Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners Meeting, held on July 13, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioners Chambers, Alamosa County Services Center, 8900 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101.

Members Present:

Darius Allen, Chair
George Wilkinson, Vice-Chair
Mike Yohn, Commissioner
Carol Osborn, Administrative Assistant

Call the Meeting to Order

Commissioner Allen called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Approval of the Agenda

M/S Wilkinson/Yohn motion to approve the agenda of July 13, 2011.
Motion was passed unanimously.

Consent agenda Items:

Approval of General Business/Minutes

LIST MINUTES

The Following Minutes were presented:
June 27, 2011 Regular Minutes
Public Hearing –Rittenhouse
Public Hearing –Watson, Chappell, Rutgers
Public Hearing –Gallegos
Public Hearing –Husmann

M/S Wilkinson/Yohn motion to approve the Minutes of June 27, 2011.
Motion was passed unanimously.

Approval of Bills/Obligations

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

Public Comment
Mr. Leon Moyer who resides at 19417 Ridge Drive, Alamosa spoke.

He discussed the County Property Easement issue that is scheduled with Mr. Bauer. The County owns property that Mr. Bauer wants to buy and according to the map there must be access granted that owner. This is on the East end of Deer Valley Meadows.

Mr. Moyer stated this is perfect time for work on county roads to put in more hours, and take compensatory time to grade them. He has suggested that a rock grate be used rather than a grader. It can be implemented by talking to the Road and Bridge.

Mr. Moyer wants the listing of properties that the county owns on the Alamosa County website. Title 39-11-142 Subsection 5. Any tax deeds should be posted.

The availability of county held properties is an open book law and the list would cost per page and the county held list is on the web site and is available to view. He is aware of the county held list. Lois would welcome him to the office for county held properties. The property is exempt in terms of property tax. Ms. Widhalm did clarify the listing is on the website.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

*Maximus Professional Consulting Services Agreement*
*Public Surplus –ACH Payment Enrollment Form*
*Consulting Service Agreement-Barry Shioshita*
*Participant Agreement–CORHIO*

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

**Lois Widhalm - Alamosa County Treasurer**

Ms. Widhalm was present to discuss the final collection total for property taxes as a result of the state statue collection dates. With the month end reports, she will give a summary. The Treasurer presented a copy based on the certification that was presented last December. Ms. Widhalm stated the collections are at 88.50 percent.

Ms. Widhalm is very pleased and is going on to the delinquent collection. They are going to be closer to a 90 percent collection rate. The collection for the data of yesterday is $10,526,251.37. There is a document that summarizes the certifications are placed and where they are with each of the districts. Based upon looking at the collection for last year the county is a lot higher than last year. There are 2,961 parcels that will be sent out as delinquent notices.

Commissioner: Yohn inquired what the total she is expecting. Ms Widhalm would like to have a 98 percent collection.

Ms. Widhalm also presented the unpaid personal property tax report.
SLV E911 Telephone Authority Board

Ms. Stewart was unable to attend and has rescheduled.

CSU Extension Office

Ms. Jeanna Paluzzi was present with a power point presentation with regard to the Strategic Energy Plan.

There is one more year left on the grant and fully funded by the GEO office presently. Ms. Paluzzi is trying to find sources of funding and begin funding for them. She received 13 grants in her last position and is looking for opportunities. This job is up her alley and provides flexibility to make some things happen and move on to something else.

Commissioner Yohn stated there is an average ag audit for $500. It is what farmers and ranchers are willing to pay. Those auditors had to travel from Northeast Colorado or Virginia because there are three firms certified by NRCS to do the audits. It is starting to shift a bit and almost have them becoming a certified auditor (Ag engineering). This drives down the cost of the audit.

Craig Bauer - County Property Easement

Mr. Craig Bauer, 8990 W 49th Place, Arvada, 80002 was present. Mr. Bauer purchased 80 acres off of County Road 122 and to the east there is county property. Mr. Bauer purchased the property from Gary Morgan, Colorado Realty. Part of the theory is that the property is by tax lien. The property was given to the county by the BLM and a former mining patent. Not sure the property can be feasible for purchase because a canal can be built that goes right through the property. He is requesting a drive way easement only on the north property line. There is no one that will be impacted by that and the closest neighbor is a junkyard directly from the property that he owns. Parcel id is 541714200024.

Mr. VanIwarden stated some time ago the county was looking at the particular parcel for a landfill and that didn’t occur. Mr. VanIwarden did some soil testing and after the results is not good for a mine table. It has been messed with and there are rocks and dirt. The property is very useless and does not have much potential. Give a non exclusive easement of 30 feet for 4.82 acres. Mr. Bauer would like a 35 foot easement and Mr. VanIwarden sees no problem in granting the easement. There should not be any expense in creating the easement. The easement can be placed on the north property line from the county which will be approximately 700 feet. Mr. VanIwarden suggested a 30 or 35 foot easement. Discussion with the County Attorney stated there is no problem with the request and it be a non exclusive easement. Commissioner Wilkinson inquired about the 35 ft easement instead of the 30 ft easement. Mr. Bauer stated there is no problem with a 30 foot easement.

Commissioner Allen stated they have gone out there to inquire what kind of material is out there. It is not worth applying for a mining permit. The land is not good at all. There are no minerals there.
Mr. Moyer asked how can the property have no easement? Mr. VanIwarden did not really know other than the road is weird. This seemed to be the most viable solution to the property right now.

Commissioner Yohn questioned the access to the parcels when the development took place. Mr. VanIwarden stated back in the 70’s they didn’t have to do that. There should be access to the property. Commissioner Yohn also inquired if there is peat moss on the property. There is no peat moss on the property.

Mr. Moyer stated he read the deed on the property and does have road frontage value and could be developed with federal access to a canal or mining rights. Does the county incur liability and will the county maintain the road. There is a chicken farm possibility near the property. The County attorney stated there is no liability and no maintenance to the county.

M/S Wilkinson/Yohn motion to approve the 30 foot easement with no expense to the Alamosa County.
   Unanimous roll call vote.

Alamosa County Land Use

Mr. Ken VanIwarden gave an update on the solar farms. The 492 towers for Cogentrix are close to 60 percent complete. They will begin setting the panels very soon.

Iberdrola will get an inspection on 19 equipment pads. There is 20 yards of concrete in each one of the pads.

Mr. VanIwarden reported there is no action on the Lancaster Moore and they have a deadline of October 2011. Ms. Lucero has sent a reminder letter to the Martinez Division of land. There is a 90 day completion and that will be due August 17, 2011 and will send the County Enforcement Officer in the next couple of days.

Viaero Wireless has received access from CDOT and is on file with the County Clerk’s office. The county’s part has been taken care of.

There is a Planning Commission meeting this evening and the agenda is the discussion of the difficulty in collecting fees. This is a result of surveyors and the applicant getting details worked out. Letters are being sent out to try to collect the fees. There are mailing fees included because there are up to 300 mailings that have to be done.

Mr. VanIwarden presented the blight cases. Presently there are 94 in the data file with 24 more to go. Each one will be edited and determinations will be made whether they have complied.

The case of Mr. Urioste is ongoing. The brother came in and paid the fine.

Alamosa County Assessor
Ms. Hostetter was present to give the Board a presentation on the following:

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Alamosa County Road and Bridge

Mr. West reported the employees are doing hand patching. They have done Sunnyside, Haniver, Blanca Vista and will work in Bonneyville. There is not much they can do in Bonneyville. Road and Bridge is assisting Conejos County with roads near Los Sauces.

The engine is not working on the Cat and will cost approximately $12,000 to $15,000 to repair. It is 26 years old and pushing 40,000 hours.

Department of Human Services

Mr. Henderson was present and stated there are three different departments present. There are vacancies for a caseworker, child support and a request for a temporary case manager in adult income maintenance.

Laurie Rivera – Caseworker position – There have been several changes in the department. The position was posted in house and filled in house which now leaves the Core Services position vacant. This position could also be filled in-house. If they post in-house and interview in house and filled this way there would be another domino effect that creates problems for change. They are at a point in trying to fill positions with three new case workers and one starts next week. There are three people that are in training that cannot carry a caseload. There are 36 to 45 cases. There is one worker on maternity leave for 12 weeks beginning Friday, July 15, 2011.

Mr. Henderson stated they have promoted a policy of promoting within and try to give everyone an expectation that that they can promote. The down side is to promote but backfill by the promotion.

Mr. Ricci stated the domino effect is potential going in-house hiring but they would not have to advertise.

M/S Wilkinson/Yohn to approve the positions that are vacant and could fill the vacancies within the department.

Child Support Case Manager
Mr. Jeff Bonadies was present and he is the IVD Administrator. His position is also the Program Manager for the Investigative Unit and will have a vacancy at the end of the week.

He does not believe it will be the domino effect and has had no inquiries within the department. The child support unit is revenue producing in the form of incentives and actual costs for the employees are reasonable. It services the citizens and children of the county to replace this position. Commissioner Allen inquired if that is normal for the Case Manager to have no cases. There is an average of 257 cases for each; the actual number of cases is about 1,302. The lead worker carries the small case load because of training.

Commissioner Wilkinson again questioned the Program Manager position not to have any cases. In Colorado Counties and under Human Services the small size counties will carry caseloads and the larger will not carry caseloads. He is involved in the cases and attends some required training.

Commissioner Wilkinson asked if he is meeting the requirements for the training. Mr. Bonadies stated he meets the full training requirements. There are also compliance requirements. There are various items of confidentiality and handling of information. Is there a base of applicants that can be hired. There is no current pool and they have not had to replace anyone in the last 4-5 years. The vast majority of training is in house and on line.

M/S Wilkinson/Yohn motion to approve the replacement of Child Support Case Manager.

Unanimous roll call vote.

Ms. Kathy Cordova was present. She is requesting a temporary position because there are lot of applications from migrants and students. There is one Spanish speaking person presently and during the same time they will be getting the students back so she is requesting a temporary employee. There is an employee out on workers comp and has been out for quite some time. Ms. Cordova is very busy and is waiting to see when the person can come back. Commissioner Wilkinson inquired about FMLA. They are now talking to CTSI regarding FMLA and workers comp. Ms. Cordova would like to start them immediately.

Mr. Henderson stated the biggest problem is the uncertainty. This has been going on for a very long time and the estimation for a temp or a temp who could be permanent but there is a long learning curve and will be a daunting task to try to maintain business as usual and train a new employee. The salary will be from County Administration.

M/S Wilkinson/Yohn motion to approve the temporary employee for the Department of Human Services.

Unanimous roll call vote.

Department of Human Services

Ms. Cynthia Tanaka was present to discuss the Federal Child Welfare Grant proposal. The first year is the planning grant. The San Luis Valley Mental Health is on board and in terms of child welfare would be on the training of the overall vision.
Secondary trauma with caseworkers is very significant. A study has been done regarding secondary trauma and it increases the loss of employees, difficulties in communication and therefore looking at the training for secondary trauma.

Mr. Henderson stated he is not a fan of being a fiscal agent; however there is a 10 percent administrative fee. Mr. Henderson stated this will not be a burden on Ms. McKinley. The grant is a federal grant from the Department of Health and Human Services. The Directors of Human Services in the San Luis Valley did sign an agreement that they are interested in participating in the grant.

The grant is due on July 25, 2011.

The majority of the training dollars and a huge chunk will be administration. This is a five year grant and Ms. Tanaka is working out the details with the other counties and partners. The second year is the implementation of the training.

**M/S Yohn/Allen to move forward with the Federal Child Proposal Grant.**

**Unanimous roll call vote.**

**Luke Yoder - Center for Restorative Services**

Mr. Yoder stated that as of May 1, 2011 there has been some transition with Center for Restorative Services. Mr. Yoder is the Director and Ms. Alice Price will be continuing on as a consultant and with this new chapter.

The core areas are victim offender and assisting in finding a way with the victim to repair the harm that is typically not addressed in the criminal justice system. They serve a lot of youth. It would be good to catch the youth before anything happens. They want to work with the school system before they get into the criminal justice system. HB1451 – There is a group that is meeting to provide wrap around services to families.

**12th Judicial Corrections Board**

Commissioner Wilkinson had a meeting with pre trial and Pat Stanford. During the meeting it was stated community corrections is overspent by $356,000 with transition offenders. The revenues are over 1.5 million by having community corrections in Alamosa. There are approximately 150 in the facility now and there are a large number of screenings each week. Commissioner Wilkinson stated Patricia Lara is no longer the Executive Director.

**Board/Staff Updates**

**Worksession**

Mr. Ken Vanlwarden was present to discuss Annexation for the National Guard and the blight cases in Alamosa County.
There being no further business, the Regular Meeting of the Board of Alamosa County Commissioners was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Absent
Belina Ramirez, Administrative Secretary
Carol Osborn, Administrative Assistant

Darius Allen, Chairman
George Wilkinson, Vice-Chair
Mike Yohn, County Commissioner