Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners Meeting, held on October 24, 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  
Brittney DeHerrera, Chief Financial Officer  
Belina Ramirez, Administrative Secretary

Call the Meeting to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Approval of the Agenda

Addition of 2013 Commissioners Meetings & Holidays Schedule to the Consent Agenda and deletion of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District from the Agenda.

M/S Yohn/Allen motion to approve the agenda of October 24, 2012 with additions/deletions.

Motion was passed unanimously.

Consent agenda Items:

Approval of General Business/Minutes

The Following Minutes were presented:  
Regular Minutes-October 10, 2012

M/S Allen/Yohn motion to approve the Minutes of October 10, 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

County Clerk and Recorder’s Report for August
Acceptance of SLV Regional Airport Engineering, Architectural and Consulting
Colorado Department of Division of Criminal Justice
Victims Advocate MOU-Conejos County
Victims Advocate MOU-Mineral
Victims Advocate MOU-Saguache
2013 Commissioners Meetings & Holidays

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

Public Hearings

LRE Alamosa LLC 1041 Permit Extension

Juan Altamirano and Phillip Stevens with LRE Alamosa and Monument Power were present.

Commissioner Yohn stated he understands the purchase agreements and trying to secure the sell before going into it.

Is there any other discussion on transmission lines asked Commissioner Allen?

They got under the requirement, the need stated Mr. Stephens. They are small enough and early enough that this not an issue.

M/S Allen/Yohn motion to extend the RLE Alamosa LLC 1041 Permit extension from November 23, 2012 to November 23, 2014.

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALAMOSA COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO: 2012 - G - 007

RE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF A 1041 PERMIT.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Guidelines and Regulations for Areas and Activities of State Interest of the County of Alamosa, State of Colorado, Permittee Lincoln Renewable Energy “LRE,” has requested the Alamosa County Permit Authority to consider a request to extend their permit to allow the construction of a solar facility; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on October 24, 2012, at the Alamosa County Administrative Services Building, 8900 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101, for the purpose of taking evidence and testimony concerning the extension of a 1041 Permit pursuant to Resolution 2010 – G - 13; and
WHEREAS, the Permittee Lincoln Renewable Energy "LRE," is requesting an extension of their Permit pursuant to Section 6 of the original permit; and

WHEREAS, the basis of said request is that LRE has been unable to initiate construction for the project due to its inability to secure a power purchase agreement for the project’s electrical output.; and

WHEREAS, LRE believes that the project may be able to secure the necessary power purchase agreements during the permit extension period and initiate construction; and

WHEREAS, the Alamosa County Land Use Department makes a recommendation that said request be granted.

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

1. LRE is hereby granted an extension on the original permit which was authorized by Alamosa County Resolution 2010 – G – 13, until November 23, 2014

2. All other conditions of the Original Permit shall remain in effect.

ADOPTED THIS 24th day of October, 2012.

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

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

ATTEST:

Board of County Commissioners

Melanie Woodward, Clerk of the Board

(Seal)

George Wilkinson, Chairman
Alamosa County Treasurer

September Monthly Treasurer’s Report

Lois Widhalm was present. She has presented the fund report for September.

M/S Yohn/Allen motion to accept the September Treasurer’s Fund Report
Motion was approved unanimously.

Quarterly Public Trustee Report

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37 Current Active Foreclosures + 6 Bankruptcies
12 New Foreclosures (July-5, Aug-6, Sept-1)
7 Completed Foreclosures (July-Sept 2012)
   3 Conf Deeds, 4 Withdrawal, 0 Redemption/Lienor; 0 Redemption/Owner
164 Releases (April-June, 2012)

M/S Allen/Yohn motion to approve Quarterly Public Trustee Report
Motion was approved unanimously.

Approval of Master’s Touch Contract

Mr. Kelly has reviewed this contract. This will be the third year they will use Master’s Touch. They will be involved in the printing and the mailing of the tax statements. The savings have been represented in the last two years. They average 35 cents to mail and if they are able to combine with other counties they will have a bigger savings. Alamosa will anticipate mailing about 16,000 parcels.

Commissioner Wilkinson asked if this has worked well in the past. This has worked better than any other vendors in the state. Commissioner Wilkinson asked if this is the first year for Conejos. Ms. Widhalm was unsure. She utilizes them throughout the year not just this time of the year.
Commissioner Allen asked if this will be taken from her budget. Yes, under postage stated Ms. Widhal. She is trying to save the County with publishing the delinquent taxes.

**M/S Yohn/Allen motion to approve the Master’s Touch Contract**

*Motion was approved unanimously.*

**Department of Human Services**

Joe Carrica was present. The Monthly Child support Case Count, the Investigation Report, the Recovery Collection Comparison, and the Child Support Collection Comparison were presented. They showed they have increased from last year.

Graphs were presented. Colorado Works which showed they are staying pretty stable. Family Medical shows they have served fewer families. Adult Financial shows they are serving fewer individuals. Adult Medical shows an increase because they have changed who is eligible for medical so more are being eligible. Programs are expanding so their caseload is increasing. Food stamps last month they were 10 or 11 cases lower but this month they are 40 cases lower. Long Term Care shows that all year long they have been going up and down. Food Stamps issued more in February and March then it declined. They are still going to exceed last year.

He is asking to sign an agreement for Youth in Conflict; they need a fiscal agent for grants. HB1451 dollars will come to them for half of the cost of a wraparound program. No county dollars are included.

Mr. Kelly asked where these funds come from is it Senate Bill 84. They are just taking half and pass it back over which funds a full time position.

**M/S Allen/Yohn motion to give Mr. Carrica approval to sign this agreement**

*Motion was approved unanimously.*

The Statement of Expenditures showed for August. It shows it exceeds for Child Welfare. When they give money they don’t have to match he puts in this line. His philosophy is you spend it first so he spends in 11 months then it reverts back to the regular Child Welfare. They are not over it just shows that way. Parc grant is for adoptive parents. They are not over they have twice as much as budgeted because they increased this but this was not shown. He is making sure free money that they don’t have to pay back is gone so they don’t have to pay it back.

**Alamosa County Public Health**

Linda Smith was present. She has been acting as Public Information Officer for Public Health. There is one thing she feels like they have a gap here which is the need to move forward with social media. Social Media is becoming a prevalent way for people to get their news. Especially in emergency situations they need five avenues to get information to people. During the Waldo fire there has been criticism with the way the people were notified. Another thing is the
vulnerable population for example those who are deaf or blind. There are ways to leverage to people in what needs to be done and where to go.

She gave a personal example of when the Aurora shooting happened her daughter lived close to there and frequents that theatre. She tried calling but was unsuccessful. She watched the news which showed a phone number which she called. This number was for the police station which was no help to her. She went on to twitter and found another number which was the right number. It took twenty minutes for TV to get the right number.

She has three requests today. She would like to move forward on a social media policy. She would like to have an official presence on Facebook for Emergency Management Planning. She has seen how this has worked in other areas. They need to have something set up before something happens. Costilla County just got the information but it was already listed all over Facebook. They monitored Social Media. There was a reporter in Denver who had seen an article about water in San Luis. She tweeted “if you go to Alamosa make sure you take your own water”. She did not have official presence to respond to this or correct this. She would like approval to have a Facebook Page. It would take around 15 minutes each day. The third request is Gina Akers with the hospital has some tools they can use to share and supplement to give the public. They are called widgets where they can click on them and it would give them information. They have posted their information on her website. It is a general link to our website and an events calendar.

Commissioner Wilkirson asked who would be making the social media. Dave Osborn and she would be.

Commissioner Wilkirson stated other bigger counties have this already.

Mr. Kelly stated he drafted a copy that he sent to everyone. He spoke with CTSI as well. Every time you put something on Facebook someone can comment on it. They need to make sure they are not putting confidential information. They want to stay consistent with URL’s. Rio Grande and La Plata has one that was set up through their County Administrator. If any department wanted to post something they would go to the county administrator and request it.

Commissioner Wilkirson stated then they are liable for anything wrong put on there.

Commissioner Yohn asked if the state or CTSI would give them guidelines for this?

Commissioner Allen stated it is a fine idea. He thinks they should go through the social media policy first. He would like Mr. Kelly to forward this to them and work with them. The Board needs to be aware and the IT dept.

The commissioners agreed to allow widgets on our website.

**Board/Staff Updates**
Julie Mordeci is working with the Children’s Advocate Center and asking them to sponsor their CDBG Grant for $300,000. The Commissioners agreed to do this which she will bring a formal request at a later time.

Eagle Net received a $100 million grant to provide broadband technology around the state. Mr. Allen Wehe is against this because it wasn’t done fairly. Letters were received from Congressman and other surrounding counties that this was done inappropriately. They are going to share these letters with them. Commissioner Allen doesn’t think there is anything they can do about it now. Commissioner Wilkinson stated the digging has already begun it should have been done before the grant was awarded. Mr. Kelly stated he will look at the other letters but this is a private party issue.

There has been some concern with the server room with E911 putting more equipment in there and trying to control the temperature. E911 would like them to install this portable air conditioning for the server room and bill them. Commissioner Yohn brought the narrow band radio’s upgrade to them last night that they align this to their budget for Capital Expenditures for others. They were receptive of this and in 2013 there should be $40,000 for matching funds for all the counties. They have not motioned this or confirmed but there should be a line budgeted for it for 2013.

Adjourn

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

ATTEST:

Belina Ramirez, Administrative Secretary

Absent

Carol Osborn, Assistant Administrator

George Wilkinson, Chairman

Mike Yohn, Vice-Chair

Darius Allen, County Commissioner
Minutes of the Public Hearing for LRE Alamosa LLC 1041 Permit Extension was held on October 24, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioners Chambers, Alamosa County Services Center, 8900 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101.

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Juan Altamirano and Phillip Stevens with LRE Alamosa/Monument Power were present.

Lincoln Renewable Energy asked to develop a 38mgw solar facility and was issued a 1041 permit. Their permit is up for expiration and they are asking for an extension. Under Section 6 it allows the County Commissioners Board to give an extension approximately of 18 months. Instead of 18 months if they could give a 24 months extension for the company to get the necessary Power Purchasing Agreements in place.

Mr. Stevens spoke. Most solar projects have been experiencing slow load growth. This is temporary and they want to be able to sell to Xcel again. Lincoln Renewable started in 2009 and within two years operating a 10mgw in New Jersey. Since that time they have signed Power Purchase Agreements for two solar projects; a 10mgw and a 20mgw in California. Early this year they established a corporation with Samsung Corporation. They joint ventured with Monument Power. Primarily the Community Development they will provide and the jobs they will incur are the reasons.

Commissioner Yohn asked under Section 6 they have the right of an extension but does it have a time frame. Mr. Altamirano stated no it says they would allow a onetime 18 month extension if in the event the company didn’t achieve full construction. If not then they would have to go through the whole 1041 process again.

Commissioner Allen asked if the dates would run from November 2012 to November 2014.

They meet regularly with Xcel. They are relatively soon going to be less reliant on state mandates because Power Purchase Agreements signed in 2009 were in the $130 per mgw range or 13 cents per kilowatt. Colorado right now can generate under less than $80 per mgw or 8 cents per kilowatt. This is a dramatic decrease.

If the board should extend and approve the extension of the permit the company would still be responsible for all the conditions under the original permit with the exception of an extension of an additional permit.

Commissioner Wilkinson asked if anyone is in favor of or opposition to this public hearing.
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ADOPTED THIS 24th day of October, 2012.

The roll having been called, the vote was as follows:
Commissioner Allen  x Yes  □ No
Commissioner Mestas  x Yes  □ No
Commissioner Wilkinson  x Yes  □ No

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

ATTEST:

Melanie Woodward, Clerk of the Board
(SEAL)

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

George Wilkinson, Chairman

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

ATTEST:

Belina Ramirez, Administrative Secretary

George Wilkinson, Chair

Darius Allen, County Commissioner

Absence

Carol Osborn, Assistant Administrator