Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners Meeting, held on May 9, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioners Chambers, Alamosa County Services Center, 8900 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101.

Members Present:
George Wilkinson, Chair
Mike Yohn, Vice-Chair
Darius Allen, Commissioner
Jason Kelly, County Attorney
Mark Garcia, Interim Administrator
Carol Osborn, Assistant Administrator
Belina Ramirez, Administrative Secretary

Call the Meeting to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Approval of the Agenda

Addition of MOU Rio Grande Sheriffs Agreement and Waste Management Agreement to be added to agenda.

M/S Yohn/Allen motion to approve the agenda of May 9, 2012.
Motion was passed unanimously.

Consent agenda Items:

Approval of General Business/Minutes

The Following Minutes were presented:
Regular Minutes-April 25, 2012

M/S Allen/Yohn motion to approve the Minutes of April 25, 2012.
Motion was passed unanimously.

Approval of Bills/Obligations

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

Public Comment
Approval of Consent Agenda
Ratification of agreement for Jail Housing Services-Chaffee County
MOU-Alamosa County Sheriff/Saguache County Sheriff –Victim Advocate
MOU-Alamosa County Sheriff/Mineral County Sheriff-Victim Advocate
MOU-Alamosa County Sheriff/Conejos County Sheriff-Victim Advocate
MOU-Alamosa County Sheriff/Rio Grande County Sheriff-Victim Advocate
Department of Local Affairs Contract –Housing & Community Development
CDOT-Local Agency Assurance
Appointment to Planning Commission
Certification of Compliance-Immigration Status-Cooperation with Federal Agencies
Federal Aviation Administration-Transfer of funds to Vance Brand Municipal Airport
Waste Management Contract for Roll off for Clean Up Day

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

Public Hearings

Land Use Development Code-Text Amendments

Commissioner Allen asked if public notices were given or advertised. They published in the paper stated Altamirano. Commissioner Allen asked if there were any comments. They did have a question but didn’t have anything to do with the text amendments. They would have to retro these to 2009.

This was brought up by Meridian Solar Farm LLC. They felt that down the road they felt they couldn’t get financing. This was overlooked over the first text amendment they had.

Commissioner Wilkinson asked about Saguache where they want to divert water out of Alamosa do they have any control over that. Mr. Altamirano stated he talked to the developer and stated they would have to go over the 1041 guidelines to review that application for that kind of water project. Mr. Garcia suggested visiting with Jason Kelly regarding the retroactive to 2009.

M/S Allen/Yohn motion to approve Text Amendments retroactive to 2009
Motion was approved unanimously.

Alamosa County Land Use

Land Use Department Activities Report was presented as follows:

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Mr. Altamirano stated they issued three Temporary Use Permits. One was for Motocross for June, Fireworks for Summerfest on the Rio, and a Mud Run for Valley Wide Fitness. They have three applications for Minor Subdivision and one Zoning request. Also the final application for SLV Solar Farm will be heard.

Commissioner Yohn asked about the mobile home park behind KGIW why they can't do anything there. Mr. Vanlwarden stated they need to check with Jason Kelly for their options. Mr. Kelly stated one option is a payment arrangement.

Commissioner Allen asked about the Coop Landfill. Mr. Vanlwarden stated he contacted the state and they said they could do what they felt they needed to do. They will have to clean out the tanks and it will be their decision to remove the tanks. They are going to publish in the newspaper that they are closing it.
Commissioner Allen stated Cogentrix is putting water softener and water and they want to take it to the City recycling. He wanted to know if Road & Bridge can take it and use it.

Alamosa County Road & Bridge

Phil West was present. They finally got asphalt yesterday. They put it on 5 South out by Mushroom Farm. They will do the Stanley today. Commissioner Wilkinson asked if they were going to have the same problem out on the South Sanford Road if they just overlay it. Mr. West stated they could blade patch it. Commissioner Wilkinson said that is the only way it is going to get better. Last year center line was $172 a mile so he thinks this year it will be around $200 a mile. If you want they could do County Line, Coop, and 4 miles on Sanford Road, they could do that for about $4800. If they want to put more money into it they could do the 16 miles at Sand Dunes. Rio Grande is just doing the Center lines so they could do that. They need to put it in the budget for next year stated Commissioner Wilkinson. This way they could do this on a yearly basis. They are going to start asphalt on the first week of June. One the 2 north going to Cogentrix Chet Guineson asked if they could do some asphalt and he would pay for it.

Break

Alamosa County Sheriff

Detention average is 127, currently 91 are in housed, 40 housed outside of facility, and 17 on pretrial release. They completed hiring process. They had nine applicants and only three completed the tests.

Commissioner Wilkinson asked why they are getting rid of the boat for the online auction. They haven’t used it in the last three years.

Alamosa County Public Health

Options for Long Term Care she had said before that they could get money back but she is not sure now.

They have 510 clients that they are case managing in Alamosa and Saguache Counties. They will be having a financial audit May 16th.

HCP is going to be cut for care coordination. They still want to have clinics here but closing the regional office means someone else will have to do the clinic coordination. She is hoping the state will contract with the hospital to do this. The state did say they will have to continue the clinics for 2013. She will need to hire or contract someone to do this. They can continue to work on getting another clinic host. A parent of one of their clients is advocating to keep rural clinics.

At their Regional Meeting with all the health offices in the valley met to try to establish priorities they could work on together. Environment Health issue came up. She said she wanted to do an analysis of how many restaurants they have in Alamosa County and what fees they could access
through inspections. She has heard that after the health inspector Chris Heffernan retires they will not be replacing him and make it Public Health’s responsibility so she is starting the process. She also realizes that the other counties will not have one either so she is thinking they could do a contract with them to cover their counties as well. Commissioner Wilkinson stated he doesn’t believe the state would not replace him because that is a liability.

They are going to join a coalition to address the concerns of the high rates of child abuse. There is already a coalition with Tu Casa but they have not involved in that so they are going to participate now.

She is going to buy a new picture ID machine because theirs broke. They were trying to utilize the Sheriff’s Office but they could not coordinate it very well. Commissioner Allen stated he thought Jeff Babcock had several. Ms. Geiser stated one went to the Sheriff’s Office and the other went to Rio Grande but they are saying they don’t have it. They tried calling the company that made this machine but they no make them. Commissioner Yohn asked if there is something on line they could use. Commissioner Wilkinson stated the courts are considering buying one that makes cards that you can swipe and maybe they can utilize theirs. He will look into it.

Ms. Geiser wanted to recognize her nurses since it is Nurse’s Week. Those present were Kam Evans, Beverly Strnad, Ola Bovin, Samantha Escobedo. The Commissioners appreciate their work for Alamosa County. Mr. Garcia wanted Ms. Geiser to tell them about someone’s comment at the Health Fair. She was approached by someone that had said she came to the Health Fair ten years ago and Ms. Geiser was so concerned that her heart rate was so bad that she made her go the hospital right then. They flew me out that day and put a pacemaker in so she wanted to thank her for that.

Alamosa County Home Health

They had some issues with the Home Health survey. They felt like they were not safe in the home with the things they are letting the aids do. They had nurses delegating things to do for the aids. They advised against this. She took delegation away except one piece but she is still thinking to take that away as well so they have no potential liability. The other thing addressed was the range of motion and she has said no nurse’s are allowed to delegate this only the therapists can. The therapists have said they don’t want to. They need to teach the families to do a lot of these. They turned in their plan of correction. They will be back between 45 and 60 days from the 4th to see if they have corrected this. In March they had 160 patients with 183 pending. This is more than they typically have. She is contemplating hiring another PRN nurse.

HCP

Sue Foster and Yvette Lujan were present. They have significant MCH/HCP budget reallocations. Yvette Lujan has accepted a part-time with Home Health and beginning October 1, 2012 she will be full time.

Sue Foster has resigned as of September 31, 2012. Rose Martinez has been hired as temporary contractor while Yvette is part-time. They have a MOU contract with Rio Grande that will end
September 30th. Their Regional Office will be vacated by September 30th as well. Measures are underway to terminate copier, postage meter, wireless card, and telephone contracts. Commissioner Allen asked what happens to Rio Grande when their contract ends. Ms. Foster stated she is not sure, Kelly Robinson fulfills that right now and she is an employee of Rio Grande who is housed here. Ms. Geiser stated she would like to get ESPDT money back to Alamosa. HCP isn’t going away stated Ms. Foster the clinics are identified to continue they just don’t know how it looks. Children’s Hospital isn’t willing to just come here without an RN on site who coordinates and does follow ups.

Sue Foster and Julie Geiser attended a 3 day MCH Conference in March. She attended the Clinic Future Planning “LEAN” Event at the CDPHE in April.

Discussions have been held with SLV Regional Medical Center, Rio Grande Hospital, and Valley-Wide to determine their interest and capacity in sustaining HCP Medical Specialty Clinics.

They would like to entertain the idea of forwarding the HCP office phone calls and faxes to our building. Also storage of medical records is needed. Commissioner Wilkinson asked if they could send letters to the clients informing them of the change. They have some clients that were children when they were last seen and now are adults so there is no way of contacting them. Ms. Foster stated they were thinking of holding the records just for a limited period of time. They could publicize it in the newspaper, websites, and radio. Also they would notify the medical providers. Mr. Kelly stated the state has said up to 2003 there was a rule to keep records up the age of 21. That has changed and now it is up the local agencies but he thought that was a good guideline.

They have been invited to submit their work with Youth with Disabilities Transitioning to Adult Life with the Association of Maternal Child Health Programs in their online “Innovation Station”.

Crossroads Turning Points

Marty Malouff was present. They have changed their name of their Detox Center to Crisis Intervention Center. There are several reasons they did this; one because the word “Detox” has a certain stigma to it and they do a lot more services that just that. They are busy getting lots of referrals. As of April they have 881 clients referred to this unit. Compared to last year they are on the same track. The recidivism rate shows 78% are one timers. Career Adjustment Require is a program designed for chronic detox clients. It is fully funded by the state. It addresses the barriers such as no transportation, lack of housing, lack of medical care. They can stay in their unit after they have been detoxed and stabilized to earn passes to go into the public. After care means how many clients follow up after the Detox program. This number is too low for them. They are looking at ways to improve these numbers. The Primary Drug of Choice was alcohol at 92% but there is an increase in prescription medication. The Referral source is 29% being referred from Alamosa Police Department and the next is self referral/family member. They have to look at some different types of treatment for this because they have a valid prescription.
Some of the things they have to look at is identifying the abuse and reaching out to the community and the physicians.

They provide every single care and treatment that there is for substance abuse. They have from prevention, outpatient, detox, residential, and STIRRT. Commissioner Wilkinson asked how many employees they have here locally. They have 9 full time staff members and 1 supervisor, 5 outpatient counselors, and a secretary. Commissioner Yohn asked if they have an office in Monte Vista. Yes they do stated Mr. Malouff but it is strictly outpatient. Commissioner Yohn stated since most of the referrals come from the city if they are requesting funds from them. Mr. Malouff stated yes they are planning to approach them because two years ago was the last time they received funds from them believing it was just start up fees but that was not the case.

He provided some demographic pie charts showing the different type of populations they service.

Commissioner Yohn asked about a new building. Mr. Malouff stated although Alamosa County has donated the property they just do not have the funds to do this. It is still a goal of theirs.

**Board/Staff Updates**

Commissioner Allen received a letter from ICS Solutions who reperesents GOCO. There was a bill SCR-3 where they are going to take part of the GOCO monies and redistribute them to education. They asked for a resolution from them to leave GOCO funds the way they are. There are 275 million dollars in projects right now in Colorado Outdoors and an additional 131 million dollars in projects that are not finished. They are trying to get a resolution from every county. The Commissioners agreed.

They have been talking about a Food Bank Warehouse and equipment for the handicap children. Commissioner Allen has putting things together but is needing some county property. He is thinking of some county property located across from Absmeier Landscaping. It would always be an Alamosa County Building and if ever they moved out it would revert back to Alamosa County. He found the money to build the building, Scott Erickson said he would erect it as a donation, Rocky from Southway would furnish all the concrete, Leroy Martinez would furnish the rebar, Tony Mestas would do the electrical, Husmann would do the plumbing, the City might donate the water & sewer water tap so he is looking at if they agree with this. The Commissioners were on the same page.

**Adjourn**

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

Berna Ramirez, Administrative Secretary

Carol Osborn, Assistant Administrator

George Wilkinson, Chairman

Mike Yohn, Vice-Chair

Darius Allen, County Commissioner
Minutes of the Public Hearing for Land Development Code Text Amendment was held on May 9, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioners Chambers, Alamosa County Services Center, 8900 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101.

Members Present:  
George Wilkinson, Chair  
Mike Yohn, Vice-Chair  
Darius Allen, Commissioner  
Jason Kelly, County Attorney  
Mark Garcia, Interim Administrator  
Carol Osborn, Assistant Administrator  
Belina Ramirez, Administrative Secretary

Juan Altamirano was present.

The Land Development Code for example looks at Solar Generating Facilities who also obtain a Special Use Permit to comply with Section 7.8 of the Alamosa Land Development Code could be classified as either under Utility Major 3.13 whereas an Energy Generating Facility under 3.6.1 in accordance to the permitted use table in the Land Development Code. Both of these are uses that must be approved with a special use permit with Alamosa County’s Residential Rural Zoning Districts. In addition to Alamosa County’s Regulations for a 1041 Permit does not preclude the need to obtain a Special Use Permit in the 1041 Regulations. We feel may actually the Special Use could also be needed. Section 1.106 of the 1041 Regulations state that the regulations are intended to be applied addition to and not in lieu of all other regulations of the County including without limitations of the Alamosa County Zoning Subdivision Regulations. A failure to obtain a Special Use approval could jeopardize the other solar facilities that are currently in place and any future solar facilities to be able to be permitted solely under 1041 Permit. We don’t want to unnecessarily over complicate the overall permit process so these changes need to be made under the Land Development Code.

The changes that are going to be made are under the Permitted Use Table under Section for Specific Uses and Zoning Districts Rural Industrial for specific uses of utility minor and utility major. They are coded red under Energy Generating Facilities under 3.4.3 and 3.6.1 additionally they would like to change the key to the types of use to limited use to indicate a use may be allowed with some limitations subject to the review and approval of the Board of County Commissioners. These uses shall be subject to other applicable regulations in the Land Development Code. The limited uses that contain or have to do with energy generated facilities or a utility, major would also need to comply with the submittal and review requirements contained in the Alamosa Guidelines and Regulations Activities for State Interest or other words 1041. Whether such use is proposed by irregular utility or commercial developer. They had a discussion with the independent power producers which are the Independent Solar Companies who want to develop Energy Generating Facilities to sell off to utilities. Technically they could be considered as an Independent Power Producer. This will allow them to regulate their activities that they place in the county. Under Utility, Major shall be reviewed and approved in accordance with the requirements contained in the Alamosa County Guidelines and Regulations for Areas and Activities of State Interest whether such use is proposed by a regulated public
utility or by a commercial developer. Under Industrial it is the same issue. Additionally they looked at the other guidelines regarding other generation facilities under section 3.6.1 where any energy facilities not subject to review in accordance with the County’s 1041 regulations should comply with the standards. Staff did take this to the Planning Commission as a workshop. The Planning Commission felt they didn’t have the deep knowledge in language change. They felt all along that they had no issues with it.

Commissioner Wilkinson asked if anyone is in favor of or opposition to these text amendments.

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

ATTEST:

Belina Ramirez, Administrative Secretary

Carol Osborn, Assistant Administrator

George Wilkinson, Chair

Mike Yohn, Vice-Chairman

Darius Allen, County Commissioner