adopted the annual budget in accordance with the local government budget law on December 18, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the amount of money necessary to balance the budget for General operating expenses is $65,000; and

WHEREAS, the 2013 valuation for assessment for the Alamosa Weed & Pest Control District as certified by the County Assessor is $14,888,163; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the requirements for anticipated expenditures and revenues from all the sources for FY2014, the Board of County Commissioners of Alamosa County (serving as the Board of Directors for the District) has determined that for the year 2013 the proper mill levy, which shall be collected in the year 2014 upon each dollar of the assessed valuation of all taxable property in the District shall be 1.500 mills less a mill levy credit of .386 mills = 1.114 mills.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ALAMOSA, COLORADO, as follows:

Section 1. There is hereby levied upon each dollar’s worth of property within the Alamosa Weed & Pest Control District, County of Alamosa for the purpose of defraying the necessary expenses and paying all legal obligations of said District for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2014, a tax of 1.500 mills less a mill levy credit of .386 mills = 1.114 mills on each dollar’s worth of property as per the assessed value thereon as show by the valuation for assessment, as certified by the Alamosa County Assessor for the year 2013, as fixed by the Alamosa County Board of Equalization.
Total Authorized Levy

Mill Levy Credit

1.500
Mills

(0.386)
Mills

Total

1.114
Mills

ADOPTED THIS 18th DAY OF DECEMBER, A.D. 2013.

The roll having been called, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Allen  ☑ Yes  ☐ No
Commissioner Yohn    ☑ Yes  ☐ No
Commissioner Dunne  ☑ Yes  ☐ No

The foregoing resolution passed by roll call vote resulting in a 3-0 vote.

ATTEST:

Melanie Woodward, Clerk of the Board

(SEAL)

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF ALAMOSA, STATE OF COLORADO

Darius Allen, Chairman

Michael Yohn, Vice Chair

Marianne Dunne

Alamosa County Treasurer

Lois Widhalm was present.

November’s Treasurer’s Report
m/s Yohn/Dunne motion to approve November’s Treasurer Report
Motion was approved unanimously.

Ratification of Masters Touch Contract

Masters Touch allows us to submit our data with Pueblo and they also do the mass mailing of tax notices. This year they have an opportunity to add an additional item to the contract which is called Enotices. They have given her their blessing. She has spoke with Jason Kelly and the State Statute 39-10-103 allows electronic notices. Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Saguache are all going to do electronic notices. This does not mean that every resident or property owner will chose this option. They need to sign it or view it on email, print a hard copy, and pay for it there. They may want to pay it later. They are given the opportunity and they may opt out of it at any time. In addition to them send out tax notices in January and late taxes in August. Assessor will be given opportunity to use and send NOV’s (Notice of Evaluations) electronically. If people in past have paid their taxes with credit card they will be notified soon and they can sign up for it and they can sign electronically. Otherwise they will send a hard copy to sign up for the future. This first mailing won’t save money.

Commissioner Dunne asked if the homeowner who pays escrow through their mortgage do they notify the lenders. Their Auto Agent system picks up any mortgage company stated Ms. Widhalm. Those are paid electronically already.

Commissioner Yohn asked if there is going to be an additional cost for the tax payers. The County cannot absorb any merchant fees so the homeowner gets assessed the 2.5% charge. She is always looking for a lower rate but for now this is the lowest.

On page 37 paragraph D it talks about inadequate addresses so how many come back asked Commissioner Yohn. The address collection and correction rests with the Assessor. If a parcel package goes out and returned undeliverable or change of address, they notify the Assessor and they change it and the next mailing will go out with the correction. Masters Touch gives a report of potential changes when they register their changed address with the Post Office. They have terms of agreement with the enotices that if there is anything different on their tax notices they are responsible for notifying the Treasurers. How many notices do you get undeliverable? More than she would like to admit. These then would have to be hand processed. When Tax notices go out and they don’t receive it they are frustrated because they got charged extra fees. They cannot notify if they don’t know their new address. They are currently processing 300 returns.

Commissioner Allen asked is there a reason why she chose them over other companies that offer this service. What they offer, the price, and the fact they have been working with Colorado are the reasons stated Ms. Widhalm.

m/s Dunne/Yohn motion to approve ratification of Masters Touch Contract
Motion was approved unanimously.
Alamosa County Mineral Reservations 5-37-10

Paul Motz was present. In 1949 the taxes were unpaid and deeded to Alamosa County. In 1950 the property was purchased which didn’t reserve the mineral rights. A picture of the property was presented. It has been annexed into the City of Alamosa so with their rules and regulations any mineral development would be impossible. The new owner would not purchase without reservations. This gives the mineral rights with the surface owner. There are no minerals out there and trying to develop any minerals there would be impossible. The value to the City and the County is with commercial development and sales tax which are greater. Is geothermal considered a mineral interest asked Commissioner Yohn? No if you want to do separate geothermal rights you can. Mr. Kelly stated there is really no market for it and as a result you would get more money for development. All they are doing is abandoning any rights to the minerals stated Mr. Motz. The way the rules exist right now is if the County decides to sell the mineral rights they have to offer it to the surface owner first anyway. Commissioner Dunne stated she didn’t know how anyone can abandon mineral rights but they are really giving it to the surface owner.

m/s Dunne/Yohn motion to approve abandoning mineral reservations 5-37-10
Motion was approved unanimously.

Worksession

Alamosa County Sheriff with Valley Humane League

Community Corrections

Board/Staff Updates

If we do overspend our budget we have to do a resolution. We will have to do one for Mosca at the meeting in January stated Ms. DeHerrera.

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 2014 Budget Adoption was held on December 18, 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

Brittney DeHerrera spoke. They have to adopt their budget before they can certify their mill levy.

Discussion of 2014 Budget

Tab 4 shows summary of lease purchases. First is showing new facility and payoff of the old facility. Jail Security was paid off in 2012 which is noted. The gateway and the rest are for the graders.

Tab 5 is where the Mill Levies will go.

Tab 6 is the Comparative summary. If not debruced they would have been limited in the amount of property taxes they would have been able to collect. The Weed District saw an increase but they are not debruced so they have to do a mill levy tax credit for them. If you do not do this then you would lose your mill levy forever.

Tab 7 is the Public Trustee Budget. The Resolution they presented at the public hearing they had no comments so it will remain the same. This had its own publication and public hearing.

Tab 8 General Fund is 23% of overall budget. 2014 they are presenting a $720,000 increase from out 2013 budget which is pretty significant. A big portion of that is Tu Casa the pass through. They have more money for the Administrator. Other Administration went up because of Airport salaries but they get reimbursed for this. The Sheriff is a portion of the increase. When they look at revenue the total revenues for the General Fund are 6.2 million and 4.5 comes from property and sales tax. She does have PILT in this budget of $177,000 coming in. She hasn’t heard this has been authorized yet. The Fund Balance Summary which is proposing to use 2.3 million of our fund balance but she is very conservative with their revenues.

Commissioner Dunne asked about animal control where the Animal Shelter is requesting funding. Ms. DeHerrera put in what they have always done which is $400 a month.

Commissioner Allen inquired about the Community Development Fund regarding the expenditures. Ms. DeHerrera stated she just did this incase they want to use it. For example she knows maybe the Sangre de Cristo Heritage Area or the Boys N Girls Club. Do you have the
guidelines what you can use these funds for asked Commissioner Allen? No stated Ms. DeHerrera.

The majority of the budget for the departments is staff salaries and insurance. Commissioner Yohn asked about the health insurance that are high and other departments are low. For example the Sheriff’s Office they have turnover frequently and they have a 90 day waiting period so they may never be get health insurance stated Ms. DeHerrera. Also if someone changes from single to family status it changes this significantly. For example Amy is changing to a family plan which $9500. With the new Healthcare Act they will bring people on health insurance sooner in 60 days where before they had to wait 90 days. Public Health had the question of providing health insurance for PCP’s.

Sheriff housing has come down so hopefully they can cut this in half,

2013-F-1 Summarizing Expenditures and Revenues -This is what the auditors look at.

2013-F-2 Appropriating Sums of Money –this shows how those expenditures are allocated through operating debt and capital outlay.

Commissioner Allen asked if anyone has comment on the 2014 budget.

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

ATTEST:

Belina Ramirez, Office Manager

Carol Osborn, Assistant Administrator

Darius Allen, Chair

Mike Yohn, Vice-Chairman

Marianne Dunne, County Commissioner