Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners Meeting, held on February 22, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioners Chambers, Alamosa County Services Center, 8900 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101.

Members Present:  
Darius Allen, Chair  
Michael Yohn, Vice-Chair  
Helen Sigmond, Commissioner  
Gigi Dennis, County Administrator  
Jason Kelly, County Attorney  
Melanie Woodward, Clerk & Recorder

Call the Meeting to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda
Request to remove Community Correction update. Jason requested to add Pre-Trial Service to Board/Staff Updates. Commissioner Yohn would like to add February 13, 2017 General Business Minutes.

Approval of the Agenda
m/s Yohn/Sigmond motion to approve February 22, 2017 Agenda with requested items to be pulled and added.  
Motion was approved unanimously

Approval of the Minutes
February 8, 2017  
February 13, 2017  
2017 F3 Resolution PH  
La Casa Cannibas II PH

m/s Sigmond/Yohn motion to approve February 8, 2017 minutes and February 13 minutes, 2017 F3 Public Hearing minutes, and La Casa Cannibas II Public Hearing minutes.  
Motion was approved unanimously

Approval of Bills/Obligations
m/s Yohn/Sigmond motion to approve Bills/Obligations after review  
Motion was approved unanimously

Public Comment
Julie Zaragoza, regional manager for Rocky Mountain Offender Management Systems, apologized to the Board for missing the deadline for the RFP. RMOMS is still interested in continuing the relationship with Alamosa County and to provide pre-trial services. She stated it was an oversight on her part.
Commissioner Allen thanked her for coming in and informed Julie the board would take it under consideration.

There were no other public comments.

**Consent Agenda**

Clerk & Recorder’s Report for January 2017  
Dominion Voting-Colorado Voting System Proposal  
Treasurer’s Fund Report for January 2017  
Audit Engagement Letter-Wall Smith Bateman-SLV Regional Airport  
MOA Emergency Management-SLV BOCC  
Fee for Service Agreement-Steve Copley  
FAA AIP ALS-022 Grant Application-SLV Regional Airport  
Youth Track Lease Resolution 2017G3

Dominion Voting-Colorado Voting System Proposal, Youth Track Lease Resolution 2017G3 and Audit Engagement Letter-Wall, Smith and Bateman requested to be pulled for further discussion.

*m/s Yohn/Sigmond to approve Consent Agenda with requested items to be pulled*  
*Motion was approved unanimously*

Commissioner Sigmond asked about the pricing on the Dominion Voting Equipment.

Jason stated the price depended on purchasing the equipment or leasing it, and the term of the lease.

Commissioner Sigmond asked if we were going to lease.

Melanie felt like the lease was a better option. The advantage of the lease is updated equipment.

Commissioner Sigmond remembered at the fall meeting some of the counties that had purchased the equipment already had outdated equipment.

Jason stated we don’t have a choice. We need the equipment.

Melanie informed the Commissioners that the State would reimburse the County some monies for training if we went with Dominion this year. All of the counties that have switched to Dominion have been very pleased.

Commissioner Sigmond asked if it was in the budget.

Melanie replied it was figured in her budget.

Commissioner Allen felt like it would be beneficial to lease rather that purchase.
Commissioner Yohn also felt leasing would be a better option. He questioned the outdated schedule that was included in the packet.

Melanie stated she had received a new schedule; however it was too late to submit for the meeting.

**m/s Yohn/ Sigmond to approve Dominion Voting – Colorado Voting System Proposal**

Motion was approved unanimously

Commissioner Yohn would like an explanation on how the audit will be performed with regards to the Airport and how it will become a line item.

Brittney stated there would be two sets of audit engagement letters and two separate sets of financial statements for 2016. The Airport will be separate because it was a separate entity. Beginning in 2017, the Commissioners approved a supplemental to the Alamosa County budget to incorporate the airport budget into the County budget. A separate fund has been set up for the airport. It’s being treated separately. It will come through the process like everything else does. It will have its own fund number and all of the airport bills will come through the process like everything else does. In 2017 there will only be one engagement letter and one financial statement.

Commissioner Sigmond asked if Wall, Smith and Bateman has an open-ended fee for audit.

Brittney stated every three years there is an RFP done for the audit and the fees are based on what all is involved.

Commissioner Yohn asked with the Federal Grant for the Airport Runway, will there have to be a single audit?

Brittney stated Alamosa County will always have to have a single audit because of federal dollars, Public Health and Social Services.

Commissioner Yohn was concerned on how to proceed.

Brittney stated the bank account has been moved over to the County Treasurer. She is going to try to set it up as an enterprise fund. It will have its own services and revenues. She said everything is under the County’s wing.

Commissioner Yohn questioned why an Enterprise Zone.

Brittney stated there may be benefits for matching funding and other ways to obtain funding.

Commissioner Yohn wondered if it went through DRG.

Brittney informed him it was separate. They are supposed to be sufficient on their own.
Commissioner Sigmond questioned if the income would be lumped into the general fund.

Brittney informed her it would be separate. Everything will be airport related. It will be whole and intact.

Commissioner Sigmond wondered if it was a fair price for the audit.

Brittney felt it was fair and reasonable.

m/s Yohn/Sigmond motion to approve the Audit Engagement Letter with Wall, Smith and Bateman - SLV Regional Airport.
  
  Motion was approved unanimously

Commissioner Allen commented Wall, Smith and Bateman have always been very helpful.

Jason informed the Commissioners Youth Track was in the process of selling. The County owns the property and it was turned into a long term lease. The lease was 30 years with three 10 year options. Anytime the owner sold, the County was to be contacted. Youth Track was in the process of selling so they contacted the County with a lease agreement. After reviewing the lease, the legal descriptions were not correct. They hired a title company to review. The Resolution has the accurate legal description for Youth Track property.

Commissioner Allen stated there was a question with who was responsible for snow removal on their parking lot but that has all been cleared up.

Commissioner Yohn wondered if everything was clear about the maintenance on the property.

Jason replied it was not part of the Resolution, but everything was assigned on the original lease agreement.

Commissioner Yohn questioned if it included the road.

Jason informed him it the road falls outside of the legal description so it only includes the property.

m/s Sigmond/Yohn to approve Resolution 2017G3
  
  Motion was approved unanimously

Public Hearing

Special Use Permit –NE Colorado Cellular

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Commission Yohn voiced concern on access through the Moen property.
Henry stated the actual easement has been specifically noted on the survey and has been agreed to by the Moens.

Commissioner Yohn reminded Mr. Jacobsen to be aware of the easement when the property changes hands. He also voiced concern on the height of the tower. Will it require lighting?

Henry informed him it does not require lighting. Anything below 200 ft. does not need lighting. This has been confirmed with the FFA.

Commissioner Yohn questioned if there were guide lines with the Monopole verses Lattice.

Henry stated there would not be any additional guidelines.

Commissioner Sigmond asked if there was a reason why the building code requires monopole.

Rachel informed her it was the preference of the Land use and Development Code. It is something that can be changed in the Land Use Code.

Henry stated that shorter towers are less typically more appropriate.

Commissioner Sigmond wondered if all of complaints were from Deer Valley Meadow Owners.

Rachel informed her they were.

Commissioner Sigmond questioned if this was a tower used by other cell phone providers.

Henry informed her it is a roaming tower. It is exclusively for Viaero Equipment but will be available for other providers if needed.

Commissioner Sigmond inquired if there was any use in the broad band world for the tower.

Henry stated it worked very well for broad band.

Commissioner Yohn stated there was a lot of concern on 911 coverage. Will this tower be providing this service to 911?

Henry informed him having the tower will provide added benefits. It does add to the 911 coverage.

Commissioner Yohn wondered if there were any conversations with Jade Communications.

Henry stated there had not been any communication with Jade; however there has been discussion with the Sheriff’s department. They have already requested a 911 address file.

Commissioner Allen would like more information on radiation.

Henry has been involved with hand radios for 55 years. The main concern is with hand-held telephones. Adding towers to the community actually reduces the radiation exposure users get from hand-held telephones.
Commissioner Allen questioned with a lattice type tower will it be painted.

Henry stated it will be neutral.

Commissioner Allen wondered if it was possible to put their equipment on an existing tower that will be close to the one they are putting up.

Henry informed him they have a tower in Ft. Garland and Alamosa. They wanted to split the difference. They would prefer to be East to cover individuals that are traveling to the Sand Dunes. Five or Six years ago they did not need a tower. Now they are left with a hole in the middle.

Commissioner Yohn voiced concern on the Blight Ordinance and vehicles or the property that are not registered.

Rachel stated the owner was not aware there was a blight ordinance. She informed them they had to clean up their property. They agreed to clean up their property this spring.

**m/s Yohn/Sigmond to approve Special use Permit for location 20257 E. Highway 160 for a 140 ft. Lattice tower**  
Motion was approved unanimously

Ratification of Special Use Permit for Arnold and Marguerite Salazar

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Commissioner Sigmond stated she is still in favor of the Special Use Permit.

Commissioner Allen agreed.

Commissioner Yohn wondered how many different names were on the property.

Rachel informed him there are several names but the Special Use Permit was under Arnold and Marguerite Salazar.

Commissioner Yohn stated there are three different businesses on the property plus a residence.

Jason stated the Special Use Permit goes with the land.

**m/s Sigmond/Yohn to ratify the Special Use Permit for Arnold & Marguerite Salazar**  
Motion was approved unanimously

**SLV Museum**

Dorothy Brandt was present with an update. She is trying to reach out to the community to inform them on what they have done and what they are unable to do. She is wondering why she is still asking for money and not receiving it. She talked about the ballot issue that was passed years ago. The voters approved 90 percent of the money collected would be for the Convention Bureau, SLV Museum and
Visitors Center. She does not feel like the museum has been receiving their portion of the 90 percent. She is requesting help from the Commissioners. She informed them there are a lot of things going on. She needs to know that there is a guarantee that they will be supported by the tax that is collected. She stated you can change an operating plan but you must not lose what it was intended for in the first place. She would like to continue to be a partner with the Commissioners and stated the museum financial state is stable.

Joyce Gunn was present from the Museum. She has been working on a program called Traveling Trunk. She has also been working closely with the National Zebulon Pike Trail Association. This Museum has been designated as the official Pike Museum. On April 9th they will be receiving the 1810 Journal from Zebulon Pike.

Commissioner Yohn stated it is a nice facility. The Museum is not showing any increase in revenue for 2017 but the budget has been increased.

Dorothy Brandt wondered if there was any way to increase that. Why is her amount so small?

Commissioner Yohn stated there have been a lot of different opinions and misunderstandings.

Commissioner Sigmond thanked Dorothy for all of her dedication to the Museum. The Traveling Trunk is a great program and the Journal from Pike is a great draw for the public.

Dorothy does not like conflict and does not want to tear the community apart. She is not sure why they are not receiving the correct amount. She is working on building the board and getting new people on. A museum is an addition to the community. They will continue to do more. All they are asking is for their operating money.

**SLV Branding Initiative**

Eric Grossman is present with a slide show. What began as a discussion on a Valley wide marketing effort, has become a genuine economic development exercise led by an ad hoc group called the Valley Initiative Partners in conjunction with Governor Hickenlooper’s 2.0 Blueprint Initiative through Colorado OEDIT. Eric is the Project Lead facilitating the grant for the SLV Brand development on behalf of VIP. They are now four months into a ten-month project deliverable. At the closing of this grant, they will have developed a region-wide brand along with the marketing plan to administer it. This includes a logo, tagline, target list of industries to engage, and a budgeted framework to implement subsequent phases. This is a Valley-wise project.

The brand is not just the logo or a tag. Historically, branding was more of a tourism pursuit than anything else. This is a focus of all industries. He presented a plan. Why are they here? They are here to embrace their roots, values and beliefs. They are resourceful and independent. The Valley has a lot to offer. There is abundant sunshine, outdoor recreation, agriculture, and other industry. He definitely feels the quality of life is better. They are only 1/3 way through the process. Tourism is a big market. More young people are opening a business here than in any other area. The brand, logo and tag line will hopefully be carried forward. The public will see the logo. He is inviting the Commissioners on April 27th at 6:00 pm to Carson Auditorium. The final option on the logo will be voted on. He will follow up with an email to Gigi that will have a link to a survey he would like for everyone to take.
Commissioner Allen questioned Eric on who he works for.

Eric informed him Valley Initiative Partners is the parent group that is managing everything. They are ad hoc so they developed an MOU with DRG. His job is to go anywhere and everywhere to share the information.

Commissioner Signond wondered why they did not have specifics such as the Sand Dunes or National Heritage Area. Was this intentional?

Eric stated being too specific tends to step on toes. They will keep it vague for now. They will target markets that people are not currently marketing.

Commissioner Yohn feels that the buy-in from the Valley is important for the Logo. The presentation recognized all the businesses that are currently in Alamosa.

Eric stated they tried not to leave anyone out and to please let him know if they feel like there is something missing. He feels like they have a diverse group participating.

Gigi stated they are working off a grant to get this developed. What is the budget and where will the funds come from?

Eric informed her once they were awarded the grant in August, everything has been in-kind. They have $10,000 budgeted for the outreach program. Something that would typically cost $80,000, they have done for $10,000. This will complete phase one. He does not have a figure on what the other phases will cost. He feels they will get State assistance.

Commissioner Signond stated she was informed by Jeff Owsley that the group gets kudos for working well with others.

Eric stated it has been a group effort. They were able to find something that everyone agrees on. He has become the spokesperson.

Commissioner Allen thanked him for the presentation.

**Board of Health**

Della Cox-Vieira presented an update to the Board. She spoke about the Board of Health Resolution. The resolution is to provide syringe exchange services in Alamosa County under a contract with the SLV Area Health Education Center. She introduced Mr. Freddie Jaquez and Charlotte Ledonne from AHEC.

Della stated the community has been working over a year. There have been three community meetings to discuss the continuing problem with the opioid and heroin issues. They talked about possible solutions. One of the solutions would be a clean syringe exchange. They are bringing that before the Board today. The Board of Health will be the one to authorize this program in the community. San Luis Valley Area Health Education Center has come forward and would like to take the project on. There are obligations that will need to be completed yearly between them and the Board of County.
Commissioners. A contract will be written for them to conduct services in this area and a report will be reviewed annual on the progress and activities they have undertaken.

Freddie stated there are concerns in the community. They were connected with a narcotics committee four years ago. They developed a provider/patient agreement. The second document was an updated prescription guideline. There are presentations going on to different schools in the valley. North Conejos School District will be the pilot for a curriculum that will be instituted into the regular curriculum for prescription drug awareness. There are volumes of problems. This project that Della brings before you is a continuation of the great work that is going on in the San Luis Valley. They are out to save lives.

Commissioner Sigmoid thanked Della for bringing this to the Commissioners and for all of her work.

Della had one additional comment. The philosophy is much more than exchanging clean needles for dirty ones. It gives people a safe place to come to and helps them along the path towards treatment. This program helps individuals that can be extremely alone.

Commissioner Yohn feels it is a great program. He questioned where it would be located, how many sites and what is the cost?

Della informed him of a vision of two community partners. They would be based at the AHEC office and be supervised by Freddie and Charlotte. They will have delivery sites at Food Banks of the San Luis Valley and Living Water Bible Fellowship. Once it gets going in Alamosa, she would like to continue in other communities in the Valley.

Commissioner Yohn mentioned it is the whole Valley.

Charlotte stated when you look at dispensing, this program would actually bring in dirty needles and exchange for clean ones. It will cut down the risk of HIV.

Gigi questioned who is paying for this.

Della identified three sources for this. Gilead Pharmaceuticals is the first one. They are a company that provides assistance for individuals at high risk for HIV. They also offer a grant program that will support 75% of the total budget that includes salaries, supervision and testing. The second is directly through the State Health Department. They will be following up on that. They have also been working closely with Colorado Health Network. They support several programs around the State. They have a grant writer that they have made available to them to look for additional funding if needed.

Gigi talked about a County in Washington State that is allowing safe injection zones. Do you see this happening here?

Della stated she would not recommend it. She does not see a need to have a drop-in center in a community our size.

Gigi recommended to the commissioners that this be a pilot program for a year and review after a year.
Commissioner Allen feels that is a great idea. It can be reviewed after a year and see how the program is progressing. He questioned Della on what our obligation is once an agreement is reached with AHEC.

Della informed him they would have an advisory board. An annual report would be presented to the Commissioners. At that time, the contract would be reviewed.

Commissioner Allen asked if they would be willing to go through a year and make sure it’s a worthwhile project.

Della replied she would be happy to provide monthly updates if needed.

Commissioner Allen questioned her if individuals use livestock needles.

Della replied she was not sure.

Commissioner Allen questioned Freddie if he would be willing to help with the program since he will be retiring in June.

Freddie likes the idea of an advisory committee and he will help.

Commissioner Sigmond noted in the proposed resolution it does provide for an annual review by the Board of County Commissioners.

Jason wants the Board to be aware in the resolution it authorizes the director to negotiate the terms of the contract as long as it’s acceptable to her.

Commissioner Yohn stated should the resolution be approved, it’s more than just the syringe exchange. He feels is should be approved as funding is available. There needs to be some caution.

Commissioner Sigmond questioned Della on the funds. There are surplus funds in Public Health. Will the funds that could be used for this program come from restricted funds or unrestricted funds?

Della replied none of the funds in the proposed budget will be coming from Public Health.

Freddie stated if funding is gone, it will not affect the County.

Della added they wanted to get Board approval first and then move forward to secure the funding.

Commissioner Allen wants to make sure funding is not coming from Alamosa County.

Jason stated a paragraph can be added to the resolution to clarify that there is no financial obligation for Alamosa County.

Della stated this could also be added to the contract.

\textit{m/s Sigmond/Yohn to approve the establishment of a clean syringe exchange program for Alamosa County and allow Della to act on behalf of Public Health to contract with AHEC to proceed with the implementation of this plan to be reviewed annually and not require funds from the County.}
Motion was approved unanimously

Charlotte personally thanked the Commissioners for their support of this program.

Gigi questioned Della on the packet where it states the department is adopting policies and procedures from two purchase packages.

Della stated both packages are related to their Home Health Program. In order to participate in Medicare/Medicaid they have to abide by national conditions of participation in regards to Home Health Services as well as Case Management Services. The policies and procedure that are in place are fairly old. They are upgrading them. There are very specific rules related to HIPPA. She will make sure they are compliant with what the County already has in place.

Jason questioned Della if she wanted to talk about Colorado Choice Contract

Della replied this will be put on hold until March 8th.

**SLV Regional Emergency Preparedness & Response/EM**

Francis Song, Linda Smith and Joleen Trujillo are present with an update on Costilla County snow removal.

Linda Smith stated they all attended the hot wash for that response yesterday. They reviewed the strengths and weakness for that response. They were very grateful to Alamosa County for their response. There were some things that can be improved.

Francis stated this is another example of how the 6 counties come together. They were able to coordinate resources that are not possible in other areas. It was an incredible response.

Linda added there were no injuries. It was a lot of hard work.

Joleen stated it was remarkable when they all came together yesterday. The impact and coordination that came together was incredible. Costilla County was very grateful.

Linda thanked the Commissioners for supporting the regional EOC.

Francis stated it is a great resource that has been taken for granted. This is not something that every region has.

Commissioner Allen remarked that all of the trainings definitely paid off. He thanked them for doing a great job.

Commissioner Yohn stated in a rural area we have different hazards. We also have road closures and have to put up shelters. There are always shut- ins and people in need. He commended them and Road & Bridge for all of their work.

**Alamosa County Administrator**
Gigi stated it was a crisis in need. Costilla County reached out and Alamosa County stepped up. Road & Bridge had a lot of late hours. They were up early and working late. She has great respect for the Alamosa County Road & Bridge Department and would like to present Tim Deherrera, Bryce Rogers, Albert Deherrera, Kenny Yohn, Dave Teem and Gary Atencio with the Neighbor-to-Neighbor award.

Commissioner Yohn stated there is a lot put on you but you do a lot. He thanked them for their hard work.

Commissioner Sigmoid thanked them for being good neighbors.

Commissioner Allen also thanked Road & Bridge for all of their help. They put in a lot of hours. One of these days we may need help.

Tim stated it was a long week. He feels very privileged to have a great crew. They have 203 years of construction experience between the five of them. Tim stated they were called out early Monday Morning. They left at 3:30 every morning and would not get back until 8:30 or 9:00 every night. They are a huge asset to Alamosa County.

Kenny stated Tim did a fantastic job for being a young boss.

Albert commented it was a lot of work but a lot of fun. There were 8 to 10 ft. drifts. They all worked together.

Dave stated Costilla County took good care of them.

Bryce was impressed with how appreciative everyone in San Luis was.

Gary stated everyone worked together well.

**Board/Staff Updates**

Commissioner Sigmoid will be meeting with Sangre De Cristo National Heritage tonight and CAB meeting tomorrow. The Community Action Agency needs some guidelines for our community needs. She will be in charge of that.

Commissioner Yohn will have a meeting in Denver on Friday. March 7th is the Boys & Girls Club breakfast at 7:00 am. The SLV Code of Ethics needs to be discussed.

Gigi stated she needs to get the updated copy. The Code of Ethics has to do with Economic Development. She feels like it's a good idea.

Commissioner Yohn stated there are several items that need to be discussed. He feels like Alamosa County should take a stand as a Board of County Commissioners.

Gigi talked to Arthur Miller at CDOT regarding Road 6 North. She questioned him on if there were any more CDOT projects coming up and, if there were, there has to be a discussion about not using the road. Arthur does not foresee any projects in 2017 or 2018 that will impact the 6 North. He recommended
lowering the weight limit and posting it if there are some projects that come up. Gigi feels like there needs to be a plan.

Commissioner Sigmond asked: does there have to be a public meeting to reduce the weight limit?

Jason recommended set a public hearing and set the weight restrictions. This may have to do this every 90 days.

Commissioner Sigmond stated there is a need to set that for a public hearing.

Commissioner Allen stated you can’t restrict for a local farmer but can restrict the limitation to thru traffic.

Gigi informed the Commissioners Senator Bennett has a new staff member that will be taking care of the rural issues. She thanked Senator Bennett for the support on 6 North and the Mosca grant.

Gigi stated Carla Shriver has not received input from the Commissioners in regards to changes in the bylaws she wants to make. Gigi and Belina will meet with her.

Commissioner Allen mentioned that he sent her information.

Gigi received an email from Riley Johnson. He is already thinking about the dedication plaque. He requested a list of the people, other than the Commissioners, who should be listed on the plaque.

Gigi went to the courts to research Mr. Hawthorne’s estate. It is free and clear. She will continue to search for any living relatives. Inventory for the judge has to be done. The Coroner wants reimbursed $3300 and there are other costs that have been incurred.

Gigi presented a chart that shows figures for the Alamosa County Utility Building. The pricing does include main doors, roll up doors, and insulation. It does not include electricity or plumbing.

Commissioner Sigmond wondered if the Hsu building is still available and is there is money to make an offer.

Gigi replied there is some money in capital fund, not sure how much. There is not an easy solution.

Commissioner Yohn agrees something needs to be done soon.

Gigi stated the building needs special ventilation.

Brittney informed the Commissioners there is around $300,000 in the Capital Building Fund account. The money is there, but she will have to replace it next year with Mill Levy.

Commissioner Allen wondered if they can use the portion that goes to the Sheriff’s Department now.

Brittney stated she would add to the total construction budget and not use the Sheriff’s Dept.

Commissioner Sigmond recommended making an offer.
Commissioner Yohn suggested making an offer of $168,000 for the building and property.

Brittney informed the Commissioners they did receive more sales tax than was expected.

Commissioner Yohn recommended giving Gigi a cap. Offer $168,000 with a cap of $178,000.

*m/s Yohn/Sigmond for County Administrator Gigi Dennis to offer $168,000 for the Hsu property with a cap of $178,000.*

*Motion was approved unanimously*

Jason spoke about the pre-trial. He is concerned about them using pretrial as a crutch. Everyone is using it and that raises the cost. He received one response from the RFP that was sent out regarding the pre-trial release program. Rocky Mountain Offender Management Systems is still interested in participating, however they missed the deadline to submit a response. The board needs to look at the bid that came in. It is a different pricing structure. They pass on all of the monitoring costs to the individual. Most of the defendants are indigents and are not able to pay. The company, Advantage Treatment Center Inc. does not have this figured in their bid. He stated he could reach out to them and see if they would be willing to change their pricing structure. He wondered if the Commissioners would like to extend the deadline for the bids since only one had come in. He stated it may be worth having a work session with Sheriff Jackson to clarify pre-trial.

Commissioner Sigmond questioned if this was the same company that took over Community Corrections.

Commissioner Yohn stated they had placed a bid but were not the ones that went forward with it.

Commissioner Sigmond wondered if there would be a problem extending the deadline.

Commissioner Allen stated with only one bid there is nothing to compare it to. We have to do what’s best for the county.

Commissioner Yohn stated pre-trial is not helping with the inmate population. He recommended having a work session.

Commissioner Allen questioned if the deadline should be extended.

Jason recommended reposting the RFP and extending the deadline. If the decision is made not to have a pre-trial program, it could come back on the County.

Commissioner Yohn stated if the pre-trial has not helped the population in the jail, what are we accomplishing.

Jason stated it is very frustrating. We need to come up with a way to expedite the process.

Commissioner Sigmond recommended a work session.

Jason suggested extending the dead line to March 15th and have a work session after that.
m/s Yohn/Sigmond to reissue the pre-trial RFP and extend the dead line to March 15, 2017.
Motion was approved unanimously

Jason spoke on the update regarding the court case. The dead line has passed. He thinks the judge will dismiss the case.

Commissioner Allen had a landfill meeting on Tuesday and feels like he is making some progress with the State. They are wanting more and more all the time. Alamosa County has always shredded tires for the Landfill. The Landfill wants Alamosa County to be the processor. This requires a lot of paperwork. It was decided not to do that, however, they will lease the equipment to the landfill if they decide to go that route. He is leaving for NACO conference on Friday.

Commissioner Allen questioned Gigi on insurance for the Airport.

Gigi will look into that.

Gigi informed the Commissioners she joined the Upper Rio Grande Economic Development. There will be an annual banquet in March if anyone would like to go.

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

ATTEST:

Melanie Woodward, Clerk of the Board

Darius Allen, Chairman

Michael Yohn, Vice-Chair

Helen Sigmond, County Commissioner

Note:
These minutes summarize the final decision made by the Board at the referenced meeting. This meeting was also audio recorded and that recording is available for review. In the event there is confusion as to what the final decision of the Board is, the Board will rely on the audio tape to interpret the Board’s intent. The audio tape shall act as an official record of these proceedings for any necessary purpose when, in the opinion of the Board, the minutes are in any way insufficient. An audio copy of the Board of County Commissioners’ proceedings is available by contacting the Deputy Clerk to the Board
located at the Alamosa County Service Center, (719) 589-4848, or email to bramirez@alamosacounty.org.

Minutes of the Public Hearing for a Special Use Permit for NE Colorado Cellular, Inc. was held on February 22, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioners Chambers, Alamosa County Services Center, 8900 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101.

Members Present: Darius Allen, Chair
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Helen Sigmond, Commissioner
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Rachel Bard introduced Henry Jacobsen from NE Colorado Cellular Inc. dba Viaero. The applicant is proposing a Special Use Permit to facilitate the construction and operation of a new 140 foot monopole wireless communications site with appurtenant facilities as well as an 8 x 17 equipment building. The site was selected as it is centrally located between the City of Alamosa and the town of Blanca and covers a coverage gap caused by the foothills of Mount Blanca.

The property owners are Theodore and Josh Moen. The property is zoned rural. According to the Alamosa County Land Use and Development Code, wireless telecommunication facilities are only permitted in rural zoned districts with a Special Use Permit.

Adjacent land owners within 1,500 feet of the subject properties have been notified by mail and notice was published in the Valley Courier. Courtesy letters were sent to the Colorado Department of Transportation and the Alamosa County Building Inspector.

Three phone calls were received opposing the tower from out-of-state landowners.

According to CDOT's Permit Program manager, Jo Heinlein, the property owners need to request an amendment to their existing access permit to add the tower.

Rachel stated the findings concerning the application showed it is not anticipated to endanger the public health or safety if located where proposed. The applicant has an active FCC license to operate within Alamosa County which requires compliance with all applicable standards for non-ionizing electromagnetic radiation.

The applicant has met all the Special Use permit application standards and is required to obtain all other necessary permits before commencing construction.

The Special Use Permit is not expected to have any adverse effects upon adjoining property owners as most of the adjoining lots are vacant.
The Planning Commission met on January 11, 2017 to discuss this application. The Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve the Special Use Permit for NE Colorado Cellular, Inc. but requested Department Recommendations include the requirement for a CDOT access permit.

The Land Use staff has reviewed the proposed application and recommends approval of the Special Use Permit application with conditions.

Mr. Jacobsen stated that the record needs to be corrected showing it is not a monopole. It is self-supporting.

Rachel stated the board would have to specifically note that in the motion. The Alamosa County Land Use Code requires it to be a monopole.

Commissioner Allen asked if anyone would like to speak on this Special Use Permit.

There was no public comment.

Jason read the list of exhibits.

There being no further business, the Public Hearing for NE Colorado Cellular, Inc. was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Melanie Woodward, Clerk of the Board

Darius Allen, Chairman

Michael Yohn, Vice-Chair

Helen Sigmond, County Commissioner

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Minutes of the Public Hearing for Ratification of Special Use Permit for Arnold and Marguerite Salazar was held on February 22, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioners Chambers, Alamosa County Services Center, 8900 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101.

Members Present:
Darius Allen, Chair
Michael Yohn, Vice-Chair
Helen Sigmond, Commissioner
Gigi Dennis, County Administrator
Jason Kelly, County Attorney
Melanie Woodward, Clerk & Recorder

Rachel informed the Commissioners when the first Public Hearing was held on December 14, 2016, she had failed to advertise in the newspaper. When she discovered this she spoke with Jason. He recommended publishing it so all of the neighbors would have an opportunity to speak for or against.

Commissioner Allen asked if anyone would like to speak on this Special Use Permit for Arnold and Marguerite Salazar.

Ron Brink spoke in favor of the Special Use Permit Application for Arnold and Marguerite Salazar.

There being no further business, the Public Hearing for Ratification of Special Use Permit for Arnold and Marguerite Salazar was adjourned.

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