Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners Meeting, held on February 8, 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
Belina Ramirez, Deputy Clerk
Melanie Woodward, Clerk & Recorder

Call the Meeting to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Approval of the Agenda
m/s Yohn/Sigmond motion to approve February 8, 2017 Agenda
Motion was approved unanimously

Approval of the Minutes
m/s Sigmond/Yohn motion to approve January 25, 2017 minutes
Motion was approved unanimously

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

Consent Agenda
2016 Highway User Tax Fund (HUTF) Report
Public Trustee Quarterly Report for Oct-Dec 2016
Audit Engagement Letter-Wall, Smith, Bateman
Sierra Detention Systems Scope of Work
Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout Support of Amicus Brief

Youthtrack Contract and the Employee Handbook was requested to be pulled for further discussion.

m/s Sigmond/Yohn motion to approve Consent Agenda with requested items to be pulled
Motion was approved unanimously
Jason commented on the Youth Track property lease. His recommendation was to pull the resolution off until resolved and present to the board at the February 22nd meeting. Commissioner Yohn voiced concern on the lease. Jason reported that the original lease was done in 1995. He also stated that the lease does require them to take care of the land. Commissioner Allen had questions regarding the new buyer.

**m/s Sigmond/Yohn to table lease with youth track**  
**Motion was approved unanimously**

Commissioner Sigmond commented on employee handbook. Everything should be in place. She requested to put the organizational chart into Appendix A and make some grammatical changes. Commissioner Yohn thanked Wilma for all the hard work done on the employee handbook. Jason reported that a section regarding concealed carry had been added. Statute does not prohibit it. Must carry on person at all times, if not on person, must be in a locked box. He felt it was necessary to be in policy.

**m/s Sigmond/Yohn to approve employee handbook with changes**  
**Motion carried unanimously**

**Colorado Attorney General**

Cynthia Coffman was present at the meeting. Ms. Coffman stated that she started her morning with Gigi Dennis, County Administrator of the Year. She commented on what a privilege it is to know Gigi. They discussed the landfill, economic issues, aircraft and several other topics. She commented on all of the activity that was going on in Alamosa County. Ms. Coffman reported that since she has been Attorney General she has been trying to get out every 6-8 weeks for visits around the state. There are a few areas of emphasis. Drug issues are significant around the state. Prescription abuse and overdose of heroin are a big problem. There are seventeen Counties in Colorado that have the highest overdose death rate. This was because Law Enforcement did not have access to Narcan, a lifesaving drug. It is used to reverse the effects of Opioid overdose. Now there are more law enforcement agencies than ever before carrying this drug. They are acting as lifesavers.

Ms. Coffman reported that she would be meeting with the Alamosa Prevention Coalition. Her efforts are to identify where there are gaps at the local community level and also to present programs that are excelling. It is a great opportunity to match make between people and resources.

Her next stop is Ortega Middle School. She will be talking about the duties of Attorney General and safety of students. There is a program called Safe to Tell. This program is a way for kids to report threats to themselves or the school. It is an anonymous place for all of the information to go. She will make sure they are aware and using the program.

Ms. Coffman reported on another program that was started in the Attorney General's office to teach children financial literacy. The program is called money wiser. Kids are learning about saving, investing,
budgeting and learning the difference between wants and needs. It is a way for kids to take responsibility of their finances and save their own money.

She commended Alamosa County for all their accomplishments and commented that there is so much to be proud of.

Commissioner Allen expressed his gratitude for Ms. Coffman coming to Alamosa.

Commissioner Sigmond thanked her for focusing her attention on Ortega Middle School and the assurance of a safe school. She also thanked Ms. Coffman for focusing her attention on Narcan and expressed her concern on the price increase and questioned if it was available through the Attorney General’s Office. Ms. Coffman informed her that they had purchased 2500 doses and allocated them to the 17 counties that had the highest overdose death rate. They are looking for additional ways to make it available to more communities at a fixed price.

Commissioner Allen recognized Sheriff Robert Jackson in the audience.

Ms. Coffman commented to Sheriff Jackson about the drug problems in Alamosa, like so many other counties in Colorado.

Ms. Coffman informed the Commissioners that there is legislation in the Colorado General Assembly this week looking at expanding who can oversee medication-assisted treatment for people that are addicted to Opioids.

Commissioner Sigmond expressed concern for the inmates that lose their benefits when they go to jail. There is a need to figure out how you can get health care coverage on inmates.

Commissioner Yohn has concern regarding the landfill. He stated that Alamosa County has been working diligently to clean up Alamosa County and the State is making it very difficult. They have changed regulations as you go along. He also thanked Ms. Coffman for coming to Alamosa County.

Ms. Coffman informed the Commissioners that Ms. Baird, the Land Use Administrator, had prepared a packet for Coffman and they discussed the issues with the landfill. She is aware of the issues and will continue to watch over it.

Commissioner Allen inquired about overcrowding of the jail. Alamosa County had 145 prisoners two weeks ago. He wondered if other counties are experiencing this.

Ms. Coffman commented that this is typical. It is related to drug offenses. She will be willing to help in any way she can.

**Twelfth Judicial District Attorney**

Crista Newmyer-Olsen is present with an update. She introduced Ashley McCaugig, who is the Assistant District Attorney. She presented statistics from her office. She has been District Attorney for one
month. Her feelings are there has not been a lot of transparency from the District Attorney’s Office in previous years and she would like to change that. Ms. Newmyer-Olson reported that they handle traffic cases, misdemeanor cases and felonies. Case numbers have steadily increased since 2014. They had 652 felony cases in Alamosa County last year. Recent legislation requires them to do all case reports via electronic means. This means they are no longer allowed to charge for discovery that is related to charges against them. Last year they pulled in about $60,000 revenue for discovery. They have lost that. They are paying out $20,000 for an IT contract to maintain the e discovery and e filing system which puts them at a deficit of $80,000. They did get an additional $17,000 from Commissioners last year. That leaves them at a deficit of $63,000. Last year they had 7 attorneys, this year 6. One of them is grant funded that ends in October, 2017. They are getting ready to reapply for that grant. She presented current attorney assignments and other staff positions. Some of the positions are grant funded in part. She has attended several meetings and the primary topic is how to reduce current population in Jail. She would like to talk about people that should not be out of jail. Homicides are on the rise. She presented a list of total homicides throughout the 12th Judicial District. Ms. Newmyer-Olson reported that there is assistance from the Attorney General on some of the homicide cases. She is personally handling unique cases that involve a potential life sentence. She noted drug distribution cases. The District Attorney’s office has to go after these people. She spoke about cases in which individuals have been sentenced and are now out of jail. She submitted a list of jury trials through March, 2017. Alamosa County has 45% of the felony, misdemeanor and traffic cases within the entire 12th Judicial District. Criminal cases make up 43% of the entire court system district wide. Alamosa County is handling 43% of the cases in the court system. She informed the Commissioners that Judge Swift wrote a letter requesting another attorney. Workload is tremendous. Krista would like everyone to have an understanding of how hard they work.

Mr. McCuaig stated there are cases that have already been resolved. He added that the list of cases presented shows the correlation between the drug use in the community and the violent crimes the District Attorney’s office handles.

Commissioner Sigmund mentioned that she would like the District Attorney to present at the next San Luis Valley Commissioners meeting. She would like to maintain safety for the community. Information is important for all the counties to see.

Commissioner Yohn stated this is the first time to see a report from the District Attorney. He expressed his appreciation. He would also like to see her at the San Luis Valley Commissioners meeting.

Commissioner Allen also expressed his gratitude regarding the report and stated how important it is to stay in contact with the Commissioners. He also stressed the need for the San Luis Valley Commissioners to see these figures. He mentioned that there was quite an increase in felonies over a two year span.

Commissioner Sigmund recommended pursuing state funding.

Ms. Newmyer-Olson had an update in regards to this. Many of the Urban Districts don’t want state funding because they get enough money from their community. Rural Districts would love to just have one position state funded. She can’t handle all of the cases by herself. They are working on a piece of legislation to make the position for District Attorney funded by the state. She said it did not make it through last time. She will keep the Commissioners informed on this.
Public Hearing

Resolution 2017F3

PLEASE SEE PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Commissioner Sigmond requested final figures for 2016 from the Airport Board. Gigi informed her that she is aware of the final billing for 2016 and funds are allocated for 2017.

Commissioner Yohn stated that it was appropriate to approve this resolution.

m/s Sigmond/Yohn to approve Resolution 2017-F-3
Motion was approved unanimously

La Casa Cannibas II-Violation

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Commissioner Yohn stated there was a violation. It’s not a major offense. He recommended a fine of $100.00 and count as one strike against them.

Commissioner Sigmond agreed that the holiday was confusing. She did want to address Ms. Hobbs’ comments, it would require changing the rules. She agrees with Commissioner Yohn as far as the violation goes. She reminded them it is their responsibility to abide by the restrictions that they agreed to.

Commissioner Allen feels maybe the dates should be changed but that would have to go before the planning commission. He also agrees with the fine and commented that the County has never received a complaint in the three years they have been in business.

m/s Yohn/Sigmond to collect the $100.00 fine from La Casa Cannibas II for violating Ordinance 16.
Motion was approved unanimously

Special Events Permit - San Luis Valley Trout Unlimited

Alamosa County Clerk & Recorder, Melanie Woodward is requesting a Special Events Permit for SLV Trout Unlimited.

Martin Jones is representing San Luis Valley Trout Unlimited. He informed the Commissioners that they would be having a fund raiser and live auction at Jack Farm LLC on April 22nd. This is the first year they have not held the event at an establishment that already had a liquor license in place. Mr. Martin informed the Commissioners that the money received is used here on projects locally.

Commissioner Sigmond stated that it was for a worthy cause.
Commissioner Yohn inquired about background checks and Ms. Woodward informed him it was not necessary.

Commissioner Allen inquired about a trip down the Black Canyon. Mr. Martin stated that the State runs three raffles a year. Local chapters have the opportunity to sell tickets during the spring. The winner wins a trip. This year the winner will win a 2 day float down the Black Canyon of the Gunnison River during the hatch.

**m/s Sigmond/Yohn motion to approve the Special Events Permit for San Luis Valley Trout Unlimited. Motion was approved unanimously**

**Alamosa County Land Use**

Rachel Baird Administrator was present. She informed the Commissioners about the bids Mosca received in for Sequencing Batch reactor. There are very few companies that do Sequencing Batch. They published nationally and with the local newspaper and received two bids. The two companies were Fluidyne Corporation and Evoqua Water Technologies.

Martin Reynolds from Reynolds Engineering recommended going with the low bid which was Fluidyne. He is requesting authorization to award the contract to Fluidyne. He reviewed the budget and it is still on track. The bid was higher than expected. But that was done two years ago.

Commissioner Sigmoid inquired about the original estimate.

Mr. Reynolds informed her it was $265,000. It has gone up about 12% from the original bid.

Commissioner Sigmoid wondered if there was a difference between the two companies in terms of their success.

Mr. Reyonds said they were both successful companies and have local representation.

Commissioner Allen asked if there were any Colorado companies.

Mr. Reynolds replied they had local representation out of Denver.

Gigi Dennis wondered if there were any lawsuits.

Mr. Reynolds said there were none he was aware of. Mr. Reynolds stated this contractor will design, load, and deliver to Mosca. There will need to be another contractor available to set up and assemble, but Fluidyne will be there to oversee it and are also responsible for startup.

Rachel Baird said the USDA also has to approve and sign off. She stated that if we get to a point and are unable to proceed with the project, there would only be 10% paid out to for engineering at that point.

Jason Kelly reached out to bond counsel to verify the County would not be responsible for paying for the Sequencing Batch Reactor if something happened. The County would only be liable for the engineering portion.
Rachel Baird informed the Commissioners that she is making sure everything is done for review. The $20,000 has been paid to CDPHE and they are still waiting for review.

Gigi Dennis questioned Mr. Reynolds if he was depending on Alamosa County Road & Bridge for dirt work or fill dirt.

Mr. Reynolds replied it has not been determined. The money is there. There is a lot of dirt that could possibly be delivered to the ten sites. He said a decision has to be made regarding having the contractor be responsible for moving all of the existing equipment, such as the pump station, septic tanks and leach fields, which would run $45,000, $4,500 per site, or the County. It would be helpful if the County could help.

Commissioner Allen suggested putting it out for bid.

Mr. Reynolds said it would be beneficial to have a contractor excavate.

Commissioner Yohn agreed to put it out for bid.

_m/s Sigmond/Yohn to approve the bid for $298,480.00 with Fluidyne Corporation subject to reaching agreeable terms with the contract._

  *Motion was approved unanimously*

_Sage Constructors_

Larry Schriener informed the Commissioners that construction drawings are 98% complete with the jail. Both projects, the courthouse and the jail, are in review. He is waiting for a report from Pat Steenburg at the city. The parking issue has been resolved. The CD drawings are in review for the jail. A few comments have come back, nothing major. Detention Center and Jail are in review. Contracts for pre-qualifications for general contractors are due back today at 4:30. He has received an RFQ from two companies but is still expecting more. There will be seven hardbound copies along with them and a cd. He expressed his concern on time and said he needs the Commissioners to review and a recommendation by 13th of February. He would like them to pick the top 3 out of the seven he is expecting to receive.

Jason Kelly said we need a quick meeting to select general contractors. They should have discussion and decide as a board.

_Commissioner Sigmond recommended meeting on February 13th_. The meeting was scheduled for Monday, February 13th at 11:00 am.

Larry Schriener informed the Commissioners that he also has received an RFP for materials, testing and special inspections for both buildings. There were four firms that have responded to the RFP. They are Mountain Engineering & Testing, Western Tech, Terracon and CTL/Thompson. Bids could double, maybe triple. He presented the Commissioners with a spreadsheet that gave a comparison with all four firms. He recommended Mountain Engineering and Testing who came in with the lowest bid.

Commissioner Sigmond wondered if the amount included testing.
Mr. Schriener informed her it did but recommended leaving it in the budget until we see where we’re at.

Commissioner Sigmond questioned Mr. Shriver if he was confident with Mountain Engineering & Testing.

Mr. Schriener informed her they are a good firm. They do work for the City of Alamosa and Adams State University.

Commissioner Sigmond wondered if a decision needed to be made today.

Mr. Schriener replied if possible. He has more information available if needed.

Gigi Dennis questioned Mr. Schriener on the testing prices. Local pricing is $1100 and Colorado Springs is $280.00.

Mr. Schriener responded that it is the whole combination. The problem with Mountain Engineering being so high is they don’t have the correct equipment so it has to be hauled to Denver. The other companies have their own equipment so it does not have to be hauled.

Commissioner Sigmond commented that it looks like only one or two tests on the higher amount versus 30 on the cheaper tests so it actually ends up being more economical to go with Mountain Engineering & Testing.

Commissioner Allen stated that overall Mountain Engineering is about $13,000 less.

Mr. Schriener reported a lot of money is being saved on travel expense.

Commissioner Sigmond stated it’s good to keep the business local.

m/s Sigmond/Yohn to go with Mountain Engineering & Testing
Motion was approved unanimously

Mr. Schriener discussed the budget. The total cost that was projected in August is down $600,000. Big factor that drove cost up was a mechanical change over. He is going through on both projects and finding things that are higher and some are lower. It all balances out. Detention Center is $6,730,165. That amount includes housing building, laundry renovation and secure perimeter but does not include additive alternates of Sallyport addition, transport cell addition, booking renovation, visitation renovation, break room and maintenance/repairs.

Commissioner Allen inquired about cabling and if there was a stamp of approval.

Mr. Schriener said this is not 100% clarified on what state will do.

Gigi Dennis mentioned that Larry brought to her attention that the grand total does not include Larry’s fee or repayment to Alamosa County Road & Bridge.
Commissioner Sigmoid questioned if we have an estimate of the total of Larry’s Work.

Gigi Dennis informed her that the total for Mr. Schriener is $165,000 for two years.

Commissioner Sigmoid commented on the need to get bids in.

Mr. Schriener replied that once bids are in you can sit down and have a better understanding. Sometimes you will still find hidden surprises in old buildings. He is relying on the good drawings that he has.

Commissioner Sigmoid wondered if Mr. Schriener could tell her what the design contingency $1.9 includes. Mr. Schriener said he has numerous pages, code review, commission review, etc. Estimates could be off, but don’t know what’s going to happen until bids are open. The $1.9 is just a total percentage of the total cost.

Commissioner Sigmoid said she appreciated the information.

Mr. Schriener feels like they will be in good shape. He is always available for questions from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Sigmoid questioned under added alternatives for the Detention Center, there is $678.250 for maintenance/repair items. Does this include the Sallyport and nurse’s room?

Mr. Schriener informed her that is not included in the amount.

Commissioner Sigmoid questioned Mr. Schriener on what the maintenance items include.

Mr. Schriener replied that it included old worn out door locks, etc.

Commissioner Sigmoid said to keep up the good work.

Mr. Schriener said he will get bids to everyone as soon as possible.

**Alamosa County Administrator**

Gigi Dennis spoke. She reminded the Commissioners that the Airport Board had been dissolved. She would like to recognize Charlie Grieg and Linn Elfrink who were members on the board. Ms. Dennis also mentioned Tim Gallagher, who resigned at the end of December. Tim was not present at the meeting. She commented on what a terrific job they did in managing day-to-day operations and how instrumental they were in hiring a new manager. They helped Gigi with the Airport history, legal boundaries and learning what’s gone on at the Airport. She felt like it was important to recognize them for all of their hard work and years of service on the Airport Board.

Commissioner Sigmoid commended them for their participation and wealth of information that is brought to all of the airport board meetings.
Commissioner Yohn values their experience and participation on board. He hopes they will continue. There have been a lot of strides made in the last few years and there is more to be done.

Commissioner Allen talked about the many changes that have been made on the Airport Board. He has great respect for Linn. He commended Linn for being so helpful and how important it is to the community. The decision to hire an airport manager was the right decision and he feels like it is important to keep an advisory board. Linn has 29 years of service and Charlie has been on the board for 10 years. He has been part of it since 1983. Commissioner Allen also thanked Charlie for all of his work.

Mr. Griego commented on how many years he’s been around and the great people he has worked with. He mentioned the individuals Chris Mora and Tony Bobicki that have kept it going. He also spoke highly of Brittney DeHerrera and said Belina Ramirez did a good job keeping minutes. Tim DeHerrera at Road & Bridge has done a lot to keep the airport going and Andrew Atencio has also contributed. Mr. Griego hopes that Linn continues with board. Mr. Griego feels like Gigi and the board did a great job on picking an airport manager. He said Gigi has a great idea of extending the board to the San Luis Valley. He feels like it will be successful.

Mr. Elfrink remembers when the airport was put in its location around 1945. Before that it was located west of Alamosa. Now there is a new terminal. He agreed with Charlie on the new Airport manager. It is in good hands. He is satisfied with everything that has been accomplished over the years.

Mr. Griego and Mr. Elfrink were presented with plaques.

**Board/Staff Updates**

Belina Ramirez, Alamosa County Officer Manager, informed the Commissioners that Alamosa County will be recognized February 17th at ASC game. All sponsors are recognized this Friday.

Melanie Woodward, Alamosa County Clerk, spoke about the completion of her ballot drop box and the contract she will be presenting for new voting equipment.

Commissioner Sigmoid has been working with the Communities That Care regarding the opioid issues and is also working with the Public Health partnership. She congratulated Commissioner Yohn for taking over the chair for the Transportation Committee.

Commissioner Yohn reported that he had a 911 meeting last week. There was concern about no 911 service south of Alamosa on their cell phone. Blanca Phone service was contacted by 911 regarding the phase two that is required by any cell phone provider. Blanca Telephone company sent back a reply informing 911 that they will have to cease their cellular service because they are unable to install the phase two requirements due to lack of resources. He is hoping that Verizon picks it up. Commissioner Yohn mentioned the IGA (Intergovernmental Agreement) between TPR planning and Alamosa County.

**m/s Sigmoid/Yohn to sign the IGA for the Regional Planning Commission for transportation planning.**

*Motion was passed unanimously*

Gigi informed the Commissioners about the Department Head meeting. The employee hand book was reviewed. She has a meeting request on the 14th at 10:00 a.m. from National Oceanic and Atmospheric
Administration. It is a temporary project. They are proposing high tech radar equipment to better track storms. They are looking for the Commissioners’ support and financial participation. She stressed the need to understand what they doing. The meeting will be February 14th at 10:00 a.m. at the Administration building. Commissioner Sigmond and Gigi attended a meeting on Economic Development. They would like the County to sign a code of ethics. There will be a presentation on this to all of the Valley Commissioners in April. At the next meeting, Eric Chapman will be here talking about the SLV branding effort that is underway. Gigi needs direction regarding the solar project. They are constantly bothering Rachel about participating in the Solar Garden that will take place in Conejos County. Can this be dropped?

Commissioner Sigmond asked Jason to make calls with other entities regarding this.

Jason Kelly will get feedback on their experiences.

Commissioner Sigmond would like to put on agenda for Monday.

Commissioner Yohn definitely supports solar and clean energy. He has concerns about purchasing all of the electricity from one company.

Jason wondered if they were planning on sending it out for a bid.

Commissioner Yohn would like to have our own agreement especially with all of the new construction that is taking place. He would like for Alamosa County to have their own Solar Garden.

Commissioner Allen recommended putting this item on the agenda for Monday to discuss.

Gigi Dennis informed the Commissioners that there will be a SLV regional planning meeting on Thursday, February 9, 2017.

Jason Kelly will be attending the Rocky Mountain Symposium on March 7th. He recommended joining AUVSI. They will be sponsoring a conference in May and it will save in registration fees.

The board agreed.

Commissioner Yohn had thoughts about the county purchasing a drone?

Jason Kelly recommended having one in Alamosa County. We don’t need to go extreme.

Commissioner Sigmond suggested researching what it would cost.

Jason Kelly thought it would be around $1500 to $2000. That includes the camera. Plan for pre-trial services was posted on website. Jury trial will be here in the Commissioner’s room for February 15 and 16th.

Jason spoke about repealing the Resolution regarding the Employee Handbook. It will conflict with the new employee handbook. With the adoption of the new employee handbook, the old resolution needs to be repealed.
m/s Sigmond/Yohn to repeal Resolution 2001-G-012 regarding the handbook.
Motion was passed unanimously

Commissioner Allen spoke about the auction and fundraiser for the Valley Humane League. He has an idea about how to proceed with building a new facility for them. He has commitments but he won’t proceed without the approval from the other Commissioners. He will schedule a meeting with JBC. They will talk about the shortfall with child welfare allocations. He has been working with the Rio Grande County Commissioner regarding guidelines for the SLV Commissioners Association. Commissioner Allen is working on the FLAP grant. Ride the Rockies will start here in Alamosa.

Commissioner Yohn would like for Andrew Atencio to put up the drawings of the new courthouse in the Annex Building.

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

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Minutes of the Public Hearing for Resolution 2017F3 was held on February 8, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioners Chambers, Alamosa County Services Center, 8900 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101.

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

Alamosa County Administrator Gigi Dennis discussed Resolution 2017-F-3. This resolution appropriates additional sums of money to defray expenses in excess of amount budgeted for the County of Alamosa, to include the SLV Regional Airport Fund. She informed the Commissioners that the Alamosa County Airport was initially set up with a different fund and a different bank. After working with the Alamosa County Chief Financial Officer and Alamosa County Treasurer, they have determined it would be more beneficial to leave the account alone. This resolution will move expenditures from a separate account and will be combined with the County funding. Bills will be viewable to the Commissioners and they will sign off. The resolution meshes Lois, Alamosa County Treasurer, in with the account, and it allows Brittney, the CFO, to transfer $125,000 that was initially budgeted into the general fund so that the bills can be paid.

Commissioner Allen asked if anyone would like to speak on this Resolution.

There was no public comment.

*There being no further business, the Public Hearing for Resolution 2017F3 was adjourned.*

**ATTEST:**

Melanie Woodward, Clerk of the Board

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Rachel Baird, Alamosa County Land Use Administrator and Adrian Mestas and Leonard Garcia owners of La Casa Cannibas II were present.

The business first opened in 2013. They have never had any violations. Rachel explained that each resolution, for both of the medical marijuana facilities, states that they are required to be closed on federal holidays. The first year there was a misconception. They thought they were supposed to be closed on all County holidays. She sent a correction letter advising them that they only had to close on holidays that were recognized by the federal government. This year was confusing because Christmas was on Sunday, but the legal holiday was on Monday. She received a complaint that they were open. After checking into this, they informed Rachel that they were indeed open and did not realize Monday was a legal holiday. Ms. Baird recommended that since this was the first time for a violation, the board should determine the fine. The board is able to fine, restrict, suspend or revoke their license or special use permit. Ms. Baird also explained that they could close them for a day to compensate for when they were open.

Adrian Mestas apologized to the Commissioners. He commented that a mistake was made and it was not intentional. They were confused about the holiday. They were looking at their old holiday list and Monday was not listed. He is asking for compassion and leniency.

Commissioner Allen asked for public comment.

Shanna Hobbs feels like it's an unfair restriction and it needs to be addressed and perhaps amended. They should be able to be open on Sundays and Holidays. She does not feel like they should be punished. They are just trying to survive and thrive. They are a legitimate business.

There was no other comment from the audience.

There being no further business, the Public Hearing for La Casa Cannibas II was adjourned.
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