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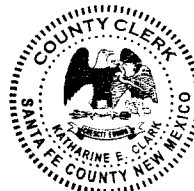
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1. A. This regular meeting of the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners was called to order at 2:34 p.m. by Chair Henry Roybal in the County Commission Chambers, 102 Grant Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

The meeting was conducted in a hybrid format incorporating both Webex and in-person participation.

B. Roll Call

Roll was called by Deputy County Clerk Evonne Ganz and indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

Members Present:

Commissioner Henry Roybal, Chair
Commissioner Anna Hamilton, Vice Chair
Commissioner Rudy Garcia
Commissioner Anna Hansen
Commissioner Hank Hughes

Members Excused:

None

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. State Pledge

E. Moment of Reflection

The Pledge of Allegiance and the State Pledge were led by Chair Roybal and the Moment of Reflection by Victor Vigil of the Treasurer's Office.

Commissioner Hansen requested moment of silence was requested for art critic and UNM lecturer Dave Hickey, County Clerk Katharine Clark requested a moment of silence for Veronica Duran, an employee of the Clerk's Office, as well as Milton Lopez from Pecos. Commissioner Garcia requested a moment of silence for Gibert Gurule.

F. Approval of Agenda

CHAIR ROYBAL: Are there any changes or requests to the agenda?
KATHERINE MILLER (County Manager): Mr. Chair.

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CHAIR ROYBAL: Yes, Manager Miller.

MANAGER MILLER: The original agenda was posted on Friday, November 19th at 5:00 pm and it was amended on Wednesday, November 24th at 4:31 pm. Those two amendments that occurred on the 24th were item 6. D, a joint resolution recognizing the existence of open items related to annexation. That item was added, and item 8. E, a resolution identifying Santa Fe County 2022 legislative priorities, that item was also added and the caption updated. And those are the amendments that I have to the agenda.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Manager Miller. Any other additions or requests? Seeing none, what's the pleasure of the Board?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Mr. Chair, I move to approve the agenda as amended.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Second.

CHAIR ROYBAL: We have a motion from Commissioner Hansen and a second from Commissioner Hughes.

The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

1. G. Recognition of Years of Service and New Hires

MANAGER MILLER: Thank you, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. As you know, we try to recognize employees who've completed a five-year consecutive years of service with Santa Fe County. We just want to express our appreciation and thank those employees who choose to make their career with Santa Fe County. We also provide them with a memo and a service pin.

So in the Sheriff's Department/Administration in Animal Control, James Blaisure and Maria Hernandez Andrad have hit five years of service on November 14th. In Public Works/Solid Waste, Robert Hollingsworth also celebrated five years of service on November 14th, and on November 15th in the Fire Department Remington Gillum, his five year anniversary, and in Community Development, Joseph Montoya on November 26th, five years.

And then in Public Works, Kimberly Silver with ten years on November 14th, and Sammy Abeyta in Road Maintenance Division celebrated 15 years on November 13th. So I just would like to recognize them and thank them for their service to Santa Fe County.

Also we had some new hires. We've been advertizing and we have a lot of open positions and haven't filled as many as we'd like to. We did have in the month of October, about ten new hires and that's Miranda Salazar in the County Assessor's Office, Juan Torres in the County Clerk's Office as chief deputy of the Bureau of Elections, and then Sebastian Adamczyk in Community Services as a program manager. In Corrections, Jennifer Barela and Eric Pinon. In RECC, the new director, Bernard Brown. In Public Works/Solid Waste, George Maestas, and in the Sheriff's Office, Francisco Concha and Jacob Duprez as Sheriff's deputies.

So I just want to welcome them to Santa Fe County and hope that in five years we're recognizing them for still being here in five years. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Manager Miller, and I just want to say to

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the new hires, welcome to Santa Fe County. We look forward to working with you we're very happy to see that you've chosen Santa Fe County as your career path. And to our employees that have been here for five, ten, fifteen years, from what I've heard, thank you for your dedicated service to our constituents and to Santa Fe County. Are there any other comments from the Board. Seeing none, once again, welcome to our new hires and thank you to our dedicated employees that have been here.

2. BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING

The Board of County Commissioners temporarily recessed and convened as the Board of Finance at 2:46 p.m.

Commissioner Hansen moved to recess as the Board of County Commissioners and reconvene as the Board of Finance. Commissioner Hamilton seconded and the motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

- 2. A. Call to Order**
- B. Roll Call**

Members Present:

Commissioner Henry Roybal, Chair
Commissioner Anna Hamilton, Vice Chair
Commissioner Rudy Garcia
Commissioner Anna Hansen
Commissioner Hank Hughes

Members Excused:

None

- 2. C. Approval of Agenda**

Commissioner Hughes moved to approve the agenda as published and Commissioner Hamilton seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

- 2. D. County Treasurer's Second Half Report**

JENNIFER MANZANARES (County Treasurer): Good afternoon, Mr. Chair, Commissioners, Madam Manager. Presenting today are Santa Fe County Treasurer 2021 second half report. I'd like to start by thanking our Investment Committee members who have diligently attended our meetings this year and guided us through many questions we've had together as a committee and so thank you very much for that. Yvonne, in Finance, I appreciate all of her work.

In front of you in your BoardDocs you can see our report this second half, starting with the Santa Fe County Treasurer's Office challenges. Our fed fund remaining near zero is what we gather every day from Bloomberg. The Deputy Treasurer and I were talking earlier about a potential rebound in that – possibly March, looking at June. So we keep seeing that projecting a little more in the future. We had hoped this quarter but now with the new variant we know that there's a lot of new questions about what's going

forth. So in terms of our second bullet of investing and reinvesting in this environment, it's made it challenging to buy anything. We've been stuck in that for a while this year, so we have that challenge in front of us.

So we do keep in mind that with the ongoing pandemic and the new variant we're very mindful of the environment that we're in right now for our investments. We also keep in mind post-pandemic office planning that staff and reconfiguration of the office is very much in line at the Treasurer's Office, keeping that safety in mind.

On our fourth bullet, we have as a challenge of the County Treasurer's Office, retaining cashiers. We've had some internal staff placement. We've had movement where individuals have gone to another position that has opened up and so right now we're fully staffed with our delinquent team that we're really strategizing on how we're going to approach that because we know that with COVID a lot of people fell behind and we want to see a very different report going to the State Department in June, so we're going to pursue active delinquent collections now starting the new year.

So we do have our tax rush coming up next Friday. The bills will be going out December 1st. I want to thank the Commission for really working with us in getting the word out to the community. The Santa Fe Bulletin was helpful, so we tried every avenue we could to save some monies on letting the community know that this year the tax delay would be due to House Bill 407.

We have added as a staffing update customer service specialist who gave our moment of reflection, Victor Vigil, as well as a quality assurance team member, April Dukes, and we're very thankful for these two positions because we feel the quality, the customer service is first and foremost, so we want to be accurate in our investments as well as in how we approach our customers and having those two on the team I think it's going to be very positive.

Next slide we've got our fiscal agent balance. This is as of October 31, 2021. We have 41 accounts at \$40,993,524.27 at 35 basis points. Currently we'll be sending out again our tax bills this week and we're anticipating a large balance in December and January.

Next slide, in our operations account we have \$168,588,178.63. The Core account, \$31,092,609.50. Our GOB 1997, \$435,224.63. GOB 2011, \$1,055,420.04. Our GOB for 2013, \$3,624,313.65. GOB 2015, \$4,625,084.23. Our GOB 2017, \$8,141,613.60, and our GOB 2018, \$8,989,930.98. And our GOB 2019, \$9,609,593.73. Finally, our GOB 21, \$10,504,281.61. And our Housing account, \$3,933,898.62. UBS, \$40,374,180.21, totaling \$300,974,337.43.

Within our portfolio we have diversifications ranging from federal farm credit bonds to federal national mortgage, federal home loan mortgage – I won't go through all of them. As you can see they're listed out. We have US Treasury bills, notes, bonds, and government money markets.

Other holdings, in our LANB Studio CD we have \$4,748,573.13. Our local CDs total \$1,245,000. BNY Mellon, \$9,942,472.89. Recently we had a drawdown of \$199,244.68, totaling \$15,936,046.02.

Finally, our grand total of all holdings, \$335,664,442.39.

For our final slide, our estimated annual income with Sunflower Wealth is \$1,963,272.75, with UBS at \$17,725, that being a total of \$1,980,997.75. Finally, at our

earnings, if you flip to the next page, we've got our LANB Studio CD at 250 basis points. Our FICAs, 5 to 12 basis points, UBS, 1 to 2 basis points, Schwab is at 1. Investments, 50 to 275 basis points.

[See below for motion and vote.]

2. E. Request Approval of County Treasurer's Six-Month Investment Strategy

TREASURER MANZANARES: Finally, for our six-month investment strategy, we plan to invest and reinvest in the two- to five-year window, attempting a ladder structure portfolio. We would like to invest in coupons and sensible cash flow, and invest in Supras or GSE's – government-sponsored enterprises known as Fannie Maes, Freddie Macs, with sensible spreads over the Treasury, and invest in instruments solid in our investment portfolio that gives the County of course best returns. All as action items and I yield for questions.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay, do we have any questions from the Board?
Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Madam Treasurer. Just a little side note. Just like to congratulate Victor Vigil for winning his election. Congratulations, Victor. Very well done.

Madam Treasurer, the Investment Committee, can you tell me who's on the Investment Committee?

TREASURER MANZANARES: Sure. Mr. Chair, Mr. Commissioner, we have the members from our committee include Commissioner Hansen, Commissioner Hamilton, as an alternate we have Commissioner Hughes. Commissioner Roybal has joined us as a member. We have Manager Miller, as County Manager, Attorney Shaffer. We have Yvonne Herrera from Finance. We have Eric Loucks as a community member and occasionally Elias, our Deputy Manager will join us. Actually, he's joined us a lot. He's been very active. Am I missing anyone? Myself.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you. And in regards to the tax bills, Madam Treasurer, when are the tax bills due?

TREASURER MANZANARES: They are due December 10th, are delinquent after January 10th. They had to be delayed because of House Bill 407 and they go out now December 1st.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: So Mr. Chair, Madam Treasurer, they'll be going out December 1st so in nine days they're actually due.

TREASURER MANZANARES: They're due nine days afterwards, Mr. Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you. Okay, on some of those slides you have UBS. And also, what's bps? For example on page – well, what do they stand for?

TREASURER MANZANARES: Basis points. Would you like an explanation?

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: No. That's fine. And then also on page – in regards to the general obligation bonds from 97 through 2021, those are actually totals

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which Santa Fe County still owes on those bonds? Are they outstanding bonds?

TREASURER MANZANARES: Manager Miller.

MANAGER MILLER: On this report, Mr. Chair, Commissioner Garcia, that's the proceeds, so that's what we've sold and have available to do the projects. And then in Yvonne's reports is our debt service payments. So Finance makes the payments. The Treasurer's Office invests the proceeds and draw down – so say we do a \$5 million road project. We issue the bonds but it takes us two, three years to pay for it. The Treasurer's Office invests those proceeds until such time as they're needed to pay the contractor to build the road. So that's on this report and those are bond proceeds for the different years. Or, like in the case of the 1997, those can be reserve funds, since you have to have sinking or reserve funds to make payments. So that would be like the 97 and maybe the 2011, or that could be a project that's still outstanding on the 2011. The rest of them, 97 doesn't have any outstanding project money but they 11 through 21, ten years, those are the balances in those. A lot of them are open space or water projects, or road projects. Usually with road projects those bond proceeds get spent right away but water projects like Cañoncito, they take a long time to do. We started selling – for Cañoncito we started selling bonds in 2006 or something like that.

But those remaining balances are allocated to projects that the Board's already approved and they're just invested until – Finance will pay the bill and then request reimbursement from the Treasurer from the investments.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Madam Treasurer as well as Manager Miller, both of your teams. It's actually great to be a policymaker up here and here in Santa Fe County because our bond rating and everything else is very well correct and I just appreciate that, sitting up here. Once again, to both of your teams. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia, and I know that we have had a lot of participation on the Investment Committee meetings so I would recommend that if you have the opportunity you should come to some of those. It would be good, I think. Commissioner Hamilton and myself are the main attendees and then Commissioner Hansen and Commissioner Hughes are alternates, but it's open to all the Commissioners. It would good if you'd like to attend some of those. Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Yes. Thank you very much for this, Madam Treasurer. I recognize this investment strategy is attempting to be as safe as possible with very, very limited choices and it makes sense. I'm just wondering – and you may not, so it's not meant to be a set-up. Do these reflect some of the few positive things you can try to do. Are there any pitfalls that you see that you are trying to avoid? It's not really post-pandemic in this pandemic situation with things that are still in flux.

TREASURER MANZANARES: Mr. Chair, Commissioner, I will ask our Deputy Treasurer to join us for some of the pitfall questions because of the experience he's had in this I rely on him a lot to do the work together, and so as I learn from him, pitfalls, we do see a lot of uncertainty.

PATRICK VARELA (Deputy County Treasurer): Good afternoon, Commissioners, Mr. Chair. The biggest pitfall is going to be the ongoing strains that come out of the pandemic that cause reactions in the market. I'm pretty sure everybody's

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aware of the new omicron virus that came out Thanksgiving Day. Starting yesterday the markets have reacted pretty negative and even tanked the oil price down to \$67 more or less today so far, from \$80. So those are the pitfalls.

On the flipside, Fed Chair Powell and Yellen were testifying in front of the banking committee today and he was more in a hawkish mood and said he'd probably be doing double fed tapering soon, which could increase the interest rates. But again, on the flipside you've got to look at the biggest thing out there is probably stagflation and that could cause not only buying and holding problem because they'll start buying back again, but it could cause the economy to completely just stay stagnant. Those are some of the – just right off the top that could happen in the next month to three months.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I appreciate it because we're always talking about this sort of thing to try to see where the balance is and that's a hard thing to put your finger on but I just thought a little conversation about it would be interesting. I really appreciate it.

MR. VARELA: Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hamilton. Any other questions, comments? Mr. Shaffer, on this item, number D and E, is it appropriate for us to approve those two together?

GREG SHAFFER (County Attorney): Mr. Chair, Commissioners, Madam Treasurer, I believe the only item requiring action – well, actually they were both score as action items, so yes, I would not see any problem approving them both together.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Attorney Shaffer. So we have request approval of County Treasurer's six-month investment strategy. And we have our esteemed Treasurer, Ms. Jennifer Manzanares again.

TREASURER MANZANARES: Mr. Chair, Commissioners, again, to recap the six-month investment strategy, we're looking at investing and reinvesting in the two- to five-year window, attempting a ladder structure portfolio. Investing in coupons again with sensible cash flow, and invest in Supras or GSE's – again, the Fannie Maes, Freddie Macs, government-sponsored enterprises with sensible spreads over the Treasury, and invest in instruments valid in our investment policy that gives the County the best return. For those we seek approval from the Board.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I'd like to make a motion to approve the County Treasurer's second half report.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Do I hear a second?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

CHAIR ROYBAL: We have a motion from Commissioner Hansen, a second from Commissioner Hamilton. Under discussion, any other questions, comments? Seeing none.

The motion to approve item 2. D passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Madam Treasurer for your report.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Mr. Chair, I think we need another motion

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because she only –

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I'm going to make another motion.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Go ahead, Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I'm going to move to approve the County Treasurer's six-month investment strategy.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Second.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay, so we have a motion for the six-month investment strategy, and a second from Commissioner Hughes. Any questions or comments?

The motion to approve item 2.E passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

2. F. Adjournment (and Reconvene as Board of County Commissioners)

At 3:06 p.m. Commissioner Hansen moved to adjourn as the Board of Finance and reconvene as the Board of County Commissioners with all Commissioners present.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A. Request Approval of October 26, 2021 Board of County Commissioners Meeting Minutes

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Yes, Mr. Chair, thank you. I have given my corrections to the stenographer and it seems that we have three Commissioners whose last names all start with H – Hamilton, Hansen and Hughes, and sometimes it gets a little confusing. So I was grateful to be able to read them and make those corrections. And with that I would move to approve with corrections.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you, Commissioner Hansen. Do I hear a second?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Motion from Commissioner Hansen with corrections that she's given to the stenographer to address the last names of three – getting confused. And a second from Commissioner Hamilton.

The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Request Approval of County Health Care Assistance Claims in the Amount of \$2,120.68 (Community Services Department/Jennifer Romero)

B. Resolution No. 2021-099, a Resolution Requesting an Increase to the Healthcare Assistance Fund (223) in the Amount of \$127,777 to Budget the Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-based Program (COSSAP) Grant from the State of New Mexico Behavioral Health Services Division (Community Services)

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- Department/Rachel O'Connor; Finance Division/Yvonne S. Herrera)**
- C. Resolution No. 2021-100, a Resolution Requesting a Budget Net Increase to the General Fund (101) in the Amount of \$98,578 for the Senior Services Program (Finance Division/Yvonne S. Herrera; Community Services Department/Rachel O'Connor and Anna War)**
 - D. Resolution No. 2021-101, a Resolution Requesting a Net Budget Decrease to the EMS Fund (206) in the Amount of \$2,152 (Finance Division/Yvonne S. Herrera; Fire Department/Jackie Lindsey)**
 - E. Resolution No. 2021-102, a Resolution Requesting a Budget Decrease to the Fire Protection Fund (209) for Various Fire Districts in the Amount of \$94,005 (Finance Division/Yvonne S. Herrera; Fire Department/Jackie Lindsey)**
 - F. Resolution No. 2021-103, a Resolution Requesting a Budget Increase to the State Special Appropriations Fund (318) in the Amount of \$150,000 for Grant #21-F3054 from the State of New Mexico, Department of Transportation, for the Camino de Jacobo Sidewalk Project (Finance Division/Yvonne S. Herrera; Housing Division/J. Jordan Barela)**

CHAIR ROYBAL: Next we have the Consent Agenda. Is there anything on the Consent Agenda that Commissioners need some additional information on? If not, what's the pleasure of the Board?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Mr. Chair, I move to approve the Consent Agenda.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Second.

CHAIR ROYBAL: We have a motion from Commissioner Hamilton, a second from Commissioner Hansen. Under discussion? Seeing nothing under discussion.

The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

[Deputy Clerk Ganz provided the resolution and ordinance numbers throughout the meeting.]

5. APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

- A. Appointment of One (1) Member to the Santa Fe County Water Policy Advisory Committee**

CHAIR ROYBAL: We have Ms. Anjali Bean.

ANJALI BEAN (Utilities): Good afternoon, Commissioners. The Water Policy Advisory Committee consists of 12 volunteer seats appointed by the Board. All membership is flexible but one possible member should be drawn from the following: a member of a water system, a member of an agricultural organization, a member of an acequia association, a member of the Estancia Planning Area, a member of the Galisteo Planning Area, a member of the Northern Planning Area, a member of the Buckman Direct Diversion Board, and members chosen by the Commissioners.

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Today staff is recommending the appointment of Mr. Lloyd Groening. He has extensive western water utility experience, including serving as the Utilities Director of Thornton, Colorado. He also has significant project management and permitting expertise on major water projects throughout the southwest including managing the environmental permitting for the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority's San Juan Chama Project drinking water project on the Rio Grande.

We believe that the community would benefit greatly from Mr. Gronning's background and therefore staff today recommends Mr. Groening to represent District 5. With that I will stand for questions.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay, do we have any questions from the Board? Seeing no questions, what's the pleasure of the Board?

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: I would like to move for approval of appointing Mr. Lloyd Groening to the Water Policy Advisory Committee to represent District 5.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

CHAIR ROYBAL: We have a motion from Commissioner Hughes and a second from Commissioner Hamilton in the appointment of Mr. Groening. Under discussion, are there any questions, comments? Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I think this is a great addition to the Water Policy Board. I was wondering who was at the moment the current representative from the Buckman Direct Diversion Board.

MS. BEAN: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Hansen, that position is currently vacant. We do not have someone representing. In a previous version of the resolution it specifically tied that to the public member of the Buckman Direct Diversion Board and that current member has not been able to serve on the Water Policy Advisory Committee. So that is one of the benefits of having a more flexible appointment process.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I appreciate that. I saw a number of people listed here and I didn't really recognize anyone from the Buckman. So we'll see what we can do about that. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen. Anything else under discussion?

The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

5. B. Appointment of One (1) Member to the County Open Lands, Trails and Parks Advisory Committee (COLTPAC)

CHAIR ROYBAL: From our Growth Management Department we have Ms. Maria Lohmann.

MARIA LOHMANN (Open Space and Trails Planner): Commissioners, hi. County Open Land, Trails and Parks Advisory Committee has one vacant position in District 2. Resolution 2011-4 which guides COLTPAC states that members of COLTPAC shall be appointed by the BCC based on letters of interest and qualifications, countywide representation and advise from Open Space and Trails staff. Additionally, the resolution outlines the qualifications that represent diverse backgrounds and varied types

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of open space, trails and parks interest.

The resolution also outlines that COLTPAC membership includes nine members, one from each district and four at-large. As mentioned before, the vacancy is for District 2. We've had a vacancy in District 2 since the previous member resigned in May. We've advertised this position in the newspaper, through word of mouth. We've had lots of help from County staff getting the word out on email lists, through newsletters, that kind of thing. We also advertised in the *Santa Fe New Mexican*. We received one application from Christopher Mann from District 2. Staff reviewed this application and we had a very interesting conversation with Christopher Mann. He's demonstrated he's very effective in his role in conservation and environmental causes through his personal life and will be a very good addition to the committee at this time.

With that I will stand for questions.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay, do we have any questions from the Board? I'm going to go to Commissioner Hansen since this is her district.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I think this is an excellent choice since it was our only choice, but I'm happy that we have found someone to fill District 2 on COLTPAC. And so with that I would like to move for the approval of Christopher Mann as representative to COLTPAC.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Second.

CHAIR ROYBAL: We have a motion from Commissioner Hansen, a second from Commissioner Hughes. Under discussion, are there any other questions? Seeing none.

The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

6. MISCELLANEOUS ACTION ITEMS

- A. Request (1) Approval to Utilize the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase Agreement for the Purchase of Equipment for the County's Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosives (CBRNE) Emergency Response Vehicle in the Amount of \$279,526.08, Inclusive of NM GRT, and (2) the Delegation of Signature Authority the County Manager to Sign the Purchase Order**

CHAIR ROYBAL: From Purchasing we have Mr. Bill Taylor.

BILL TAYLOR (Purchasing Manager): Thank you, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. So the Fire Department, Emergency Management, is requesting to utilize a Sourcewell contract of which we are a participating member – the County – to purchase the chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosives in the amount of \$279,526.08. We have a quote of items, of the various items to help this organization to respond to hazardous materials, such as radioactive material, nuclear and explosives.

With that, Mr. Chair, I'll stand for any questions.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Taylor. I did want to ask, do we have a vehicle similar to this one that we're replacing or is this just a new purchase?

MR. TAYLOR: Mr. Chair, this is actually equipment for that vehicle. So it equips the vehicle with these items, which are PPE equipment and actual detectors and

devices. As I said, ghost-buster stuff.

CHAIR ROYBAL: So this is something we didn't have before. Is that correct?

MR. TAYLOR: I think it's been pretty limited, Mr. Chair, and I would defer to Commissioner Hamilton, if she's like to respond.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: My best understanding is this is a combination of new equipment and updates.

MR. TAYLOR: Modernizing.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: So it's an expansion of capabilities and a replacement of some equipment.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Great. I'm glad to hear that we're taking all that into consideration and being pro-active. Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Mr. Chair, Mr. Taylor. What does this vehicle look like, by the way, when I see it out there?

MR. TAYLOR: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Garcia, I do not know what the vehicle looks like. If it's similar to an EMT vehicle, an ambulance-type vehicle.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: It's a big 18-wheeler looking kind of all-around – you can go into it and set up a command center. It's full of equipment. So it's a trailer that can be hauled.

MR. TAYLOR: Mr. Chair and Commissioner Garcia, I think they had it at the site of the County picnic on site, that vehicle that had the equipment. So it's almost like a big RV is what I recall.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, Mr. Taylor, Commissioners, is this the unit that actually where they give the vaccines? Is that the same vehicle?

MR. TAYLOR: No, it's not.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: No, that was the old mobile health van we had. This is like a dedicated unit for response to a variety of emergency situations.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Where is the vehicle stored, Mr. Taylor?

MR. TAYLOR: Mr. Chair, Commissioner, I don't know exactly where it's located. I'm assuming it's here in Santa Fe at one of the fire stations.

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner, they have some at the main public safety complex, and they have some of the emergency vehicles up in Pojoaque. And I am sure that Martin would be delighted to give you a tour of all of the equipment we have.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, thank you. Thank you, Mr. Taylor. Thank you, Manager Miller. I will set up an appointment with Chief Vigil.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Hughes.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Yes, I did get a tour from Mr. Vigil recently and I think most of the vehicles are in the old fire station that's next to the state penitentiary. And yes, this was a pretty impressive vehicle and I'm sure that the equipment needs updating regularly because it's a lot of sophisticated stuff.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Absolutely. I agree. Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Yes. I just want to comment that I think that it is really important for us to have this vehicle and all of the accoutrements that go along with it. We live in an extremely unique situation next to a national laboratory that

produces lots of nuclear material and I think it is important that we are able to protect our constituents. So thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you and I couldn't agree with you more, Commissioner Hansen. So I'd like to, if there isn't any other comments, I'll go ahead and move for approval.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Second.

CHAIR ROYBAL: So a motion from Commissioner Roybal, a second from Commissioner Hansen.

The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] voice vote. [Commissioner Garcia was not present for this action and indicated that his vote would have been in the affirmative.]

6. B. Resolution No. 2021-104, a Resolution Requesting a Budget Increase to the Clerk Filing Fees Fund (218) in the Amount of \$214,200

CHAIR ROYBAL: From the Finance Division we have our director Mr. Yvonne Herrera.

YVONNE HERRERA (Finance Director): Good afternoon, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. The Clerk's Office is requesting a budget increase of \$214,200 in the Clerk recording fund to modernize historical records to digital format for ease, efficiency and preservation. In addition, funds will be used to upgrade the ClerkTrack WEB online services. The upgrade to the ClerkTrack WEB will allow constituents to purchase records directly from the online service instead of using the current lengthy mail-in request or in-person pickup.

Finally, some of the funds will be used for the Clerk's fees fund operational budget. And with that I stand for any questions.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Yvonne, and I think that will be a great addition and service to the Clerk's Department. Are there any questions or comments from the Board? Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Ms. Herrera, will this actually take care of all the books that we do have that still haven't been, I guess per se, micro fished? Or is this for a portion – so this is just to take care of all the books that we have that are very old?

MS. HERRERA: Chair Roybal, Commissioner Garcia, my understanding is that all records, either paper or microfished will be converted to digital, right?

EVONNE GANZ (Deputy Clerk): This is correct.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia. Any other questions from the Board? Okay, seeing none, I'll go ahead and move approval.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

CHAIR ROYBAL: And a second from Commissioner Hamilton. Anything else under discussion?

The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

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CHAIR ROYBAL: And just for the record, I know Commissioner Garcia was here for the discussion on the equipment on 6. A and he had to step away briefly. Commissioner Garcia do you want to show that you voted in the affirmative for that equipment?

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Yes, please.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, sir.

6. C. Request (1) Approval to Utilize Job Order Contracting Offered Through the Cooperative Educational Services and Gordian Contracts for Construction Services to Renovate the Public Works Wash Bay Facility and (2) the Delegation of Signature Authority to the County Manager to Negotiate and Execute the Final Terms and Conditions of a Contract and Sign All Purchase Orders

CHAIR ROYBAL: From the Purchasing Department we have our director, Mr. Bill Taylor.

MR. TAYLOR: Thank you, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. The Public Works Department has folks scattered around at different locations in Santa Fe. This is an opportunity to renovate a facility at the same campus, the Public Works campus, off 599 frontage to facilitate the staff and consolidate their operations. The use of the job order contracting or CES contracts allows us to negotiate with the contractor specifically of what we need at the facility. It streamlines the procurement. It also, during these times, they're held at the pricing that they big with the CES contracts back last year, and so we're able to get a better price for those services, and so we're before the Board now to ask if we could please be allowed to utilize the CES contract, being that it's over the \$250,000 budget for that contract. It's approximately about a little bit more than about \$900,000 project is estimated on it, for them to bring it in within that budget.

With that I'll stand for any questions.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay, great. Thank you, Mr. Taylor. Any questions? Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I think this is great that we can use pricing that we've gotten in the last year, especially considering inflation and all the things that are happening. So I'm happy to hear this and I think Public Works is being consolidated. I can remember when Public Works was on Galisteo in 2008 and we have come a long way. We have a beautiful Public Works facility and the more that we can do to improve it, I think that that is fantastic.

So if I may, I would make a motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

CHAIR ROYBAL: We have a motion from Commissioner Hansen, a second from Commissioner Hamilton. Under discussion, are there any questions? Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Yes, I also want to say I'm proud to have the Public Works building in my district.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: I was going to vote for it, but –

CHAIR ROYBAL: We have a motion and a second, and a little bit of

humor to boot.

The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

6. D. Resolution No. 2021-105, a Joint Resolution Recognizing the Existence of Open Items Related to Annexation and Establishing Negotiating Teams to Develop Non-Binding Proposals to Resolve Those Items

CHAIR ROYBAL: We have our County Commissioner, Ms. Anna Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair, and I especially want to recognize our County Attorney for all the work that he has done on this. I also want to recognize that there are two resolutions on this and the second one is the final one, and that is the one that has Councilor Jamie Cassutt also on this resolution. She was just recently added, so I wanted to make sure that everyone saw that.

I think it's good that we're bringing this forward now. This way the City can bring it forward at their December 7th or 8th meeting – I'm not sure exactly what day Wednesday is of next week, and it is the last meeting of the year. So even though it's a very general resolution it covers many of the points and it is general so that we can add in and discuss many things that need to be discussed during this time.

With that I would like to move to approve.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay, so we have a motion from Commissioner Hansen. Do I hear a second?

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Second.

CHAIR ROYBAL: A second from Commissioner Hughes. Under discussion, Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chair. Can somebody explain to me where exactly these boundaries are, because I don't have a map and the map wasn't submitted to us.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: What boundaries are you asking about?

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: I'm sorry. Are we on annexation?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Yes.

CHAIR ROYBAL: This is item 6. D, annexation and establishing negotiating teams to develop a non-binding proposal to resolve those items.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: And it's the second one is the one that has introduced by Councilor Signe Lindell and Councilor Jamie Cassutt.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: So it actually, Mr. Chair, refers to a different section of the annexation area, so what area is that?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Where are you on the resolution?

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Hold on. Let me find it.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: There is this one area where it says, Whereas, those open items include but are not necessarily limited to annexation of the remainder of Area 1, which is north of West Alameda between Calle Nopal and Siler, going north. And then drainage improvements to West Alameda. And then fire protection and EMS services for Area 2, 4, and 18. Two and 4 are areas over in the Airport Road

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area.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Mr. Chair, Commissioner.
Where off of Airport Road?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I have the map in my office at home. A lot of it is east of Airport Road. I'm never sure. So Airport Road is here and 2 and 4 I believe are both in my district, and they could possibly be in Jamie Cassutt's district of District 4 and District 3.

CHAIR ROYBAL: So as far as County districts, Commissioner Garcia, are these all within your district?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Well, the EMS service, the 2 and the 4, I believe, are in my district, and Area 18 is in Commissioner Hamilton's district. And what we do – the reason this is listed here is at the moment we provide fire and EMS services respectively to each of those areas. So in Area 18 the City has the ability to provide services to Area 18, which is off of Hyde Park Road, in that area, and 2 and 4, which is now annexed into the city, we have been providing fire and EMS services because we have more facilities to provide that there.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. So areas 2 and 4, can you give me some examples of street names, subdivisions, where areas 2 and 4 are?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I'm going to have to go to County Attorney Shaffer, because I don't have a map in front of me right at the moment.

MR. SHAFFER: Thank you, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. Generally speaking, areas 2 and 4 would be north of Airport Road, east and south of New Mexico 599, and generally I would say to the west of the traditional Village of Agua Fria. So I have a map up on my screen. I can't share it, Commissioner, but if you want to come around and look at it you're more than welcome to. This is from the City of Santa Fe website concerning annexation.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Mr. Chair, Commissioner. Thank you, Attorney Shaffer. I guess the reason – I just have a question. Did anybody check with Public Safety, Sheriff's Department or the Fire/EMS, or the RECC? We do have a Regional Emergency Communications Center because they need to be aware of – our public safety individuals will be patrolling now and a fire. If we have a fire in Hyde Park our nearest station, if there is a fire in Hyde Park is – Pojoaque? Agua Fria? So I just – did we check with our public safety officials, Sheriff's Department? As well as the EMS Department?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Mr. Chair, we have been servicing these areas respectively for the last ten to 12 years, since the beginning of annexation. So nothing has really changed in all of that time and the City is still providing services to Area 18, and we are still providing services to areas 2 and 4 in the county. And so this is something that needs to be negotiated, either to continue like that or to change. But since we do not have a fire station, like you said, near Hyde Park, it's been – the EMS and fire service has already been being provided for the last – I don't know how many years.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, thank you. So I understand this is actually appointing the two Commissioners, Hansen and Hughes, to participate in negotiations with the City and that will be determined as into who – a memorandum of

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understanding, what's going to happen. During that time we can actually meet with our Sheriff as well as the Regional Emergency Communications Center and any public officials at that time?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Of course.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Right. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia. Any other questions or comments? We do have a motion from Commissioner Hansen, a second from Commissioner Hughes.

The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

7. MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN

CHAIR ROYBAL: Is there anybody from the public that would like to address the Commission? If you're joining by Webex please unmute yourself and state your name for the record. And if you're a call-in participant please hit star 6 and unmute yourself and state your name for the record. Once again, I'm going to ask, is there anybody from the public that would like to address the Commission?

TESSA JO MASCARENAS (Operations Manager): William Mee would like to speak.

WILLIAM MEE: From Agua Fria Village.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay, can you state your name for the record, sir?

MR. MEE: William Mee, 2073 Camino Samuel Montoya, Santa Fe, New Mexico. I'm president of the Agua Fria Village Association, and I would just like to thank the Commission for approving the resolution for the annexation. The settlement annexation agreement hasn't been complied with with the City since 2018 and this resolution will greatly help the citizens who have been left in limbo.

I recently wrote an opinion piece for the *New Mexican*, and I got a number of comments on it from neighborhoods from Coyote Ridge, Sol y Lomas, saying that they have been treated just awfully by City staff because they don't believe they're in an annexed area.

So I think there does need to be an education of the dispatch staff and as far as even the City police officers refuse to respond to requests in the area. We have that also off of West Alameda. So I think this resolution can help alleviate some of that. Of course the consolidation of the fire station on the frontage road, New Mexico 599 and Meadows, if we could get that back on schedule I think that would help a lot.

I think some of these areas are going to take an actual community plan like we do in the county to help facilitate any development because a lot of these lots are land-locked from roads, from utilities, and it's because there was piecemeal annexation for so long and many of the lots were just cut off from services and so it's going to be a massive job. And I think it may affect up to 40,000 people on those southwest side of town. So it's to the credit of the County Commission, Commissioner Hansen, and these City Councilors. I know Councilor Cassutt is very interested in what's happening along Airport Road and also Rufina Street.

So I look forward to having some real successes come out of this resolution.

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Thank you very much.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Mr. Mee and good to see you, sir. Okay, is there anybody else that would like to address the Commission from the public? Daniel or Tessa, do we have anybody else that is signed up to make comments on this item under public concern?

MS. MASCARENAS: No, Mr. Chair. We do not.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay, so I'm going to go ahead and close item 7, Matters of Public Concern.

8. MATTERS FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER
A. COVID-19 Updates

MANAGER MILLER: Thank you, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. As far as COVID updates, there's a new COVID variant, the omicron. I think the Deputy Treasurer mentioned that. It's been identified and was identified in South African last week. It has spread quickly to European countries. The World Health Organization on Monday said that the variant poses a very high global risk that could have severe consequences, given that some of its mutations may sidestep immune protection and suggest greater transmissibility. The South African who first raised the alarm over the new strain said that thus far the associated symptoms seem to have been extremely mild, and while scientists say there is reason to be concerned over omicron they stress there is still little that we know and a lot that we don't know about it, including whether the variant is indeed more contagious or whether it causes more severe disease, or what its effects on vaccine efficacy may be.

But obviously that's something we'll be watching and adopting any kind of changes to our internal policies as we move forward and anything that happens at the state level.

Both Santa Fe County and New Mexico continue to see a rise in the number of COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths. In the past two weeks, and this average is from November 9th through November 22nd, and I know we're a week past that but I don't have the averages including this past week, but our positivity rate has almost doubled. The cases per 100,000 are 39.6. The positivity rate is 7.85 percent. However, Santa Fe County percent of residents with at least one shot is 97.1 percent, and those with the series completed is 84.3 percent.

Community Services continued to do staff trainings. They did 22 trainings for 122 staff members, and those trainings were held from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm, and that was on vaccinations and facts versus fiction. We also had several vaccination events over the past two weeks. We've had them for Santa Fe County employees at different Santa Fe County locations, including the administrative building on Catron, Public Works and Public Safety. We still have upcoming community events in Madrid and at Tesuque Casino, and then we have four flu and COVID-19 vaccination events coming up. Two will be at the Santa Fe County Fairgrounds, one at the Pojaque satellite office, and one at the Edgewood Senior Center. We'll get the specific dates and times out to you on those. And then on December 8th we'll be holding another Santa Fe County employee only event at the fairgrounds.

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We also are continuing with public awareness campaigns and with our contractor, Firestik, to continue to do ongoing public awareness and that should be out in early January and presented at the BCC meeting in January.

And then as far as ARPA funds that we've received, we have started to move that funding out and we have an MOA with the City of Santa Fe on UpTogether funding. We also have an RFP for substance use and harm reduction services in Edgewood and the East Mountain areas of Santa Fe County. We have the additional COVID public awareness, and we're starting a process of funding for all of the CONNECT contracts.

Also Economic Development has been working on the broadband grant application at \$30 million that we submitted with Rio Arriba County and Española, and they have been getting a lot of inquiries from the federal government on that, so that's a good sign. It means they're looking at our application.

And I think that is all I have on COVID updates. Any questions from the Commissioners on that?

CHAIR ROYBAL: No, but I think you mentioned the Pojoaque satellite office, we're going to have a COVID-19 vaccine. Is that correct?

MANAGER MILLER: Yes. I don't have the date or time on here, but it's going to be a combination flu and COVID-19.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Great.

MANAGER MILLER: And the liaisons will get the specific dates and time to you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Manager Miller. Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Yes. I don't know exactly how you say this new variant, omicron. I heard on the news it was also first detected actually in the Netherlands. But I don't know if that's true, but I know they're having a severe outbreak there, or at least an outbreak, because I have a niece who's living there. So it might not be here yet but as Dr. Fauci said, it will be here. So everyone please get vaccinated. Stay safe, and wear your mask. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen. Any other comments?

8. B. Miscellaneous Updates

CHAIR ROYBAL: Are there miscellaneous updates?

MANAGER MILLER: Yes, Mr. Chair. We had a review by Standard & Poors on our triple A rating and they did affirm our triple A rating and said that Santa Fe County, New Mexico general obligation bonds that are outstanding have a stable outlook and a triple A rating, which was we had redone our debt policy and had a review with them and we received the report and they upheld our triple A rating.

Also, a film that was done last year, *Holiday in Santa Fe* premier is on the Lifetime channel on December 10th. That movie stars Mario Lopez when he was broadcasting from here. He was also filming and filmed in the downtown area including a scene at the 100 Catron building. So it has lots of fun references to Santa Fe and Jennifer LeBar from our film office highly encourages us to watch it. We'll see a lot of familiar places and faces.

Then also the Santa Fe County Fire Department had their pushing in ceremony on November 20th and that was for the brand new ladder truck in Edgewood and Commissioner Garcia was present for that and spoke, but luckily, that truck was in service before the actual pushing in ceremony because it's not traditional but it was a pivotal piece of equipment for the large Edgewood Walmart fire on November 14th, and as the Fire Chief said, the truck cost approximately a million dollars to purchase but on its first fire it probably saved \$30 million in damage to the structures in Edgewood. So thank you, Commission, for appropriating the funds for that.

Those are all my miscellaneous updates.

8. C. Interim Legislative Update

MANAGER MILLER: Then we have legislative updates. Tessa, are you going to do those? And are you going to talk about the breakfast? I'll turn it over to Tessa. Thank you.

MS. MASCARENAS: Good afternoon, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. Under legislative updates, we have scheduled our legislative breakfast for next Tuesday, which is December 7th at 9:00 at the El Dorado Hotel. We scheduled this the day after the special session where the redistricting will occur, so we hope that it will nicely coincide and work for our legislators. We've already received a fair number of RSVPs for that event.

So that is all I have for the legislative breakfast so I'm ready to go on whenever you are for the legislative resolutions.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Do you have a question relative to this? Go ahead, Commissioner Hughes.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Are we supposed to RSVP as well?

MS. MASCARENAS: I already marked you all down as yeses.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: I thought so, but yes. I will be there.

8. D. Resolution No. 2021-106, a Resolution Supporting the New Mexico Counties 2022 Legislative Priorities

MS. MASCARENAS: All right, the first resolution before you under the legislative update is a resolution supporting the New Mexico Counties 2022 legislative priorities. In November, the New Mexico Counties board of directors approved three legislative priorities for consideration by the New Mexico Legislature for its 2022 session. New Mexico Counties has requested that boards of county commissioners in the state discuss and approve support for these legislative priorities.

Those priorities are as follows:

Under House Bill 2, appropriations, they're requesting the restoration of the funds from the County Detention Facilities Reimbursement Act to the original appropriation of \$5 million. Currently the legislature appropriates \$2.3 million despite the estimated debt to the counties reaching over \$8 million a year for holding state inmates.

In addition under House Bill 2 appropriations they're requesting the creation of a budget line item within the New Mexico Department of Finance in the amount of

\$750,000 to reimburse counties that provide transportation for state inmates, which is required by statute.

In addition, they're requesting the establishment of a permanent increase to county participation in the reach, intervene, and support and engage – the RISE program. It's a partnership between the New Mexico Behavioral Health Services Division and several county jails to reduce recidivism and help non-violent offenders get treatment and stay out of jail.

In addition, they're requesting support for the Law Enforcement Protection Fund. This would be the expansion of funding to the funds that have been appropriated to other areas of state government. Currently five to six million dollars is returned to the general fund from tax revenue on insurance policies which the County supports using for law enforcement agencies to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of law enforcement services.

The third issue they'd ask for support with is the creation of a matching fund to help counties pay for construction and renovation of state district courthouses with an initial capital outlay request of \$50 to \$100 million.

And I stand for any additional questions on the New Mexico Counties identified priorities resolution.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Are there questions from the Commission?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Was there anything else brought up at the board meeting that they discussed?

MS. MASCARENAS: Not that I've been made aware of. These were the three items they voted on.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Okay.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Any other questions or comments?

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Ms. Mascarenas. The detention reimbursement fund, currently – maybe Manager Miller can help us out with that. How much do we get, to Santa Fe County for that detention reimbursement fund?

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Garcia, it depends on how many inmates we have in the facility that are on probation or parole that are considered state inmates. So if they're on parole from the state, and they violate their parole or probation and they get picked up for that and put into our facility, we put together at the end of the year a report and that's sent to – I think it's the Sentencing Commission. And then depending on how much money they have available, so that started out with about \$5 million back in – oh, gosh, probably 2006, 2007. Somewhere in that timeframe. And then during the first economic downturn, the state legislature started chipping away at that, took it down to \$2 million.

So the way they do it is they allocate it based on all counties putting in for reimbursement for those inmates during the year that are considered to be state inmates that we should be reimbursed for. There was actually – I think New Mexico Counties filed the lawsuit and it was found that the state is liable for paying for those, but they

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weren't paying for them, so they created this fund and then created legislation that would reimburse counties. But they keep chipping away at the fund so that it's gone down over the years because they haven't been fully funding it. And it fluctuates based on how many inmates each entity has that fit that category and how long they are in our facility.

And the Sentencing Commission is tasked with divvying that up. I want to say somewhere between \$150,000 and \$250,000, but that's partly because it's been so low. The funding has been so low. I think if it were – because that's not what it costs us. It costs us much more than that to house those inmates. But we're supposed to provide to the state those inmates and how long they stayed in our custody, and then that goes to the sentencing Commission with all of the counties and then the Sentencing Commission determines how much everybody gets.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Manager Miller. Just – it appears to me that the state should take care of their state inmates and we're actually fitting a budget for this for state. So I think this is a no-brainer that we should endorse. Also courthouse funding. We have here renovation of state district courthouses. Is our First Judicial a state district courthouse?

MANAGER MILLER: Yes. Mr. Chair, Commissioner Garcia, so a lot of the reasons these became New Mexico Counties priorities is there are quite a few unfunded mandates that we get and I think the focus this year by New Mexico Counties was to really to – since it's a budget year, was to try to get the legislature to focus on those areas where we have been significantly underfunded in state mandates. And so it's taking care of state inmates, transporting state inmates, and other intervention programs for behavioral health, and then law enforcement protection fund which we don't get nearly – we get a very small amount on that. Less than \$100,000 a year usually, for equipment for law enforcement. So our deputies make arrests and that but we don't receive those fees. Those fees if somebody goes to court and pays court fees, that goes to the state. We get a small distribution through the law enforcement protection fund but we should be getting significantly more because it's the sheriff's deputies that are actually enforcing the state laws.

And then courthouse funding, this is the same thing. I think their hope is that that would go to all the counties to assist in their district court buildings. So while it wouldn't cover paying for ours – we've already bonded and paid for that. We need upgrades to it. And the thought would be – like we need an upgrade to the counter system, and just things also that the judges ask for in modifications to the building. But there's no funding source for that. It falls totally on the County and that creates that environment between the judicial and the counties, and the hope was that if there were some funds, that they could actually appropriate money for counties and the judicial districts to access to make improvements or build courthouses. Then that would be an appropriate place.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Manager Miller. Because if they are required to get a new judgeship, which I believe we are, I guess the question I have is where are we going to put the new judge in our courthouse because there's no more courtrooms. But that's the reason why I was asking that. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia. Okay, do we have any other questions? Tessa, was there other items to update us or that was it? We do have

two things we need to approve, correct?

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: I would make a motion to support the New Mexico Association of Counties' priorities.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

CHAIR ROYBAL: So under item 8. D, a resolution supporting the New Mexico Counties legislative priorities, we have a motion from Commissioner Hughes and a second from Commissioner Hamilton.

The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

8. E. Resolution 2021- ___, a Resolution Identifying Santa Fe County 2021 Legislative Priorities

MS. MASCARENAS: So as you all are aware, each year we attempt to be pro-active and create a resolution regarding any potential measures that could affect the interests of Santa Fe County. What we've done this year is to ask each of the district offices to submit a list to us of priorities for inclusion in this resolution. So this resolution would provide Santa Fe County support for legislation associated with the following potential measures. There would be affordable housing, moratorium on evictions, single-use plastics ban, gun safety regulations on film sets in New Mexico, financial assistance for home solar installation, improvements to the New Mexico energy grid, statewide expansion of broadband infrastructure, and New Mexico-grown fresh fruits and vegetables for school and senior meals.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay, do we have any questions from the Board?
Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you. So last year we had a number of other things that didn't seem to make it on to this resolution. One is the support of protection and enhancement of pollinator species and their habitat and I think that is really important to be in this resolution because Mimi Stewart brought forward a bill to include neonicotinoids on the toxic list, and so I want to be able to support her if she does bring that forward again. It is a short session but you never know where pollinators can show up.

And then also I would also like to see on this resolution or on another resolution support for funding for the New Mexico Environment Department, the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources, and the State Engineer. Because if it's true that we have all this money at the legislature this is the time to fund them and to bring their staffing up because ultimately, that is going to protect Santa Fe County. We have many bills here as the County Manager is well aware of that we had to go through in building the courthouse of the petroleum under the ground and from dry cleaning fluids that are migrating, especially towards the Village of Agua Fria and on the Baca land also. So it is a benefit to Santa Fe County to support those agencies so that they have more enforcement and more ability to protect the citizens and fulfill our obligation to the health and safety of our constituents.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you, Commissioner Hansen.
Commissioner Hughes.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: I would agree with Commissioner Hansen's comments and additions, but I would have to admit that my wife works for the Environment Department and tells me every night how it's underfunded. So I know that more than other people, perhaps.

But also I wanted to see, under the moratorium on evictions, the bill that's on the Governor's call that's actually going to come forward is a little different than what we said here because it's actually going to give the courts the ability to stretch out the eviction process so that if someone comes to court with an eviction order and they're before the judge that the court would have time to help the person get financial assistance through Rent Help New Mexico or some of the other funds. Because if the only reason the person is being evicted is for non-payment of rent and then there's all this help that can pay the landlord, why not take advantage of that? My understanding that the timeline in New Mexico right now is so short that there's not really time for that. So if we're going to amend this I would add some language just to include that we would support policies that allow courts to assist tenants facing evictions.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Any other comments? Commissioner Garcia, did you have anything? Okay. So we do have a couple of requests for some additional information or requests to be added to this resolution. So would it be appropriate for us to add those resolutions or ask for it to come back? Those additions? Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Since I think we have a little bit of time, somebody can correct me if I'm wrong, but I think it would be good to add those and then bring them back at our next meeting so that especially with the language that Commissioner Hughes talked about that we have the correct language in the resolution.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. So instead of a friendly amendment we'll just go ahead and if we could have those additions added and then bring it to our next BCC meeting. Unless there's a timeline. Go ahead, Manager Miller.

MANAGER MILLER: Well, we have the breakfast next week and it would be nice to give the legislators a resolution. So I'd like to work on those additions. I just want to make sure I have them right. In reference to the pollinator species, funding for New Mexico Environment Department and Energy and Minerals. And did you say another one?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: The State Engineer.

MANAGER MILLER: I understand they had a lot of funding, but didn't use it.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Okay. I'll leave it to the two agencies that I know are underfunded and know that they need money, the New Mexico Environment Department and New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources.

MANAGER MILLER: Okay, and then the other is on the moratorium on evictions. Commissioner Hughes you stated to allow time for the courts to assist in finding financial assistance?

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Yes. To allow the courts to assist tenants with accessing financial assistance.

MANAGER MILLER: Okay. Are there any others?

CHAIR ROYBAL: No. I think that was it. Is that correct?

MANAGER MILLER: Because you can work on adding those and

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bringing it back a little later in the meeting.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay, so we're going to bring that back later on in the meeting?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Okay, that sounds great. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I was just wondering, we're not going to make a motion on this tonight?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: We are.

CHAIR ROYBAL: They're going to bring back the amendments to us later on.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Oh, during this meeting. I misunderstood what you said. Sorry.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Great question, Commissioner Hamilton. So we'll come back to item 8. E later on in the meeting.

[See page 55 for the motion.]

9. MATTERS FROM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

A. Commissioner Issues and Comments, Including but not Limited to Constituent Concerns, Recognitions and Requests for Updates or Future Presentations

CHAIR ROYBAL: I'm going to go to Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. First, I want to recognize my beautiful Ten Who Made a Difference, Reunity Resources, growing food in the community. They were awarded Ten Who Make A Difference. Also during a couple weeks ago, Cabinet Secretary Alicia Keyes came to Reunity Resources and was very impressed by our MainStreet grant that we're working on in the village and was thrilled to come and see Reunity Resources' community farm and all the things that we have been doing there.

I had the honor to present to the Radioactive and Hazardous Waste Committee on the transport of pits, plutonium pits from Amarillo to Los Alamos and Los Alamos to the Savannah River site in South Carolina and then back to WIPP and they were all very receptive and happy to have the presentation. It was well received and I know it was covered in the New Mexican but I also realize it was covered in the Carlsbad paper. So I think that getting the word out and helping people know about issue is really important.

On a lighter note, I just wanted to mention that our County Manager was a panelist and feature speaker at the sixth annual Women's Luncheon held by the Chamber of Commerce and she was fantastic. A big applause to her for representing Santa Fe County. It was really nice to be there and it was incredibly well attended.

And then Commissioner Garcia and I have been in a couple places together. One was we were at the CHART Committee meeting which was in District 2 at Frenchy's Field and it was an introduction of the CHART Committee and I think it was important that County Commissioners attended even though they don't seem to know that we exist.

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But they did recognize us, I think.

Also, Commissioner Garcia and I attended last Friday the lighting on the plaza of the Christmas lights and that was a really fun event. The lights are beautiful and it was really well attended. I don't think I've ever seen the plaza so crowded. I hope everybody was safe. Most people were wearing a mask so that was really a good thing to see how many people were there and also being safe.

That is what I have to report for my time and thank you very much, Mr. Chair, and thank you, Commissioner Garcia for joining me at these events. It was nice to have another Commissioner there.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen. Commissioner Hughes.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chair. Just a couple things. One is that I've been learning about transfer of development rights from discussions with Manager Miller and the staff of the Growth Management Department and I realize that we do need to make some changes which I think the staff has been working on diligently, both to make the development rights more attractive to developers, because nobody's actually bought a development right. This is of course very important to my district where all the growth is happening right now. Not all the growth, but a lot of it. And so making sure that this program works would be, I think, should be a high priority for us in the spring. And of course there is also the potential to set up a bank using some of our own development rights that we own on our open space, but that would require, I think, action on the part of the Commission to make some of these improvements. So I would hope and request that we have a presentation on that where we could discuss it at one of our upcoming meetings and we could move forward on making the program work the way it's supposed to.

I also want to mention I'm going to have my townhall meeting on December 9th. It will be the last one of the year and it won't feature any topic in particular; it will just be whatever people want to talk about and that's never been a problem. People always come with things to talk about.

Finally, on a lighter note, Clerk Clark and I are honored to represent the County on Thursday night at the fundraising Jeopardy even for Life Link. We'll be on a team with the Mayor and one of the City Councilors, and we'll be competing against, I think, the non-profit community and the business community. I'm not sure how they make money but if you tune in Thursday night we can all find out how this turns out to be a fundraiser for Life Link but it does sound like fun. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hughes. Commissioner Hansen, do you have something additional?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Yes. I realize that I didn't mention this to Manager Miller, but since we're talking about it, the Sustainability Department and the Community Services Department has a resolution also on sustainability for the legislators but I know that we haven't had that brought forward yet. So I know that's not on the agenda for us to approve but maybe we could put a draft copy in the packet with the legislators. That way at least they would know some of the things that we are advocating for. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen. Commissioner

Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Just to remind everybody that we have already had our last Coffee with the Commish this year so December is open and we'll see everybody back at the beginning of the year. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Great. Thank you, Commissioner Hamilton.
Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. This last week some articles that have come out in the paper, I find them very interesting in regards to annexation and in regards to the South Meadow property as into what's happening out there. What's supposed to happen and isn't.

Another thing that I just wanted to bring up, as Manager Miller mentioned, we, us, the County, actually purchased a ladder truck for fire district 1 down in the Edgewood area. The fire in Walmart happened. We received our truck about three or five days before that fire happened. We had a really good turnout for the push-in of the fire truck. The entire staff from down there was there. Volunteers were there and family. It was very nice. The truck that we purchased for the southern part of the county, very beautiful truck. Red, white and blue ladder. Great, gorgeous American flag.

When I got there I was wondering how we were going to push in that truck. There was about 35, 50 people. I don't think we could push in that truck. But nonetheless, the Fire Chief started the truck and helped us out pushing the truck into the garage. But it was a great event, a beautiful day.

Thank you, Commissioner, for mentioning the lighting of the plaza. If anybody hasn't seen the lights out there it's actually nice. Nice, nice Christmas lights. December 4th, this Saturday, I'll be having a meeting in the Village of Cerrillos to go over some projects that Santa Fe County is working on, will be working on. Just an informational item to the Village of Cerrillos, Madrid, and that surrounding area. That's all I have, Mr. Chair. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia. I did want to ask Manager Miller a question, if she would have information. I know that we had a rapid hiring event a couple of weeks ago and I was just wondering if we could get some information on how that event went.

MANAGER MILLER: I believe we had about five hires on site and quite a few people helped fill out applications for other positions and for future interviews. And on the departments that were involved in it, they thought it was pretty successful and we're going to do another one in January. The one unfortunate area that we didn't get any applicants for was the detention facility. We had really hoped that there would be some folks that came out of that rapid hire event for it but we're not giving up. We're going to do another one and some others and I just think we have to keep – we're doing more advertising, signage on the highway, bus wraps, so we're going to keep a variety of efforts going to try to recruit more folks, for particularly our public safety positions.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you. It sounds like it was a pretty huge success so I'm glad to hear we're having another one in January. Commissioner Garcia, you had something else?

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Sorry, Mr. Chair. Yes, thank you. This is just a suggestion. I know everybody's having these hiring fairs – schools, counties, cities,

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states. It's just good to see if we all got together and went to Santa Fe Place Mall or what not, kind of everybody would be there. That would seem ideal to me. But if we could maybe just communicate with other agencies, state agencies, have this huge thing at Santa Fe Place Mall or somewhere. But I just wanted to bring up in regards to Corrections, I had some communications and some situation that I dealt with with the Corrections facility over the weekend and I just wanted to thank Lieutenant Gallegos. He actually was very helpful and the communication was very well for the situation that I was talking to him about, and I just wanted to give him and his staff some kudos for communication throughout the facility because a lot of times we hear that there is no communications with the individuals that are outside or incarcerated in there, but just wanted to thank him and his workforce. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia. The other thing I guess I wanted to mention also is that we had an event in my district and Commissioner Hughes was in attendance as well. It was the acequia and environmental planning presentation. One of things – we had some of our own liaisons that presented at this which was Olivia Romo and also Ambra Baca participated and helped facilitate the meeting. But I wanted to just recognize Olivia and also Lucy Foma. They did a great job really talking about the acequias and how we have to work on preserving our water. It was just a really great presentation and this was a presentation to future project managers, I guess you'd say, because there were a bunch of students from a college that were trying to learn more about our culture here and also we how we take care of the water with farming and ranching. So they did a really great job. I just wanted to mention that. One of the things that Olivia was mentioned was “*el agua es la vida*.” That means water is life. So it's just something that – it was a great presentation and really talked in detail about our culture here and presentation of our natural resources. So I just wanted to mention that and thank them for that presentation and also thank Commissioner Hughes for being there. And that's really all I have at this point.

9. B. Elected Officials' Issues and Comments, Including but not Limited to Constituent Concerns, Recognitions and Requests for Updates or Future Presentations

CHAIR ROYBAL: I wanted to see, Tessa Jo or Daniel, are there any other elected officials in the meeting right now?

MS. MASCARENAS: No, Mr. Chair. There's not.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. I just wanted to ask one more time because I think our Madam Clerk may have been a call-in earlier so I just want to see if there's any elected officials that are on a call-in, please hit star 6 to unmute yourself. Okay, hearing none, I'm going to go ahead and close item 9. B.

9. C. Request Approval of a Proclamation Proclaiming November 30, 2021, as “Robert A. Cantu Day”

CHAIR ROYBAL: This individual is a constituent that lives in my district and he wrote a book at a very young age in the tenth grade which actually got published.

It's a children's book and it's called *Tommy, the Sock Monster*, and it's by Robert Cantu. This is a proclamation just recognizing him for his leadership. He works with reading to kids all the time and volunteers for different events and just a really amazing individual. And I believe that we have Mr. Cantu on the meeting. Mr. Cantu, are you present? I'd like to open the floor for you to say some words.

ROBERT CANTU: Yes, I am. [poor sound quality]

CHAIR ROYBAL: I like your hat. Happy holidays.

MR. CANTU: Thank you. Happy holidays to everyone. I'm just really thankful to all the County Commissioners and Henry Roybal himself. Thank you very much and thank you to all my family listening to the meeting now and then those who are [inaudible]. I'm thankful to them and I'm very thankful to the Pojoaque Valley school district that's helped me along the way. It's been an awesome journey and I'm very excited for what the future lies.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Yes, I couldn't agree with you more. In talking with Governor Perez, he's clearly proud of you and just the whole community is really proud of this achievement that you've done and you volunteer. If you could tell us a little bit more about it. I know you volunteer in reading to children and actually I think mentor some of the kids in the elementary. Could you talk a little about that?

MR. CANTU: Oh, yes. Throughout the year I've been scheduled to do many events at different Headstarts pre-schools in my district, the [inaudible] school out in Pojoaque. I read to 200 kids at one time, at the first grade, second grade, kindergarten and pre-K. So it's almost 1,000 kids in total that spanned three weeks, and then all those other side events that I did in the pre-schools in Santa Fe and it's been awesome. So many different kids. Their energy is just awesome. The funny questions they ask me, it's just awesome. It's just an awesome experience. A lot of people [inaudible] I'm very grateful for that. It's just awesome. I really can't wait to meet more kids and just share my book with the world and create more books for more kids to just make them smile. [inaudible]

CHAIR ROYBAL: I couldn't agree with you more. Working with the community and watching young men and women just develop into the people they'll be in the future. It's just something that you can't put a price tag on. I just want to reiterate how proud I am of your accomplishment and actually feel blessed to be able to be here today to present you with this proclamation. Your Governor, in talking to the Governor, he just couldn't say enough about how proud he is of you as well. Is there anybody else? Is your mom present with you? Does she have anything she wanted to add?

MR. CANTU: Yes. She's right here.

SHANNON CANTU: Hello, County Commissioners. Thank you very much for this opportunity.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Absolutely. I just want to reiterate you've done a great job with your son. You have a really bright young man that I'm sure you're very proud of. We appreciate everything that you guys have brought forward and I also want to just say we appreciate the signed copy. We all got that one and we appreciate that.

MR. CANTU: Yes, of course.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Awesome. Okay. So I'm going to go to Commissioners for comments. Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Mr. Cantu, very good book. I read your book. I can totally relate to this book. Especially when I take my socks out of the washer. They sit on the top of the washer, the dryer for a few days or weeks and I think this pair is going to show up somewhere. But I can totally relate to this book. I appreciate that you thanked your mom Shannon for helping your vision because a reality. That's very nice of you to put that your book. That's awesome for your mom to be there.

MR. CANTU: I'm very grateful for that.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Also, some of the illustrations, some of the pictures in here, one of the pages where you have heart family, love family. Very good. And I just wanted to ask you a question. Do you know who Mary Lovato is?

MR. CANTU: I do not.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: You might not remember –

MR. CANTU: It does ring a bell. That was my babysitter, right?

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Yes. Exactly. Mary Lovato was your babysitter and Mary Lovato is actually my assistant. Brittany Montoya, now, that's her mom. But she said that her mom used to babysit you when you were very young.

MR. CANTU: It's a really small world.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Well, congratulations. Great job. Keep up the good work.

MR. CANTU: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Absolutely. Commissioner Garcia is absolutely right. We can all relate to this book, all the time we spend looking for socks. But it's brilliant that you took this common experience and made a wonderful story out of it and Chair Roybal is absolutely right, that you are so motivated to do good things for your community and help younger people read is very impressive and very grateful for your efforts to do that. In doing that, congratulations on this.

MR. CANTU: Thank you. I appreciate that.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'd just like to echo the sentiments that the other two Commissioners expressed. We're very proud of you. Congratulations and I wish I had a published book, but I don't. So you have accomplished a lot for your young years and just keep up the good work. Serving your community is always fun at any age.

MR. CANTU: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Congratulations. Robert. I was very happy to get this book in my newspaper on Sunday. So not only did we get it right here but it's gone out to all of Santa Fe in the *New Mexican* and I think that was a great gift to the community, because we can all relate to the socks. Even this morning as I was looking through my drawer for some socks there were ones that were missing.

MR. CANTU: Exactly. Exactly. Everyone can relate to it.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: So congratulations, and like Commissioner Hughes, I don't have a book that's published either. So congratulation and good luck on your future endeavors.

MR. CANTU: Thank you very much.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Absolutely. In closing, but not totally, because I do

want to read the proclamation into the record and then I'll ask for a vote to approve it, to proclaim November 30, 2021 as Robert A. Cantu Day. But I just want to let you know that whatever you aspire to achieve in life, I know you're going to get there and we want you to continue to work hard and let you know that I'll always be here if you ever need any consulting advice, you give me a call. If you guys ever need anything. And as an elected officials that's what I tell all my constituents. You're one of my young constituents but your voice is as loud as anybody else's. So always keep that in mind.

Daniel, can you bring the proclamation up so I can read that into the record? And we will get you a copy of this proclamation, an original copy with our signatures. So it's going to say Santa Fe County Proclamation proclaiming November 30, 2021 as "Robert A. Cantu Day," introduced by: Commissioner Henry Roybal.

Whereas, Santa Fe County would like to honor and recognize a young gentleman by the name of Robert A. Cantu, a high school senior at Pojoaque High School who has shown great leadership to his peers and community through the art of writing; and

Whereas, Robert Cantu participates in other school activities as a member of the Pojoaque High School Bowling team; and

Whereas, Robert also takes time to volunteer and help his community, by participating in donating socks to local shelters and sock drives; and

Whereas, Robert was given an assignment last year during the pandemic from his child development class to write a children's book; and

Whereas, after completing the assignment Robert and his mother looked into getting the book he wrote for his assignment published; and

Whereas, Robert became a published author by the age of 17 years old, and has volunteered his time and done several book signings and book readings in the surrounding areas to include reading to all the pre-K, kindergarten, first through third graders at Pojoaque Elementary school; and

Whereas, Robert has read at the Nambe Pueblo Literacy Night and enjoys reading to the youth of the community. He hopes to be inspirational to the students in encouraging them to be creative and pursue their dreams; and

Whereas, Robert is very appreciative of the support he's received from the community and his family and looks forward to writing more books in the future.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Fe County, do hereby proclaim the 30th of November, as: "Robert A. Cantu Day." It's approved and adopted and passed this 30th day of November 2021, and it will be signed by all the County Commissioners, our County Manager, and our County Attorney.

So thank you, and congratulations once again. We will get you an original copy with all our signatures and great job. We look forward to the things you do in the future. Have a great evening.

MR. CANTU: Thank you, Commissioner Roybal and happy holidays to everyone out there attending the meeting. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Absolutely. So if we could have a round of applause.

So I'd like to make a motion to approve the proclamation proclaiming November 30, 2021 as Robert A. Cantu Day.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Second.

CHAIR ROYBAL: We have a motion from Commissioner Roybal, a

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second from Commissioner Hansen.

The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

CHAIR ROYBAL: It passes unanimously, not a surprise. Thank you again, Mr. Cantu. You have a good evening.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Mr. Chair, it is another reason why we need better broadband throughout our community.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Yes. We're working on better broadband.

9. D. Resolution No. 2021-107, a Resolution Requesting a Change to the Public Employees Retirement Association of New Mexico's Return to Work Provisions

CHAIR ROYBAL: This is sponsored by Commissioner Anna Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I honestly think this resolution is fairly self-explanatory. This is to support and encourage the legislature to make changes, to expand the availability of people who are willing to work and available to fill positions in this time when we're having – "we" I use very broadly; everybody is having a huge amount of trouble filling positions. For whatever reasons, it's certainly a transition that was in some way or another, some complex way, sparked by the pandemic.

Provisions that need to be changed are often referred to as legislation against double-dipping, and I have to be honest. I have never really felt that that was a fair characterization because it implies people are getting paid twice for the same work, which is really not what's going on. So I wanted to sponsor this. Many other communities are passing resolutions like this to make their intentions known to the legislature that this would be a useful thing to do. Some of the other communities are stressing doing this at least for public safety – fire, law enforcement, EMS and dispatch. To be honest, this resolution is more general. I honestly think this would be helpful to every department that is looking to try to fill vacant positions.

That is probably – the rest I think is fairly self-explanatory in the memo and I very respectfully ask for this to be supported.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Any questions or comments from the Board? Okay. If there's no questions or comments, what's the pleasure of the Board? Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I move to approve.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay, so we have a motion. Do I hear a second?

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Second.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Under discussion. Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: This is item D, correct?

CHAIR ROYBAL: This is item 9. D. Yes, sir.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, I think for Commissioner Hamilton to be bringing this forward to the state legislature, they've tried this many years and I think now is probably the time to hopefully have the Governor's Office as well as

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the state legislature bring back this consideration because anywhere from public safety to law enforcement – the crime rate in Albuquerque, and some of the crime rate that's happened here.

We need more police officers to the community and it's going to be challenging because just the populace that we have here in the state of New Mexico makes it hard to bring new individuals to that workforce. But this would actually help out the state as a whole, local governments, to bring back retirees, for example, in public safety. Also, this doesn't address NEA, which is teachers. This would actually help out for NEA. I understand this is for PERA, but something to this effect for NEA for teachers to come back to work is something that is in dire need in this community, in the state of New Mexico. But thank you for bringing this forward, Commissioner Hamilton. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia, and I couldn't agree – even in Santa Fe County and everywhere across the state and probably the United States are having issues with filling positions and it's just something that I think needs to be considered so that we can fill some of the vacancies so we can still provide the service that we need to to our constituents so I would agree. We do have a motion from Commissioner Hansen, a second from Commissioner Hughes.

The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

9. E. Resolution No. 2021-108, a Resolution to Implement the Santa Fe Food Policy Council Report on Strengthening and Expanding Food and Nutrition Programs in Santa Fe

CHAIR ROYBAL: The sponsors for this resolution are Commissioner Anna Hamilton and Commissioner Rudy Garcia. So I'm going to go to Commissioner Garcia and then we can go to Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Do you want me to go first? Mr. Chair, if you don't mind I'll start it off.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Absolutely.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I'm grateful to Commissioner Garcia for sponsoring this with me. This is not the first time this Board has brought a resolution relating to food, hunger and farm initiatives. I think everybody on this Board sincerely – not to speak for anybody else but clearly, people on this Board and the Board before us have taken action in this regard. This is something that is clearly very important to community members and their well being and something that's been a high priority – food, housing and water and environmental safety are things that this Board has emphasized.

The value of bringing this resolution is it states our intent, our outlook for what we want to do and what we want to encourage the legislature to do as well. There are several people – I see Lucy Foma sitting here. There's several other people on the Webex that have worked, who worked tireless on these issues that are day in and day out. And maybe we can give a couple of them a chance to speak. I know the Chair is aware of the people who are available to speak.

So I think we should go to Commissioner Garcia first and then to these other people. I just wanted to say that this become a living resolution, something that helps – and in the past has helped us with our strategic planning and our implementation of activities and I want to acknowledge the list of people who work on this committee, David Sundberg, Sue Perry, Lucy Foma, Robert Griego, Chris Hyer, Sherry Cooper, and Pam Roy, and thank them for their efforts in this very important area. Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Commissioner, for allowing me to co-sponsor this. This is actually something that has been in the works for many, many years. Pam Roy actually does an excellent job for this council. She's been there at the Roundhouse for many, many years. Probably seven, ten years now and her and her team as well as our staff that has worked on this – Pam Roy now has a line item in the Department of Finance and Administration for this allocation to go to this food production and what we do. And one of the things that's interesting about this is that people may or may not realize this but what the council does is they actually go to the state legislature and appropriate some money for healthy foods.

Those healthy foods actually reach the entire state of New Mexico school system, and it's actually great to see that there's a lot more nutritional items on those trays for students. And with the help, as I said, Pam – congratulations to you and your board as well as our staff for working on this because this is something that is moving forward, something that needs to be done. It actually helps out the local economy. It helps out the farmers. It helps out a tremendous amount of local businesses, local agricultural businesses, and like I mentioned, for people to eat health. And thank you once again, Commissioner Hamilton, for allowing me to co-sponsor this. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia. So I'm going to go to Lucy Foma first.

LUCY FOMA (Planning): Thank you, Mr. Chair and Commissioners. I am the appointee to the Food Policy Council and I also work on implementing the agriculture and ranching implementation plan, which the Board passed in 2016. I'd like to first thank you for considering this resolution and thank you Commissioners Hamilton and Garcia for bringing it to the Board. As you mentioned, this happens every year.

In this year's resolution there are two actions I wanted to bring to your attention. The first says allow staff to explore the possibility of developing and adopting procurement policies that prioritize locally produced food to ensure more economic stability for local farmers and food producers while also providing fresh and health food to seniors and other constituents.

The third action requested in the resolution states: Prioritize investments and collaborations to develop new farming, distribution, and food aggregation and processing infrastructure that will support more farmers and food producers to make economically viable products.

As Commissioner Garcia just stated, this resolution gets carried to the state in our legislative priorities, but I also wanted to state how this resolution ties into the work we do locally in the county. In the Sustainable Growth Management Plan, which is the County's comprehensive plan, Chapter 4 is the agriculture section, and among other goals, it states: Preserve, support, promote and revitalize agriculture and ranching as

critical components of the local economy, culture and character. It also states: Support local food systems and food security. Additionally, one of the goals is to preserve and support community-based agriculture and the acequia system as an important part of the counties heritage and agricultural sustainability.

Within the agriculture and ranching implementation plan, which I mentioned we have been developing, we use the SGMP goals, the Sustainable Growth Management goals, as well as those which are within our community plans. And as a planner we work with communities extensively to develop plans about their future and what they want to see for their communities.

Another item I wanted to bring to your attention is the Santa Fe County Strategic Plan and how this resolution ties into the Strategic Plan. Within population goal three, Support a healthy community, one action is to implement goals identified in the Food Policy Council food plan. Another strategy, 3.3.3, says Serve healthy delivered and congregate meals through senior centers, and procure and enter contracts for local produce for senior services. So again, you can see this ties directly to what we're requesting in the resolution.

And in the effort to implement this further locally, I wanted to bring to the Commission again that we have the Agri-Gate program. I'm the administrator of the Agri-Gate program of Santa Fe County and I've presented on this in the past but I'm happy to do so again at any given time in the future. This platform was launched in 2019 to connect local food producers with local food buyers. It also hosts the food community map, which can be used by the County to geographically identify where food producers are located, and therefore where we can make strategic investments in infrastructure for food processing and packaging. So this is a tool we can use to implement this resolution.

Additionally, the County could use this tool in identifying local food producers in order to integrate more local food buying into our County procurement. I invite members of the Commission to discuss these projects and others with me and Planning staff if you wish. Thank you for considering this resolution and I know that we have Pam and David on Webex. I stand for questions.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Lucy. We appreciate that. And I forgot to mention that for that meeting Lucy did an outstanding job. I did mention that but she also mentioned her brother is going to be a constituent here in the future, moving to Nambe. I'm going to Commissioners for any questions. Commissioner Garcia, I think I saw your hand up. No? Commissioner Hughes, any questions? Okay, I think this is a great resolution so I just want to thank Commissioner Garcia and Commissioner Hamilton for bringing this forward. I'm going to go to the next speakers as well and I know that Commissioner Hansen did step out for just a moment but I'm sure she'd like to vote on this. So I'm going to go to David Sundberg. Are you here, sir? He's the co-chair of the Santa Fe Food Policy Council.

DAVID SUNDBERG (via Webex): Good afternoon, Chair Roybal. Board, I really appreciate you having us on this afternoon to talk about food and agriculture. It's certainly one of my heart's passions. And Commissioner Hamilton, you pegged it. Absolutely. This Board has addressed food, agriculture, food insecurity, all these issues for years and years and years. We wanted to bring forward this resolution. It's a relatively simple one, but it's also very broad. We intentionally did that with three action items

attached to it as Lucy pointed out two of them. The idea that there's a lot of things. It's very expansive; it can fit things into it.

In preparation for this afternoon I went back through some of the plans that had been written in the past. Some of them I participated on; some of them I really got a lot of really great information from them. Starting with the 2014 food plan that the Board passed as a guiding document, 2015, Sustainable Growth Management Plan that Lucy referred to. The 2016 ag and ranching plan. More recently the 2020 food and nutrition program recommendations that the Food Policy Council put forward that were adopted by resolution. And now the 2021 food, farm and hunger initiative that the Governor put forward very recently.

It's been a blitz of six months. Some of the council members have been able to participate in the different committees on that and offer good advice and not it is sprinting towards the legislature with some just really amazing recommendations that the legislature can pick up. Those are policy as well as funding initiatives. We've included that in the packet. I won't go deep into it because there's just a tremendous amount there.

I'm bringing this up because I really want to highlight that all these things and so many more have a lot of things in common around food. The ones that I really pulled out where procurement opportunities, especially with our institutions – senior services, schools, hospitals, higher education. Keeping ag lands in production is absolutely critical. The report led that we lost 11 farms in Santa Fe County in the last five years or so. That's not a huge amount but at that rate with more and more ag lands dropping out of food production and maybe just going into production for grazing or something like that, we're going to lose the ability for humans to eat.

Responsible water usage, infrastructure development and investment is absolutely critical within every single document that I've read. Removing barriers to entry – that is for new producers that would like to go into farming or ranching, and also removing the barriers for people to be able to expand or get into new areas of sales. Navigation tools mentioned a lot and those are for basically the producers or processors, manufacturers, who would like to get into new systems or expand their systems. But they find it very difficult because there are barriers of code or we lack a specific infrastructure, or perhaps it's just that the permitting and regulatory efforts which are so onerous that it becomes extraordinarily difficult and slow. Promotion is interesting in what comes up frequently and it's not often talked about within government, but there are some great promotional programs happening at the state level and I've seen some come through the county level really promoting the fact that we have amazing agriculture systems and a long history of producing our own food, and I truly believe that we need to be doing more of that.

Networking and information disbursement. It's a very important one. We all don't know what we don't know and so it's very difficult to find new information unless it's actually presented to us in a really tangible way that we can absorb it and assimilate it and be able to utilize it.

I bring this up because this resolution supports three different actions. Lucy brought up two of them. One of them, allowing the staff to really explore the possibilities of developing and adopting procurement policies that prioritize locally produced food. We spend a tremendous amount of money in our communities as governments and we can spend more of that locally and support our farmers, support our ranchers, support our

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local food producers and processors.

We can design local promotion, education and outreach initiatives. So that really hits a lot of those things – the marketing and promotion and upgrading information dispersal. Prioritizing investment and collaboration to develop new farming, distribution, food aggregation and processing. This is absolutely critical.

A few statistics. We love anything about statistics in the food world as do many in all different worlds. But here in New Mexico we export 95 percent of the food that we produce and raise and we import almost the same amount of food that we consume. It's just a grand disparity because we do not have the infrastructure and marketing and everything absolutely necessary to keep our foods here in the community.

Through this resolution we will be allowed to do a number of things. Not only can Pam and I get to go to the legislature and say Santa Fe County absolutely supports these initiatives, and they've been doing that through COVID. There have been just some amazing initiatives so that more local food is staying local, get more investment into our school systems with higher reimbursement rates for school meals, be able to bend the rules, completely ignore some of the rules so that we have better distribution systems to be able to access more people and get them the healthy, nutritious food that they truly deserve.

We can also use these, as Lucy mentioned, in directing staff in the County and this is one place I'd really like to dig into. I'd just love to participate with staff and with all different departments to actually be able to figure how can we bring together different departments to understand the value of food and agriculture in our community, to be able to really support it. And we can invest in it and look at creative ways that Santa Fe County can bolster all the wonderful farming programs that we have and all the wonderful food programs and bring in more jobs, more businesses to be able to process and manufacture those foods and distribute them and keep them right here in our community.

In short – actually it's kind of been long. I apologize. I'm winded. People love to really engage and be more pro-active coming out of COVID because you recognize a lot of the great systems that are starting to be put in place, and there's a huge amount of energy all through our community and all through our state and we can draw down on that right now, starting today, starting next week, starting at the beginning of next year in the legislative session, and working with your permission, any department within the County to really be able to push forward some of these programs and ideas. So thank you so much again for the time to be able to present and discuss with you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Mr. Sundberg. Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you. I just wanted to mention – I did an experiment myself with healthy foods. My neighbor is actually Mary and Tom Dixon. Their son and daughter have taken over the operation of the Green Tractor Farm from La Cienega. Roughly about – I want to say almost a month ago they actually delivered a bag of produce to my aunt. Spinach, kale, radishes, carrots, amazing vegetables. I actually got some lettuce, spinach, other items from a grocery store and the items that we received from the Green Tractor Farm lasted like two or three weeks longer than the actual produce that I got from the grocery store. It was just amazing to realize and my aunt and I talked about this. Healthy grown food, produce definitely lasts a lot longer. It's a lot

healthier. So thank you for bringing this initiative forward. Appreciate that, David. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia. Commissioner Hamilton did you have anything before we go to our next speaker?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: There's a lot that's important in this, but one of the things is, both Commissioner Garcia and Mr. Sundberg alluded to this and that is a critical part of sustainability is think globally but act locally, and the idea of supporting local farming and produce is a key component of being securely sustainable in the long term and spending less energy on transportation. So it's directly and indirectly linked to – we think of sustainability in terms of our survival from climate change. It's also a bigger issue. And so for our populations to be both healthier and sustainable, this is an essential aspect of it. I just thought that was an interesting. It was alluded to but it wasn't just said so explicitly.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Absolutely. Some great points, Commissioner. I'm going to go to our next speaker. Her name is Ms. Pam Roy.

PAM ROY (Via Webex): Thank you, Commissioners. Thank you so much for the opportunity to be with you today, and to Commissioner Hamilton and Commissioner Garcia, for giving us the opportunity as sponsors of this resolution. And just a few things to add to what Commissioner Hamilton, Commissioner Garcia, and David said, as Commissioner Garcia mentioned we've been doing this for quite a while. We've been coming to the legislature and I want to say thank you all as County Commissioners, the County has been fabulous, fabulous to work with during the legislative process in taking on these issues as priorities around food and agriculture in our state. We love working with your staff. They're there when we come to present, then we co-present, and then we move out into the hallway after a committee hearing and we talk about what happened. What are our next steps? What might be some strategies? So I really want to thank Commissioner Garcia, when he was actually in that position as your lobbyist, as well as Hvtce who's doing it now. He is fabulous to work with as well, and very attentive.

So, just a few things to build on what we said. These are building blocks. Commissioner Garcia mentioned and so did Commissioner Hamilton, about maybe getting produce in the schools and things like that. So the big leap, those things have to take us step by step to help build us these opportunities, to help us build out the capacity that David was talking about that is in process and is happening in the state. And this resolution would help us in a really major way on a massive initiative that David and a lot of us have been involved in, what's called the Food, Hunger and Farm initiative. It is led by the Governor's Office but it came out of the last legislative session as a way to approach these issues, not in silo, but collectively.

We see hunger as part of our farm system and we actually address it as that. And we see that food and agriculture, as David said, we export 95 percent of what we raise in the state. How do we keep more of that at home? The pandemic really expressed that, where we learned about major national distribution disruptions when it came to our food system. So this is a real good opportunity. It is a catalyst and the initiative called Food, Hunger and Farm is actually pulling all of these pieces together. There are eight agencies across the state that host Human Services and Health, Agriculture, Public Education,

Aging and Long-Term Services and several more that are partners in this initiative, and the idea is to look at all of these different programs – SNAP, Double-up Food Bucks, which is our Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, the New Mexico Grown program, across all generations – early childcare, [inaudible] programs, schools and senior programs, to build up some infrastructure so there are marketing opportunities David was talking about, educational and training programs for farmers, soil health initiatives, we can see all these things as a collective.

It will be a \$28 million ask. And yet it will pair up at least \$13 million in federal funding directly and automatically. So our goal is, we're not going with one bill at a time but we're going with a comprehensive package, a five-year plan, that more than 150 people who represent organizations and agencies across the state were working on in the last six months. And it is really embedded and community driven with the idea that we are mitigating hunger in our state and coordinating efforts to build out market opportunities and economic opportunities and jobs, as well as providing the healthiest, freshest foods, just like Commissioner Garcia said. That's what our senior centers are seeing now, that are now part of the program, the state program, that they can keep product longer and fresher and the seniors are absolutely loving it.

So just a few additional things to add to that, and we look forward to your support. The resolution will also help us build on our efforts as we come into federal programs, in the upcoming federal farm bill, and that is the one that also has all the food and nutrition programs, like SNAP, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, all the agriculture programs, and so those are our building blocks. You are very generous to help us with the. So thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Ms. Roy, and it's nice to see you again. Are there any other questions or comments? Commissioner Hughes.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Thank you, Mr. Chair, and Pam, it's nice to see you in a different context instead of running into you at the Roundhouse, but I will hope to do that this year too. Thank you both, Commissioners Hamilton and Garcia, for bringing this forward. It's a very important resolution. I think I will wholeheartedly support it. I just wanted to point out that when I was visiting the farm with Commissioner Roybal and we were learning about acequias it was pointed out to us that the transfer of development rights would be another way to protect our agricultural land and keep it in agriculture. So all these things will come together in a good way. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: I agree. Thank you, Commissioner Hughes. Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Hi, Pam. Nice to see you. Of course I support this 100 percent. I think having Reunity Resource in my district and having a traditional farming community that I represent is really important in the fact that they grow food and give it to the community is really important. I would really love to see the Agri-Gate program take off, get more customers or more interaction, more benefit to the community, because I think it has so much potential. So I was happy to see that in this resolution also and thank you, Commissioners, for bringing this forward.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen. If there's not any other comments I'll entertain a motion.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I move to approve.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Second.

CHAIR ROYBAL: I have a motion from Commissioner Hamilton, a second from Commissioner Garcia.

The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

9. F. Resolution No. 2021-109, a Resolution to Support Santa Fe Public Schools in Addressing the Santa Fe Public Schools Staffing Crisis

CHAIR ROYBAL: The sponsor is Mr. Rudy Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, thank you. Thank you, my colleagues here for bringing this forward. As we may or may not know, public schools are in a challenging state these days, nationwide, statewide, and locally in regards to the shortage of teachers and staffing throughout the district in Santa Fe, anywhere from the individuals that turn the lights on, the bus drivers, counselors, nurses, teachers, food servers. We're actually in dire need in our public school system here in Santa Fe.

One of the things I'd like to thank is our community here in Santa Fe who's done a great job in assisting us in allowing the schools to present a bond to the voters and they actually did approve our bond and we have a very caring community that definitely is involved with our school board and oversees a lot of day-to-day operations, anywhere from the communities in the schools and a lot of non-profit organization reaching the children that help at our schools.

President Noble of the school board actually brought this forward as a resolution to support the Santa Fe Public Schools because we all do live in this community and our future is the kids that are in school. And so we did an overwhelming response from the entire City Council that supported this resolution and I'm bringing this forward to my colleagues here to actually support this resolution as well, which is to support our schools and come together as a community and communicate and let's see how and what we can do to all work together for this need.

I'm going to go ahead and just read a couple of items in the memo here. There's actually Southwest Outreach Academic Research Evaluation Policy Center basically did a study and they did present their study to the Legislative Finance Committee on September 21st. One of these research and presentation to the committee as we may or may not know, I do sit on the Board of Education. About two years ago the Yazzie Martinez lawsuit which actually approached the state of New Mexico State Legislature and the state legislature was taken to court for about five or six school districts, including Santa Fe, not all districts throughout the state, brought this lawsuit forward.

The judge then actually, then Judge Singleton actually voted in favor of the lawsuit which actually requires the state of New Mexico State Legislature to provide a lot more educational needs to schools throughout the state of New Mexico. The suer actually did once again their presentation on September 21st to the LFC, the Legislative Finance Committee. Some statistics below is within the memo, which I would like to read some of these bullet points. When NEA-Santa Fe asked if those surveyed could buy a home that meets family needs on their salary, 86 percent said no, and 11 percent said they weren't not sure.

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Another bullet point is when the NEA-Santa Fe asked if those surveyed who have rented in the last ten years have had to move due to rising rent, foreclosure on the property or sale or conversion of the property by the landlord, 56.6 percent said no and 43 percent said yes.

This is something that we all deal with even within our workforce here in Santa Fe County. The average monthly cost for childcare among those responding teachers to the Santa Fe survey said the average monthly cost for childcare was roughly about \$954 per month, with some reporting over \$2,000 per month. That's just for childcare.

In an August 6th, of this year, a letter to legislative leaders, our superintendent, the community superintendent, Hilario "Larry" Chavez said, "I urge you to please keep education funding and employee raises intact. We must continue our forward momentum in providing competitive salaries for school employees." It is our understanding, being on the school board, that that is one of the initiatives and on the Governor's call to the lawsuit and also to look at the communities throughout the state as into getting equity for the teachers to our comparing states, Colorado, Arizona, and that hopefully will remain and still is on the call of the Governor.

I will read some of these whereases. Actually this is a resolution support Santa Fe Public Schools in addressing the Santa Fe Public Schools staffing crisis.

Whereas, a report by SOAR, Southwest Outreach Academic Research Evaluation and Policy Center presented at the LFC hearing on September 21st found all teacher vacancies in the state of New Mexico have increased from 644 in 2019, almost double to 1,048 in 2021.

Whereas, SOAR found that consistently higher teacher vacancies are occurring in elementary, special education, math, science, and English language arts.

Whereas, SOAR found that health, physical education, music, social studies, and Spanish are other challenging areas.

Whereas, SOAR found that numerous needs are also being experienced by districts with high Native American populations.

Whereas, SOAR found that other key areas are also experiencing increased vacancies with vacancies for education assistance growing from 258 in 2019 to 456 in 2021. Counselor vacancies growing from 37 to 59, and speech language pathologies vacancies growing from 42 to 52 in the same period.

Whereas, in a policy brief in June of this year, New Mexico Voices for Children said New Mexico teachers can earn a weekly wage that is almost 30 percent lower than what other comparable college-educated workers earn.

Whereas, New Mexico Voices for Children recommends a continued increase in state investments in our students, our schools and our teachers with particular focus on investments designed to promote tribal, bilingual, multicultural education, as well as pathways for teachers and school staff to reflect student population.

Whereas, the teachers union, National Education Association-Santa Fe, conducted a survey of 400 Santa Fe Public School educators in August of this years and found that buying or renting a home or apartment in Santa Fe has become more difficult. Access to childcare is a barrier to recruit and retain highly qualified and diverse education workforce. And standardized teaching has been reduced but still impacts the freedom educators have in the classroom.

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Now, therefore be it resolved that the Board of County Commissioners, Santa Fe County, hereby support the following measures: One, the state legislature dramatically increase educators' salaries as current levels are inadequate to retain quality educators, especially when considering the education and license requirements for the profession, educators' value importance to society, the high cost of living in Santa Fe County, particularly housing with rental prices in Albuquerque 26 percent lower than Santa Fe, and the accelerating need to attract qualified individuals to the profession.

Numbers two and three here is something that the County is working on, and that's that the City and County of Santa Fe work together in partnership and active effort to aggressively invest in and remedy the urgent need for housing educators can afford.

Number three, the board of NEA-Santa Fe, Santa Fe Public Schools and community housing partners including the Santa Fe Housing Action Coalition form a task force to develop and recommend creative solutions to address affordable housing for Santa Fe Public School employees in short, medium and long term.

Four, that the Santa Fe superintendent investigate providing and improving both childcare options for Santa Fe Public School staff, and volunteer and community support. Also investigate other needs as identified by staff members and the partnership with NEA-Santa Fe.

Five, that the Santa Fe Public Schools invest in staffing and system upgrades for Human Resources Department to expedite employment applications.

And six, that the County Manager's Office send this resolution to the board and communicate to the board all requests made to key partners and contacts, including but not limited to the New Mexico Legislature, our Santa Fe delegation, City of Santa Fe, Santa Fe County, Santa Fe Housing Action Coalition and other community partners.

My colleagues here, this is something we all need to look at as a community as a whole. Being on the Board of Education you see a lot of things and you hear a lot of things that the general public doesn't really realize what's happening in our schools and our communities. The district that I represent is a challenging district and I feel that our Board of Education does a great job, as I mentioned earlier, with our community volunteer base, non-profit organizations that assist us, all of us, because this community is really great.

And with that, Mr. Chair, I'll stand for any questions and if there is no questions I would appreciate if all my colleagues here would support this resolution. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you for this resolution, Commissioner Garcia. Any questions or comments from the Board? Commissioner Hughes.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I want to support this resolution and I just want to mention that after reading this over the weekend I had a chance to talk to my sisters who works for the public schools in New York State, and of course the disadvantage is you have to live in New York State, but they pay their teachers much better there. And I said, do you have any staffing shortages? She said no. No problem. So absolutely raising the salaries of the teachers would make a huge difference and I really support this. But I'll see if there's other questions.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you. I agree, Commissioner Hughes. Any other questions or comments from the Board? Commissioner Hamilton.

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COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: No questions, but I think Commissioner Hughes is right on and at some point it becomes a little bit of a duh, where we don't spend money in the most important areas. People are willing to make bogus arguments that we should be doing things because we love them, not because we want money. But if you want to attract people in private sector jobs, what do you do? You throw money at it. It was a good point.

CHAIR ROYBAL: I agree with that. I think this is a great resolution that Commissioner Garcia has brought forward and as Commissioner Hamilton said, and Commissioner Hughes, it's an investment in our future. Our kids are our future and it's worth the investment to pay the teachers what they deserve so that we will actually attract more teachers into our schools and even adults pursue that avenue of education, so I would agree. Thank you, Commissioner Garcia, and I'll come back to you, Commissioner Garcia, because I think the motion would be appropriate coming from you.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, just once again I'd like to thank the board president, Kate Noble, and my colleagues on the Board of Education for initiating this and bringing this forward to our local governments and communication is good whenever local governments within a community speak together. And with that I'd like to make a motion for approval.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

CHAIR ROYBAL: So we have a motion from Commissioner Garcia, a second from Commissioner Hamilton. And is there anything under discussion before we move on?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I just completely support paying our teachers more money, especially, since as Commissioner Hughes mentioned, rents are outrageous, becoming more and more outrageous in this town. And this is a good resolution and I want to recognize President Kate Noble for all her work that she is also doing along with Commissioner Garcia. So I just wanted to add my support. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you.

The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

10. MATTERS FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

- A. Executive Session. Limited Personnel Matters, as Allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(2) NMSA 1978; Board Deliberations in Administrative Adjudicatory Proceedings, Including Those on the Agenda Tonight for Public Hearing, as Allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(3) NMSA 1978; Discussion of Bargaining Strategy Preliminary to Collective Bargaining Negotiations Between the Board of County Commissioners and Collective Bargaining Units, as Allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(5); Discussion of Contents of Competitive Sealed Proposals Pursuant to the Procurement Code During Contract Negotiations as Allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(6); Threatened or Pending Litigation in which Santa Fe County is or May Become a Participant, as Allowed by Section 10-15-1 (H)(7) NMSA 1978; and,**

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Discussion of the Purchase, Acquisition or Disposal of Real Property or Water Rights, as Allowed by Section 10-15-1(H)(8) NMSA 1978, including:

- 1. *Enterprise Bank & Trust v. The County of Santa Fe, New Mexico and the City of Santa Fe, New Mexico, State of New Mexico, County of Santa Fe, First Judicial District Court, No. D-101-CV-2021-02309***
- 2. *Potential Acquisition of Real Property for a Substance Abuse Treatment Center***
- 3. *Discussion of Bargaining Strategy Preliminary to Collective Bargaining Negotiations Between the Board of County Commissioners and the AFSCME 1413, IAFF, NMCP SO/RECC, and NMCP SO/SFCDSA Bargaining Units***

CHAIR ROYBAL: Attorney Shaffer, can you give us a summary of what we need to go into executive session for?

MR. SHAFFER: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. First, a housekeeping item from the last Board of County Commissioners meeting. At its November 9, 2021 meeting the Board of County Commissioners went into executive session at the end of the meeting and did not reconvene in open meeting. Consequently, it was unable to include in the minutes of its November 9, 2021 meeting the statement required by the Open Meetings Act. Accordingly, I'd respectfully request that the minutes of this meeting reflect that the matters discussed during the November 9, 2021 executive session were limited only to those specified in the motion for closure. The Board will be approving that statement by virtue of its ultimate approval of the minutes of this meeting.

With that housekeeping item out of the way, this evening, for executive session there is discussing of bargaining strategy preliminary to collective bargaining and negotiations between the Board of County Commissioners and collective bargaining units as allowed by Section 10-15-1 (H)(5) NMSA 1978; threatened or pending litigation in which Santa Fe County is or may become a participant as allowed by Section 10-15-1 (H)(7) NMSA 1978; and discussion of the purchase, acquisition or disposal of real property or water rights, as allowed by Section 10-15-1 (H)(8) NMSA 1978, including: 1) *Enterprise Bank & Trust v. The County of Santa Fe, New Mexico and the City of Santa Fe, New Mexico, State of New Mexico, County of Santa Fe, First Judicial District Court, No. D-101-CV-2021-02309*; 2) potential acquisition of real property for a substance abuse treatment center; and 3) discussion of bargaining strategy preliminary to collective bargaining negotiations between the Board of County Commissioners and the AFSCME 1413, IAFF, NMCP SO/RECC, and NMCP SO/SFCDSA bargaining units.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you, Attorney Shaffer.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Yes, Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I make a motion that we go into executive session –

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Hamilton, I know Greg

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was in the middle of reading all that stuff so I didn't want to interrupt him, but I didn't know if you wanted to do the public hearings first, because we ordered food but it's not here yet either. So if you wanted to do the three public hearings first, I don't think they'll be particularly long.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Manager Miller did bring that to my attention and I did want to say that we would go ahead and deviate from our agenda and go ahead and bring item number 11 forward and do our public hearings first.

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11. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. **Ordinance No. 2021-05, an Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2018-4 (An Ordinance Establishing Santa Fe County Utility Water Service Rates and Charges and Repealing All Prior Water Service Rates and Charges) to Update Water Service Rates and Charges Through Use of Utility Expansion Charges**

CHAIR ROYBAL: From our Utilities Division we have Mr. John Dupuis. JOHN DUPUIS (Utilities Director): Good evening, Mr. Chair and

Commissioners.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Good evening, sir.

MR. DUPUIS: First, I'll give a background and then we would open the hearing. Is that correct, County Attorney Shaffer? Thank you. So on June 12, 2018 the Board of County Commissioners approved Ordinance No. 2018-4 to establish County utility water service rates and charges. The existing rates at that time were not adequate revenue to cover the costs and operation and maintenance.

On October 12, 2021, HDR, under contract with Santa Fe County presented to the Board on a completed study of the current water connection fee approach and proposed water and sewer utility expansion charges, or UECs. Then on October 26, 2021, the Board approved publishing title and general summary of an amendment to Ordinance No. 2018-4 to update the water service rates and charges through use of utility expansion charges.

In summary, regarding those UECs, it consists of a one-time charge required of all new customers desiring or existing customers requesting an increase in the level of service. The water UEC is set at \$3,165 for a 5/8" meter. The charge for larger meters is equal to this base amount multiplied by the American Water Works Association accepted ratio of the capacity of the larger meter to the 5.8" meter.

This ordinance will amend Section 11.F of Ordinance No. 2018-4, and at the October 12th BCC meeting a reduced UEC rate for affordable housing was discussed. Section 13.6.4 of the SLDC describes affordable housing relief that exempts them from water connection charges and this section will also apply to water UECs.

The action requested after the hearing is to approve the ordinance as proposed.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Do we have any questions from the Board? No questions? Okay. This is a public hearing so I'm going to go the public. Is there anybody from the public that would like to speak in opposition or support of this ordinance? If

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you're a Webex participant you would need to unmute yourself and state your name for the record. If you're a call-in participant you would need to hit star 6 to unmute yourself. Once again, I'm going to ask, is there anybody from the public that would like to speak in support or not supporting this ordinance? Okay, Tessa Jo, is there anybody on line from the public that you think might want to speak to this item?

DANIEL FRESQUEZ (IT): Mr. Chair, I'm not seeing any notifications on Webex or from call-in users.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. With that I'm going to close public comment and I'm going to go to the Commission once again. Are there any questions? If not, what's the pleasure?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Yes.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Move to approve.

CHAIR ROYBAL: So we have a motion from Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Second

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Second.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Multiple seconds from Commissioner Hughes and Commissioner Hansen. Under discussion. Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chair. So a couple of questions. In regards to – let's look at page 1 of 2. If you have a meter service size of 5/8", can you tell me what MEU is?

MR. DUPUIS: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Garcia, MEU is the meter equivalency unit. Is the ratio of any given meter to a 5/8" meter.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: So, Mr. Chair, John, so \$3,165, what's the current cost to connect to the water system?

MR. DUPUIS: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Garcia, the current cost relative to this UEC which it is replacing is the water service connection charge, and currently it's \$2,750.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: So if you have a water line that runs down the County road, and I have a vacant lot or have an existing house that I want to connect, this charge is just for the connection to the – it is the connection fee proposed to the County utility. What if that individual doesn't have a canister? Does this include the canister? Is the canister approved by the County? Or it's up to the individual to place the canister in there? The canister is actually the culvert that goes in there that has all the – where the meter sits and so on and so forth in there, correct?

MR. DUPUIS: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Garcia, you're referring to the meter can where the meter is installed, and that is the responsibility of the homeowner or future homeowner to install. It's often installed whenever a developer creates a subdivision. In some circumstances, maybe a family transfer, etc., that meter can is not in place prior to our – during the process of the subdivision. If that's the scenario they do also have to pay for the installation of the meter can at that point in time, when requesting service.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: So once again, Mr. Chair, John, so the individual can actually place the canister, as long as it meets the requirements of the County themselves?

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MR. DUPUIS: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Garcia, that's correct.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: And this does not have anything – this section of ordinance that is an existing ordinance has nothing to do with stand-by fees, correct?

MR. DUPUIS: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Garcia, that is correct.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia. Anything else under discussion? Okay so we have a motion and a second. We're going to go to a roll call vote. Deputy County Clerk, can you do a roll call vote please? Commissioner Garcia, you've got another –

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: One more question, because I know I'm going to get this asked. Can you tell us what the reasoning is for increasing the rates for a connection to the water system?

MR. DUPUIS: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Garcia, the reason for the increase is to recover more of the expense that is shown to be needed for this type fee, and the study provided shows that it was I believe in excess of \$8,000 that we could charge up to. And we wanted, from my understanding from direction from the Board, to stay competitive with adjacent entities and so we set it at this lower amount to achieve that goal.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia. If we could get a roll call vote please.

The motion to go approve Ordinance No. 2021-5 passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows:

Commissioner Garcia	Aye
Commissioner Hamilton	Aye
Commissioner Hansen	Aye
Commissioner Hughes	Aye
Commissioner Roybal	Aye

11. B. **Ordinance No. 2021-06, an Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 1998-16 ("An Ordinance Establishing Provisions for Extension of Sewer Service; Adopting Operating and Management [Procedures]; Setting Rates and Establishing Design Standards for the Santa Fe County Wastewater Utility") to Update Sewer Service Connection Fees Through the Use of Utility Expansion Charges**

CHAIR ROYBAL: Once again, we have our director, Mr. John Dupuis, Utilities Division.

MR. DUPUIS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'll provide a brief background, very similar to the previous background. I apologize for the repetitiveness, and a discussion of the summary of the utility expansion charges being proposed. On June 12,

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2018 the Board of County Commissioners amended Ordinance No. 1998-16 in order to update the sewer rates and charges. The existing rates at that time were not adequate revenue to cover the costs of operation and maintenance.

On October 12, 2021, HDR Engineering, under contract with Santa Fe County presented to the Board on a completed study of the County's current water connection fee approach and proposed water and sewer utility expansion charges. Then on October 26, 2021, the Board approved publishing title and general summary of a further amendment to Ordinance No. 1998-16 to update the water service rates and charges through use of utility expansion charges.

A summary of the utility expansion charges is it consists of a one-time charge required of all new customers desiring or existing customers requesting an increase in the level of service. The sewer UEC is set at a rate of \$1,635 for a 5/8" meter. The amount for a larger meter is equal to this base amount multiplied by the American Water Works Association's accepted ratio of the capacity of the larger meter to the 5.8" meter.

This ordinance will amend Section 6. E of Ordinance No. 1998-16 to provide a utility expansion charge with reference to the rate schedule in Exhibit A. And Section 3 of Exhibit A in Ordinance No. 1998-16, replacing this section with the sewer service utility expansion charges consistent with the presentation provided on October 12, 2021. At the October 12th Board meeting a reduced UEC rate for affordable housing was discussed. Section 13.6.4 of the SLDC describes affordable housing relief that exempts them from water connection charges and this section will also apply to water UECs. Staff will bring forward a future update of the SLDC to provide the same exemption for sewer UECs if directed to do so by the BCC.

The requested action is approval of the ordinance as proposed.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thank you, Mr. Dupuis. Before we open public comment, I'm sure the Chair will be back shortly, but before we open public comment are there any questions from the Board? So we're going to go ahead and open public comment. Is there anybody present or on Webex that wishes to speak to this ordinance? Daniel or Tessa Jo, is there anybody signed up or that appears to be present on the Webex that might want to speak to this ordinance?

MR. FRESQUEZ: Madam Chair, I don't see anybody that wants to speak.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Okay. Thank you very much.
Nevertheless, I will once again ask, is there anybody who wishes to make a public comment on this ordinance?

MR. FRESQUEZ: Mr. William Mee.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Oh. Thank you, Mr. Mee, would you like to make a comment on this, please?

MR. MEE (Via Webex): Is this the ordinance?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I'm sorry. You're breaking up. This is on the sewer ordinance.

MR. MEE: Yes.

[Duly sworn, William Mee testified as follows:]

MR. MEE: William Mee, 2073 Camino Samuel Montoya, and that's in Santa Fe, New Mexico. And I am under oath. In Agua Fria Village we're very busy trying to get our sewer projects done, and we're very grateful to Santa Fe County for

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backing that proposal and for Commissioner Anna Hansen helping us out along the way. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Mr. Mee. Is there anybody else that would like to speak in support or opposition of this ordinance? Okay, hearing none, I'm going to close public comment and I'll go to Commissioners. Are there any Commissioners that have comments or questions? What's the pleasure of the Board?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I move to approve.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Second.

CHAIR ROYBAL: We have a motion from Commissioner Hansen, a second from Commissioner Hughes. Under discussion, Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, John, thank you. So I have a question. This is actually for all sewer hookups, Agua Fria Village, the SLDC area, anybody that connects to a community sewer system. These are the rates, correct?

MR. DUPUIS: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Garcia, I believe that is correct.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: So I know this – so what about standby fees for a sewer connection? If there's a sewer that runs down the road, are people going to be charged standby fees, because that is the norm nationwide, right?

MR. DUPUIS: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Garcia, the County does not have sewer standby fees.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: So Mr. Chair, John, will we have standby fees, as we do for our utility, water utility?

MR. DUPUIS: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Garcia, that's something that we would evaluate at the next rate study and if desirable, we can implement standby fees and it is a standard practice and that's something that we can look at if it's desired.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you. So for my clarification, this outlet that we plug into the adapter for our cars, the cigarette lighter, it used to be a cigarette lighter. Cars don't have cigarette lighters anymore, thank god. So this is actually roughly about $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch. The cigarette lighter itself is actually about an inch in diameter. So in order to get sewage from your residence to a trunk line, or to get a 6/8 line in the road, so that roughly needs to be about a two-inch line to get sewage from your home to that line, or a four-inch line. So if we need to install a four-inch line from my single family residence to the trunk line on the road there, four inches is going to cost me \$40,000, right? To connect to that sewer system?

MR. DUPUIS: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Garcia, this will be based off the water meter size and often sewer lines do not have a meter, so it's one of the main reason why sewer meters are not used for the purpose of assessing UEC value.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Good. So then once again, if I have a one-inch line that goes to my residence I'm going to be paying a \$4,000 hookup.

MR. DUPUIS: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Garcia, if you had a one-inch water meter, irrelevant of the water line size, we would charge you for the one-inch amount which – and this is assuming sewer UEC, it would be \$4,087.50.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you. What – Mr. Chair, John, what happens if there's no – if you have a well? How do we go about charging a sewer

connection fee if you don't have an existing meter? My family has an old well since 1980 and I want to connect to the sewer system in my front yard. What's the charge?

MR. DUPUIS: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Garcia, there is a Section B that accounts for that scenario. It says in the event the development does not have a water meter or the director believes that the size of the water meter does not accurately reflect wastewater generation, the developer may submit or the director may require the submission of a study prepared by a professional engineer to determine the charge listed in the above table.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, John, so is the developer considered a homeowner as well? I look at it as a developer of five or more lots. So if Mr. Jones actually has a well and he wants to connect to the sewer line that runs in front of his road, he's going to need to do a study and then at that time the study will determine what the cost is for the connection to that sewer line, if he has a well.

MR. DUPUIS: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Garcia, this does use the language "may" and I would consult with the County Attorney if there was a request to not submit a study and in the scenario where it's a single home, I think that that's likely to lend itself to not need a study, and would verify with our County Attorney that that would be allowed and I would support not having a study for a single home.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: I guess I just want to make sure, Mr. Chair, that we're all consistent as into whether – because everybody in Agua Fria Village, not everybody has that Agua Fria water system and that's just one example of individuals throughout the community that have a well and don't have community water. So I just wanted to see how we were going to treat those individual developers, those individual homeowners that actually need to be and want to be connected to a sewer system. So should we take out the study "may"? Because if a new director comes in in the next five, seven years, they might have a different approach of definition of what may or may not be.

MR. DUPUIS: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Garcia, I would also point out that it doesn't say the level of study that's required, and generally, you do have an engineer who helps you with your home plans and estimating what size sewer line to install, etc. And that would be sufficient information to be able to provide some additional justification on the correlation to the size water meter that it would be equivalent to. So I don't think it would be a significant additional burden in that scenario, but at the same time, whenever it's a straightforward answer I would want to suggest that you leave it to the director's discretion because there's a lot of variables that can occur and ultimately the burden is on whoever is doing the development to justify the request that they're making.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia. Any other – do we have any other questions or comments under discussion? Okay, seeing none, we have a motion and a second. Can we get a roll call vote please, Deputy Madam Clerk?

The motion to go approve Ordinance No. 2021-6 passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows:

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Commissioner Garcia	Aye
Commissioner Hamilton	Aye
Commissioner Hansen	Aye
Commissioner Hughes	Aye
Commissioner Roybal	Aye

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: For the record, I want everybody in Agua Fria to get connected to the sewer and just sometimes there's a lot of families, as Commissioner Hansen knows, that have been there for many, many years and these connections fees could, may put a burden on those families but I just want to – like I said, I'm totally for the sewer system which is needed in the village and it just concerns me that there's not really a standard price yet for every individual that's going to connect that is off of a well. But I vote yes for this.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Garcia.

11. C. **Ordinance No. 2021-07, an Ordinance Adopting the 2021 Redistricting Plan for Santa Fe County Commission Districts Based Upon 2020 US Census; Reassigning Precincts to the Five Commission Districts in Accordance With the Redistricting Plan; Amending Ordinance No. 1989-10; and Repealing Ordinance No. 2011-8**

CHAIR ROYBAL: From the Growth Management Department we have Mr. Erle Wright.

ERLE WRIGHT (GIS Coordinator): Good evening, Chairman, Commissioners. Again, just a quick review. The 2020 census revealed Santa Fe County had a base population of 154,823 persons. What this translates this to is ideally each Commission district, since we have five divided into just under 31,000 population – 30,965 persons per district would be the ideal situation.

In reviewing our current districts, District 2, with 32,845 persons was actually 1,881 people over that ideal number. That's about six percent. Also, districts 3 and 4 with populations of 29,174 and 29,190 persons respectively, were essentially about just under 1,800 persons under that five percent, so they're about 5.78 percent and 5.73 percent under. Thus the need to redistrict.

As you know, the will of the Commission was to do fairly simple redistricting. What we look at was just moving precincts within the incorporated area of the City of Santa Fe. Both options before you tonight do that. We only need three precincts between the five districts. So essentially, again, the only difference between Option 1 and Option 2 is which precinct moves out of Commission District 1 into Commission District 4. That would either be Precinct 30, or Precinct 130. The other districts – again, District 5 would lose a precinct. Precinct 29 into District 4 to bring its population up, and the other one that's consistent between the two plans is a precinct would move from District 2 – that's Precinct 145 and that would move into District 3.

So essentially what we're doing is we need to amend the 1989-10 ordinance, which established the five Commission districts, which were formerly just three, and we

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also need to repeal Ordinance 2011-8. And so with that, Commissioners, I'll stand for any questions you may have or that the public may have regarding these two options.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay, do we have any questions from the Commission? No questions. Okay, so I know that there's two districts in regards to Commissioner Garcia and Commissioner Hansen. That's already been decided it looks like, so we don't have any additional things to consider. I know in our last meeting Commissioner Hansen brought up that she wanted to bring back Precinct 130, because originally we had presented Precinct 30. I've talked to Commissioner Hamilton and we still – we looked at what was brought forward during that discussion and I know that all of our precincts have areas that have a lot of development and some of them that aren't as developed, so that's just the mix of our districts in general. So I want to see if the Board would entertain just doing a coin toss to make that decision on which precinct goes to that, but I do want to get comments from the Board. That could be decided with a coin toss and just a 50-50 chance of which precinct goes which direction. But I do want to get feedback from the Board and see how the Board feels about doing that. Are there any questions or comments? Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: So I just wanted to let you know that in September I had also brought forward Precinct 130, and these are the minutes and the page, so I just wanted to share those with you so you could see that this was not a new idea.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Mr. Chair, do we have a public hearing on this item as well?

CHAIR ROYBAL: Yes, we will. That is one idea but I wanted to see if the Board had any thoughts as to –

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I did have – I just wanted to let you know because there was some mention that I was just bringing this up so I wanted to just show you on the record that I had brought this up in September, that there were two precincts and that you were going to look at them. It's down right at the bottom. There wasn't a lot of discussion.

I thought it was interesting tonight that Commissioner Hamilton brought forward the Food Policy Resolution because Precinct 130 would actually put the Farmers Market in her district and for some reason her district for the last couple of years has supported the food policy and has done a lot of work with the Farmers Market in the past. I know that Commissioner Holian worked.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Absolutely.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: And so I'm just supporting that idea of Precinct 130 moving into your district.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: I'm sorry. Commissioner Hansen, I didn't hear you. What were you talking about the Food Policy Resolution?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I just thought it was interesting that over the years District 4 has been a huge supporter of the Farmers Market and Precinct 130 actually has a Farmers Market in it.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: I guess, Mr. Chair, I don't understand what's that about?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I'm just making the connection. It's just a comment.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Okay. So Mr. Chair, Commissioner Hansen, you said Precinct 130, are you talking about Precinct 30?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: No, I'm talking about –

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Option 2.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Okay. All right. So Mr. Chair, Commissioner Hansen, you're still wanting to – your proposal is Option #2, correct?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I'm just suggesting that I like the idea that Commissioner Hamilton will continue to be next to my district right there also.

CHAIR ROYBAL: So on these minutes that you passed out, it looks like there's a Precinct 130 and Precinct 30 that are both connected to Commissioner Hamilton's district that would be kind of clean, and I replied and said 130 and 30 and you replied either one of those. So you suggested, or it was suggested those two, right. I thought I heard you say, there was somewhere where you said you thought 130 should be –

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: No. I just wanted to mention that I had brought that up in September.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair, so this is something that the Commissioners or policymakers is going to look at for the next ten years. Is it your rationale to have Commissioner Hamilton next to you? Is that what your rationale is for Option #2.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Yes, I like that idea. I can have –

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: So honestly, what is your rationale for Option #2, for your recommendation, other than having Commissioner Hamilton next to you?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I think it's a nice clean cut and Commissioner Roybal was concerned about losing constituents and so he loses less constituents with Option 2.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: I'm actually going to be nice and I will defer to the two Commissioners that this district actually – District 1 and District 4 are the two Commissioners that should have say-so in this district and for us to start throwing – I think I should take that precinct over there and put it over here because I want to be next to Commissioner Hamilton – I don't buy that, Commissioner Hansen, I'm sorry.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Okay. Fine. Whatever.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: And so the whole rationale, you haven't explained to me in my mind as to what your rationale is for moving 130, and it's not about who lives there, who doesn't live there. I'm just interesting in why would you pick that precinct instead of Precinct 30. Those were the two precincts that I – when I looked at the map in September that I saw that there were two precincts that were a clean cut, those were the two, 130 and 30 that were not different. Councilor Lindell lives, I believe and Precinct – I'm not sure – 123, she was just kind of interest. She asked me about it, or she might even live in 30. I don't know. I don't know where she lives. She just asked me, because she asked me also about the tax bill.

CHAIR ROYBAL: I remember that in the past we've all sponsored the Food Policy Resolution that's come forward. It's come forward for quite a few years and I think probably every single Commissioner here would like to have the Farmers Market because it's part of our culture.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Absolutely.

CHAIR ROYBAL: We all live in rural areas and we all are very strong advocates of farm to table and working in that way. So I think that it's something that is an interest to all of the Commission, but I'd like to go to public comment and see if we have anybody on public comment that would like to speak on this item. Is there anybody from the public that would like to speak in support or opposition to this Ordinance. If you're on Webex you can unmute yourself and state your name for the record and be sworn in, and if you're a call-in participant you hit star 6 and unmute yourself. Once again, is there anybody from the public who would like to speak in support or opposition of this ordinance. Tessa Jo, do you see anybody from the public?

MS. MASCARENAS: Yes, Mr. Chair, Mr. William Mee had his hand up.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Was that William Mee? William Mee, can you state your name? If you were sworn in previously does he need to be sworn in again?

MR. SHAFFER: Mr. Chair, I think it would be adequate if he states his name and address and states that he's still under oath.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Attorney Shaffer. Go ahead, Mr. Mee.

MR. MEE: I'm William Mee, 2073 Camino Samuel Montoya, Santa Fe, New Mexico, and I am still under oath. And I had followed this issue quite a bit back in September. I looked at if there were any other changes to it but I did think that Precinct 30 was a good one to have in District 1. I'm not that familiar with the newer proposals, so I'll just leave it at that.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Mee. So your statement was that you felt that Precinct 30 was a good one to stay in District 1. Is that correct?

MR. MEE: Yes.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. So is there anybody else from the public that would like to address the Commission on this item? Okay, hearing none, I'm going to close public comment. I'm going to go ahead and go back to Commissioners, if there's not any other comments. Commissioner Hamilton, if you have a preference, if not we can go to a coin toss but I'll leave it up to you. I think that either way I know that any of the precincts that get pulled out of my district, I know you're a great Commissioner and you'll represent those constituents very well, so I'm confident of that.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Well, I really appreciate and the fact is I would say the same thing back to you. I have – there's some – not benefit but appeal to doing a coin toss because it's very hard to know which one to pull in. Actually I might feel a little guilty taking the Farmers Market from you but there's an appeal to that, right?

CHAIR ROYBAL: The state capitol is also in that district?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Does that mean I should take it or leave it? This is like playing poker. Or maybe it's like playing Go Fish.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I think you should take it.

CHAIR ROYBAL: So I have the offer on the table to flip a coin and not have the hard decision be anybody's but there again, I defer to you. It's your decision and

my decision but I think that at the end of the day I lose constituents.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: And I'm going to gain them, but they'll be in good hands. That said, that makes 130 – that would be Option 2? A good choice. If you object, I'm fine with that, if not I would move for Option 2.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Second.

CHAIR ROYBAL: So we have a motion from Commissioner Hamilton for Option 2, a second from Commissioner Hansen. We're going to go to a roll call vote, Deputy Clerk.

The motion to approve Ordinance No. 2021-07 with Option 2 passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows:

Commissioner Garcia	Aye
Commissioner Hamilton	Aye
Commissioner Hansen	Aye
Commissioner Hughes	Aye
Commissioner Roybal	Aye

8. E. Resolution 2021-110, a Resolution Identifying Santa Fe County 2021 Legislative Priorities (cont. from page 25)

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, could we do one more thing? So even earlier than Greg's summary of executive session you had a resolution for consideration under Matters from the County Manager, item 8. E. That was the resolution identifying 2022 Santa Fe County legislative priorities, so Tessa Jo and the attorneys worked on the requests. So I have a revised resolution and we added to the resolution that was stated before, under item 2 in the recitals, the moratorium on evictions, we added a sentence to the end of that recital: In addition, authorize courts to delay eviction for a reasonable period while tenants actively pursue rental assistance from programs for which they appear to be eligible. And I checked with Commissioner Hughes; that was his requested addition and he said that that sounded good.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Manager Miller, would you read that again? I had my earpiece out and it fell out.

MANAGER MILLER: Sure. It says: Moratorium on evictions and we had support the expansion of the local moratorium. But then we added to that paragraph, In addition, authorize courts to delay eviction for reasonable periods while tenants actively pursue rental assistance from programs for which they appear to be eligible.

And then we had two other additions. So we originally had nine items. Now we have 11. And number 10 is: Support the protection and enhancement of pollinator species and their habitat – that's in bold, and then the description under that is supporting action to make property pollinator friendly, including planting pollinator friendly regionally appropriate plants, and avoiding the use of pesticides known to kill pollinators, and supporting coordinated regional, statewide and national action to protect pollinator species in order to implement the objectives set forth in Santa Fe County Resolution No.

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And then paragraph 11 was funding for NMED and EMNRD and support funding for the New Mexico Environment Department and Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department to ensure that they are funded and staffed adequately to meet their statutory duties.

So it was the resolution exactly as before and then with those three additions, and I would stand for any questions, and if not, if the Board could approve this and then we would have a fully executed resolution for our meeting with the legislators, and then we'll have a draft for the sustainability initiatives.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: First, thank you very much to my colleagues and to the attorneys and Manager Miller for adding those items. I especially support the moratorium, and with that I would like to make a motion to approve.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Second.

CHAIR ROYBAL: We have a motion from Commissioner Hansen, a second from Commissioner Hughes.

The motion passed by unanimous [5-0] voice vote.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Garcia.

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: I just wanted to make a comment, not related to anything on the agenda item but Erle, I don't know if this is the last time we'll see him in public hearing, but I'd just like to thank you for the things that you did for the GIS Department when we actually did only have – when I worked for the Assessors, we actually did ink pens to do our mapping and you have actually been very instrumental in bringing our GIS Department to probably the top in the state. And I'd just like to thank you publicly for what you did. You had a lot of vision and you did a very good job for our GIS Department and some hard shoes to follow. And just thank you, Erle.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Absolutely. Thank you. I guess you have a future endeavor but I wasn't aware that – you're leaving the County?

MR. WRIGHT: I have 26 years in, Mr. Chair, so –

MANAGER MILLER: It will at least be your last redistricting.

MR. WRIGHT: Yes. Probably my last round of redistricting. That's for sure.

CHAIR ROYBAL: We thought it would be easy. It turned out a little bit more difficult than we originally thought but great work. We really do appreciate you and did bring a resolution up earlier that maybe we'll be able to see you come back. After all, you've been instrumental to the County and your service is really appreciated. When are you planning?

MR. WRIGHT: Mr. Chair, that's to be determined.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Oh, yay.

MR. WRIGHT: So you've got me for a little bit.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Awesome. Well, thank you. We do appreciate it and

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we're going to hold on to you as long as we can. Thank you, sir.

MR. WRIGHT: Not a problem. An absolute pleasure to work for the County, has been a great place to have a career. Great family and coworkers to work with and awesome elected officials. So thank you all.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, sir. I'm going to go back to – earlier we had got a summary of what we were going to executive session for, including the housekeeping item. We did have a motion relative to that earlier, so I'd like to ask for a motion once again. So I'd like to entertain a motion to go into executive session.

12. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS / REPORTS

- A. Community Development Department October 2021 Monthly Report**
- B. Community Services Department November 2021 Monthly Report**
- C. Finance Division September 2021 Monthly Report**
- D. Growth Management October 2021 Monthly Report**
- E. Human Resources Division November 2021 Monthly Report**
- F. Public Safety October 2021 Monthly Report**
- G. Public Works Department October 2021 Monthly Report**

MR. SHAFFER: Mr. Chair, I'm sorry to interrupt, but I don't believe there are any other items of business on the agenda so unless there are matters in the reports from the departments that the Board would like to have staff remain for, your motion to go into executive session could include a motion to adjourn the open meeting and simply go into executive session as the last order of business.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Absolutely.

10. MATTERS FROM THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

- A. Executive Session (cont. from page 45)**

CHAIR ROYBAL: So do I hear a motion? Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I'd like to move that go into executive session to discuss the items that Attorney Shaffer read into the record earlier and that we conclude business with that and not rejoin in public meeting.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay, so we have a motion from Commissioner Hamilton. Do I hear a second?

COMMISSIONER GARCIA: Second.

CHAIR ROYBAL: And a second from Commissioner Garcia.

The motion to go into executive session passed by unanimous voice vote .

[The Commission went into executive session at 6:25 pm.]

CONCLUDING BUSINESS

- A. Announcements**
- B. Adjournment**

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Having completed the agenda and with no further business to come before this body, Chair Roybal declared this meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.



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