

**SANTA FE COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**May 25, 2021**

Henry Roybal, Chair - District 1  
Anna T. Hamilton, Vice Chair - District 4  
Anna Hansen - District 2  
Hank Hughes - District 5  
  
Rudy Garcia - District 3 [Excused]

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1. A. This regular meeting of the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners was called to order at 2:25 p.m. by Chair Henry Roybal in the County Chambers, 102 Grant Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico. The meeting was conducted as a hybrid in-person and virtual meeting.

[For clarity purposes, repetitive identification and confirmations of those on the phone have been eliminated and/or condensed in this transcript.]

**B. Roll Call**

Roll was called by County Clerk Katharine Clark and indicated the presence of a quorum as follows:

**Members Present:**

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

**Members Excused:**

Commissioner Rudy Garcia

**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 Denise Benevidez of the Growth Management Department.

Commissioner Hansen noted the one-year anniversary of the death of George Floyd.

Commissioner Roybal wished Commissioner Hansen a happy birthday.

Commissioner Roybal recognized the presence of the newest members of the County family, finally meeting in person.

**1. F. Approval of Agenda**

CHAIR ROYBAL: Are there any changes or amendments to the agenda? I'm going to go to Manager Miller first. Or requests from the Board. Manager Miller.

KATHERINE MILLER (County Manager): Yes, Mr. Chair. There are a couple of amendment to the agenda from when it was posted last Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. We amended the agenda on May 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:51 pm. We added item 4. B under Miscellaneous Action Items. We also updated the materials for item 7. C, under Miscellaneous Updates, and also the Citizens' Survey Report. And also, under 8. C under Matters from County Commissioners, the resolution, we updated the packet material for that. And those are all the changes I have to the agenda.

And Mr. Chair, after you approve the agenda, if I could just have a couple of minutes to remind the Board of some protocols.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. We'll do that. Thank you, Manager Miller. Are there any other changes or requests from the Board? Okay, what's the pleasure of the Board?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Yes, Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I would move to approve the agenda as amended.

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

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Second.

CHAIR ROYBAL: And a second from Commissioner Hughes.

**The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] roll call vote.**

CHAIR ROYBAL: I'm going to go ahead and go to our next agenda item but first I'm going to go to Manager Miller.

MANAGER MILLER: Thank you, Mr. Chair, and welcome to the chambers. So I just wanted to give you a couple little updates, this is an all new audio-visual system so hopefully it works well and we don't have any problems. There's a list of how the mikes work and just to remind anybody who's speaking to make sure that after you're done speaking you mute. It's a very sensitive system so as you can tell it will pick up not even within ten inches of the microphone and it will pick it up, so make sure you mute when you're not speaking because it will also reverberate through the system and make it very difficult for individuals who are on Webex to understand us or hear us. Also, we'll keep the screen down and that's where you will be able to see the Webex session. So the cameras are on the sides and the back and will show the room but that's what on the Webex. What's on the big screen is what people will be seeing if they join us by Webex.

Also, on the dais, your PCs can be switched between BoardDocs or Webex by using the black button that is attached to the base of the microphone. Hopefully that will work. And also, if you're having difficulty hearing somebody, we do have a mask policy for anyone inside the building does need to have a mask on, but you can take the mask

down for speaking so that it can be heard well on the Webex. Also eating or drinking, but then you have to replace the mask when you've finished speaking, eating or drinking.

So I just wanted to let the Board know about those things as well as the individual presenters or people who are participating in the audience. So thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Manager Miller, and I think that will probably make a big difference in the clarity of our voices so our constituents can hear what we're saying. I know that we might be saying put your mask back on right now – I'm just joking.

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

MANAGER MILLER: Thank you, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. In your packet, under item 1. G, there are several new employees, predominantly because we started a fire academy for new firefighters. I will do my best. I told our Fire Chief we definitely have a diverse group of individuals that we brought on board because some of the names are a little challenging. I hope that I have them correct as to how to pronounce them.

First of all in the Clerk's Office, we have Angelica Olcott, Glenda Lujan and Jayne Browne who are new to the County at the end of April. And then in our Growth Management, Maggie Moore, Senior Planner. In Corrections we have Alicia Blankenship, Esther Cordova and Dominic Martinez, and then for our Fire Department, we have several new employees: Andrew Baca, Jr., Gregory Brown, Jared Dominguez, Jeffery Folgate, Craig Fulmer, Nathan Graehl, Ethan Halbgewachs, Camyrn Krantz-Koroneos, Deserae, Martinez, William Merkey, Jerome Nakagawa, Evan Oskierko-Jeznack, Isaac Roybal, and Peter Vigneron.

And then in Utilities, Alisha Roybal. In the Sheriff's Office, Stetson Christopherson, Robert Page, Marissa Poppell, Marilyn Rodriguez,, Garrett Scroggins and Silas Thornton, and in our Treasurer's Office, Bianca Nayeli Arras.

So I just want to welcome all of those new employees. As you can see we are definitely hiring and getting all of our positions filled, so we're very grateful to have all these new employees and welcome them to Santa Fe County.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Manager Miller. Wow. That's really awesome to see we have 29 new hires. Just another sign that we're putting this pandemic behind us and we're moving forward. I think that's a great sign and I'm really excited to see so many new hires and congratulations to all those department. I know we did have some challenging times with limited resources so I'm glad to see that we're actually addressing that or are able to at this point. So thank you, Manager Miller, and I think the next item you talk about is years of service, so back to you.

MANAGER MILLER: Yes, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. Also, every month we recognize those employees who on a monthly basis have completed years of service in five-year increments of continuous service to Santa Fe County and residents. I think it's very important to recognize employees for retention and staying with Santa Fe County. We appreciate that they do stay with us and I just want to recognize those individuals who in the month of May will hit either five, ten, or 15 years of continuous service. In the County Manager's Office, Amanda Lucero. In Corrections, Bernard

Atencio. Also in Finance, Clarissa Guerrero and in Housing Ernest Tapia, and in Corrections, Tanya Garcia. All of them hit their five-year anniversary some time before the end of May. And then we have two individuals with their ten-year anniversary. That's Jesus Ramirez in the adult facility and Martin Arellano on the Sheriff's Department. And then in Finance Roxanne Lujan hits her 15<sup>th</sup> year anniversary and Jeoffery Urioste in IT also hit his 15-year anniversary.

So I just want to congratulate them and thank them for making their career at Santa Fe County.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Manager Miller, and thank you to all our dedicated employees and congratulations on your anniversary. The dedicated service and loyalty to Santa Fe County, we can't thank you enough for that. Just want to reiterate, please remember to mentor all our new employees and just be leaders with these new employees and just offer advice and any kind of direction you can. So once again, thank you and congratulations to all of our employees who are celebrating their five-, ten- and fifteen-year anniversary. Thank you, Manager Miller.

## **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### **A. Request Approval of the April 8-9, 2021, Board of County Commissioners Special Meeting Minutes**

CHAIR ROYBAL: Are there any changes? Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I want to thank Tessa Jo and everybody who worked on the April 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> minutes and getting them compiled, and I want to make a motion to approve.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Great. So we have a motion to approve. Is there a second? Commissioner Hughes.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Second.

CHAIR ROYBAL: So we have a second from Commissioner Hughes. I'm going to go to a roll call vote.

**The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] roll call vote.**

### **B. Request Approval of the April 27, 2021, Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes**

CHAIR ROYBAL: Are there any changes? Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Yes, Mr. Chair. I do have changes and I will get them to the stenographer. So I would like to move to approve the April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes with changes.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

CHAIR ROYBAL: We have a motion from Commissioner Hansen with some changes that she will submit to the stenographer, and the second includes that as well. Is that correct, Commissioner Hamilton? Yes. Okay, so we have a motion and a second. So we're going to go onto a roll call.

**The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] roll call vote.**

**2. C. Request Approval of the April 30, 2021, Board of County Commissioners Special Budget Study Session Meeting Minutes**

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Yes. I would like to move to approve the April 30<sup>th</sup> special budget session meeting minutes.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Do I have a second?

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Second.

CHAIR ROYBAL: And we have a second from Commissioner Hughes. So our motion was from Commissioner Hansen, second from Commissioner Hughes. Anything under discussion? I do want to say thank you for putting all these meetings together. They were very informative, and some of these meetings I wasn't there for the entire meeting but I did review all the documents and I just want to thank staff for their hard work for putting these special study sessions together. With that we do have a motion and a second.

**The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] roll call vote.**

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Request Approval of County Health Care Assistance Claims in the Amount of \$1,830.37 (Community Services Department/Jennifer Romero)**
- B. Resolution No. 2021-042, a Resolution Adopting Local Governments Road Improvement Fund Project No. SP-L500350 for Pavement Rehabilitation/Improvements of Santuario Drive (CR 94C) and Martin Road (CR 17) (Public Works Department/Gary L. J. Girón)**
- C. Resolution No. 2021-043, a Resolution Adopting Local Government Road Improvement Fund Project No. SB-L500349 for Pavement Rehabilitation/Improvements of Hale Road (CR 25) (Public Works Department/Gary L. J. Girón)**
- D. Resolution No. 2021-044, a Resolution Adopting Local Government Road Improvement Fund Project No. CAP-L500351 for Pavement Rehabilitation/Improvements of Avenida Torreon (Public Works Department/Gary L. J. Girón)**
- E. Resolution No. 2021-045, a Resolution Requesting an Increase to the EMS-Health Care Fund (232) in the Amount of \$10,747 (Finance Division/Yvonne S. Herrera and Community Services Department/Rachel O'Connor)**
- F. Resolution No. 2021-046, a Resolution Requesting an Increase to the Clerk Recording Fees Fund (218) in the Amount of \$10,450 (Finance Division/Yvonne S. Herrera and County Clerk/Katharine E. Clark)**
- G. Request (1) Approval of the 6<sup>th</sup> Supplement to Addendum to Master Agreement and Schedule NM2016-001.01 for Licensed Software,**

**Hardware and Services Between Santa Fe County and TRTA Gov, Inc., Increasing the Amount of the Agreement an Additional \$108,005 and Extended the Term Until July 1, 2022, and (2) Delegation of Signature Authority to the County Manager to Sign the Purchase Order (Purchasing Division/Bill Taylor and Assessor's Office/Chris L. Sanchez)**

CHAIR ROYBAL: Is there anything under the Consent Agenda that any of the Commissioners would like to remove or have further questions on? And if not, what's the pleasure of the Board?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I'll move to approve the Consent Agenda.

CHAIR ROYBAL: So we have a motion for approval of the Consent Agenda from Commissioner Hamilton. Do I hear a second?

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: I'll second.

CHAIR ROYBAL: We have a second from Commissioner Hughes. Anything under discussion? Okay. So I'm going to go to a roll call vote.

**The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] roll call vote.**

[Clerk Clark provided the resolution numbers throughout the meeting.]

**4. MISCELLANEOUS ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Request (1) Approval to Utilize an Outside Contract, Pursuant to Ordinance No. 2012-5, Section 1, for the Lease and Short Term Rental of Heavy Equipment for the Santa Fe County Roads Department, in the Estimated Annual Amount of \$580,000, and (2) Delegation of Authority to the County Manager to Negotiate and Execute All Necessary Lease and Other Agreements and Purchase Order(s)**

CHAIR ROYBAL: From the Purchasing Division we have Mr. Bill Taylor and from the Public Works Department we have Mr. Ryan Ward.

BILL TAYLOR (Purchasing Director): Good afternoon, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Nice to see you in person.

MR. TAYLOR: [microphone was not on] We are asking to utilize that outside price agreement for the long-term and short-term rentals and leases for the heavy equipment for Public Works, and also ask that you delegate authorization to the County Manager to negotiate the rental agreements for those equipments and to sign purchase orders. And with that I'll stand for questions.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Do we have any questions from any of the Commissioners, any of the Board? Okay, what's the pleasure of the Board? Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I would like to move to approve the

Utilities to use outside contractors.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Second.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay, so we have a motion from Commissioner Hansen and a second from Commissioner Hamilton. Anything under discussion? I don't see anybody. Are you sure you don't have any questions? I think Mr. Ward is chomping at the bit to speak. Mr. Ward, did you have anything that you'd like to add?

RYAN WARD (Public Works): Thank you, Mr. Chair, Commission. I don't have anything to add but I know this is critical for Public Works to make sure we can continuously maintain the roads and the infrastructure that we have out there, so this lease agreement is a priority for Public Works, so thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Mr. Ward, and I couldn't agree with you more. The maintenance of our roads is first and foremost in a lot of cases. We all – I know I've called and asked about certain roads and you guys do a great job, so I just want to thank you and your department for everything that you do for our constituents. Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Ryan. So nice to see you in person. I don't think any of us have had the opportunity to meet you before, so welcome to the County and I'm grateful for the really good work that you're doing for our county and all the roads. And I appreciate all the time we've had to be able to visit with you via Zoom.

MR. WARD: Thank you, Commissioner. Thank you, Mr. Chair. It's definitely good to see everybody in person, so this is exciting.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you again, Mr. Ward. So we do have a second. If there's not any additional comments I'm going to go to a roll call vote.

**The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] roll call vote.**

4. B. **Request (1) Approval of Amendment No. 2 to Agreement No. 2019-0201-FD/CW Between Santa Fe County and Shane Therapeutics, LLC, Increasing the Amount of the Compensation an Additional \$136,976 for a Total Contract Sum of \$448,952, Inclusive of NM GRT, and Extending the Term of the Agreement an Additional Year, and (2) Delegation of Signature Authority to the County Manager to Sign the Purchase Order(s)**

CHAIR ROYBAL: From Purchasing, we have Mr. Bill Taylor once again and also if there's any other questions, we have our Safety Department Fire Chief, Ms. Jackie Lindsey.

MR. TAYLOR: Thank you, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. This is an amendment to the agreement that provides a licensed clinical social worker working with the Fire Department for an outreach program for residents in Santa Fe for an opioid overdose survivors program. So the term for the agreement would extend the term for another year and increase the amount of the contract by \$136,976. With that, Mr. Chair, I'll stand for questions.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Do we have any questions? Commissioner

Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair. A small point under public content, the issue and the documentation. It says the agreement is due to expire June 30, 2020. We've passed that, so I'm assuming it's a typo, but just in the official record you might want to change that. Or if it's not a typo, that's cool too.

MR. TAYLOR: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Hamilton, I didn't quite catch all of the question. Is that regarding the termination date of June?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: In the packet materials it says the contract is due to expire in June of 2020 and they want to do another year of service, but June of 2020 was a year ago, so I assume that's a typo. I just wanted to point it out in case it becomes important.

MR. TAYLOR: Mr. Chair, Commissioner, that's correct. It was an error. June 2021.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Yes.

MR. TAYLOR: My apologies.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Great catch, Commissioner Hamilton. Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I just have a quick question, also. Was this on our agenda last time and it was tabled? Is that what happened?

MR. TAYLOR: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Hansen, that's correct.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Okay. I remember reading this and I just wanted to make sure that I was remembering correctly, so thank you. And thank you for that correction. I'm sorry I missed that.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you for that correction and thank you for pointing it out because I was thinking the same thing when you mentioned it. I thought this sounds like a déjà vu, sort of. Commissioner Hughes, did you have anything? Okay. If there's nothing else under discussion, did we get a motion on this item yet? I don't believe we did, so can I entertain a motion? Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I would move to approve this request, amendment #2.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay, so we have a motion.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: I'll second.

CHAIR ROYBAL: We have a motion from Commissioner Hamilton and a second from Commissioner Hughes. I'm going to go to a roll call vote.

**The motion with the correction passed by unanimous [4-0] roll call vote.**

4. C. **Resolution No. 2021-047, a Resolution Requesting an Increase to the GOB 2021 Fund (357) to Budget the Proceeds from the Sale of the 2021 General Obligation Bond in the Amount of \$20,200,000**

CHAIR ROYBAL: From the Finance Division we have Ms. Yvonne Herrera and from the Public Works Department, if there's any other questions, Mr. Gary Giron.

YVONNE HERRERA (Finance Director): Good afternoon, Commissioner

Roybal and Commissioners, I'm here with Director Giron to request approval to budget the \$20 million in 2021 bond that we issued on April 27<sup>th</sup>. In addition to the \$20 million we are requesting \$200,000 to pay for the issuance cost related to the bond sale. And with that, Director Giron and I stand for any questions.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you, Director Herrera. Do we have any questions from the Board? Okay, hearing none, Director Giron, did you have any additional comments to add to what we had from Director Herrera?

GARY GIRON (Public Works Director): Mr. Chair, I just wanted to give you an update. We're already moving to start to mobilize some of these projects and planning. We had a meeting this morning so with all due haste we're going to try and meet our first obligation in October for spending and then continue to move the projects as fast as we can.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Awesome. And thank you guys, both of you, for all your hard work. With that being said, if there's not any other questions, what is the pleasure of the Board? Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I move to approve.

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

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Second.

CHAIR ROYBAL: And a second from Commissioner Hansen. Anything else under discussion? Okay, seeing none we're going to go to a roll call vote.

**The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] roll call vote.**

**4. D. Resolution No. 2021-048, a Resolution Requesting an Increase to the Community Development Block Grant Fund (250) and the General Fund (101) to Budget a CDBG Grant and Corresponding Joint Powers Agreement in the Amount of \$1,797,227**

CHAIR ROYBAL: Once again, we have our Director from the Finance Division, Ms. Yvonne Herrera, and from Growth Management, if there's any questions, we have Mr. Paul Olafson.

MS. HERRERA: I'm going to camp out here for a little bit, Chair Roybal. We have – the County received \$750,000 in CDBG grant on October 22, 2020 for the Glorieta – to drill a well in the Glorieta area. In addition to that, the Greater Glorieta Community Regional Mutual Domestic Water Consumers and Sewer Works Association – it's a very long name – is contributing – they received \$260,000 in grants from the State and \$787,227 from the Water Trust Board for the project. We are here to request approval to budget the funds so that the project can move forward. And with that, Mr. Olafson and I stand for any questions.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Director Herrera. Mr. Olafson, did you have any additional information to add?

PAUL OLAFSON (Growth Management): Mr. Chair, no. We're excited to move forward with the project.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Awesome. Great to hear that. Any other questions from the Board? Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: No, but I really appreciate this. This is, I think, one of the last steps to get this project through. It's really very valuable and it's nice to see the CDBG money being used for some really important community projects. So I would like to move to approve.

CHAIR ROYBAL: I couldn't agree with you more. So we have a motion from Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: And I'll second.

CHAIR ROYBAL: We have a second from Commissioner Hughes. Anything else under discussion, comments? Okay. Great job, you guys. We have a motion from Commissioner Hamilton and a second from Commissioner Hughes. I'm going to go to a roll call vote.

**The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] roll call vote.**

**4. E. Resolution 2021-049, a Resolution Ratifying the County Manager's Approval of the Agreement from the Treasury Department Accepting 2021 American Rescue Plan for Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds**

CHAIR ROYBAL: From the Finance Department we have Ms. Yvonne Herrera.

MS. HERRERA: Yes, Chair Roybal. This is the last resolution I have for you today. As we know, we've been talking about the funds from what's known as the ARPA, American Rescue Plan. According to the website, the funds are to provide a substantial infusion of resources to help turn the tide in the pandemic, address its economic fallout and lay the foundation for a strong and equitable recovery.

On May 21<sup>st</sup> County Manager Miller signed the terms and conditions of the award and we are requesting that the Board ratify her acceptance of that award, which was \$29,205,279. And with that I stand for any questions.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you, Director Herrera. Any questions? Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: No questions. Thank you, Yvonne and thank you, Manager Miller, and thank you, President Biden for this relief package. I think that it's really important for counties to be able to determine how to use the money. And I also want to recognize Congress for making a local distribution to counties and cities throughout the United States because it is really important that we be able to decide how to spend that money for our constituents and so I really appreciate us receiving that money. And with that, I move to approve.

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

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Yes. I'd like to second.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay, we have a motion and a second. Under discussion, Commissioner Hamilton.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I just wanted to add my voice to what Commissioner Hansen said and some additional thanks to all our County staff and

especially Manager Miller for the incredible effort it took to get this, to jump through the hoops and do the incredible effort to bring this in so that we can do something good for the county and our constituents with it. So thank you very much for that.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hamilton, and I couldn't agree more. I think this is going to give the County a lot of strength to be able to provide extra services to our constituents and really help constituents who are in difficult situations. So thank you. So anything else under discussion? Commissioner Hughes. Okay, so I'm going to go to a roll call vote.

**The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] roll call vote.**

**5. PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Presentation on Santa Fe County Lodgers' Tax**

CHAIR ROYBAL: Sunny 505, David Hayduk, and County Manager's Office, Lisa Katonak. Manager Miller, will they be presenting or should we move on to our next item and come back to that one?

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, they're going to present virtually, but I'm not sure what the delay is.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. No worries. We can hang tight for a moment.

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, this is to test the system to see if it actually works with a virtual presentation to you while you're live.

DAVID HAYDUK: I'm here, Mr. Chair.

LISA KATONAK (County Manager's Office): Hello. Can you hear us?

TESSA JO MASCARENAS (County Manager's Office): I can hear you via Webex but there's some disconnect in the chambers. Please give us one moment.

MR. HAYDUK: Looks like we're the test case. I wonder how our power point is going to work.

MS. MASCARENAS: Just a reminder that the Webex is being broadcast.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Mr. Chair, we don't have it on screen.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: There we go. Here we are.

MS. KATONAK: Good afternoon, Commissioners, Lisa Katonak, Marketing Coordinator for the Santa Fe County Manager's Office. I hope you can hear me okay. With me today I have Mr. Dave Hayduk, of Sunny 505 and we are going to be presenting on the Santa Fe County lodgers tax program. And with the assistance of Daniel Fresquez he will be assisting me with the slides.

The following are items that we'll be covering this afternoon in our update, including our lodgers tax performance, the media strategy update, our exciting travel itineraries, and the travel outlook for Santa Fe County.

Momentarily, we're having some issues. Dave Hayduk if you can unmute.

MR. HAYDUK: All right. Very good. Good afternoon, Mr. Chair and Commissioners. Let me give you a brief update from the New Mexico Tourism Department. Things have been moving quickly the last couple of weeks. When we created this presentation for you Santa Fe County was listed at the best rating possible in the state's red and green framework; we're at turquoise. So now I'm happy to say as of

today, we're fully back open, so that turquoise designation is behind us. And thanks the state's vaccination success and continued commitment from New Mexicans and Santa Fe County residents to suppress the spread of COVID-19, the New Mexico Tourism Department is able to officially restart travel promotion. The Department aims to restart its tourism advertising and drive and national fly markets by the end of this month. The Tourism Department will be launching an in-state campaign to encourage residents to travel the state and do it safely. As a matter of fact I was watching the PGA golf tournament on Sunday and saw one of the state's ads already starting to be aired in our market. So the good news is – the really good news is – the Department has \$17 million to restore and revitalize New Mexico's Tourism economy.

This is I feel one of the most important ones. I want you all to take a look at it. It's about our strategy. How do we get travelers to book a trip to Santa Fe County? This funnel is our planning funnel that helps us determine how we move forward. So the New Mexico, Tourism Department with their roughly \$13 million, they're out there driving the inspiration across America, inviting people to understand and create awareness for New Mexico. And as they get people inspired to travel to New Mexico, we create awareness right behind them when we go to travelers when they decide, I want to come to New Mexico. Our advertising then says, all right. When you're ready to book a trip to New Mexico, book it to Santa Fe County. That's what our advertising helps and motivates them to make that decision to come to Santa Fe County.

And then the third part of that conversion funnel is the booking. Once that traveler says I live New Mexico. I love Santa Fe County, now they're ready to book and that's where they get with our lodgers and our restaurants that are assets and start to make their trip final.

When the New Mexico Tourism Department unveiled the refresh of the New Mexico True brand, as we prepare to revitalize the economy, the logo refresh improves the legibility, offers more flexible usage across channels, but also ensures we retain a fresh and unique voice for New Mexico True. We're staying ahead of our competition and we're on the cutting edge of creative execution and dynamic storytelling. Because the True brand is really about that; it's about telling a story. It's about the emotion. It's about adventure steeped in culture.

So the Department this year, coming up for the FY22 program is going to infuse \$6 million into the co-op program. So Lisa and our firm are actively working right now in the process of choosing all the media selects, which will be due June 1<sup>st</sup>.

MS. KATONAK: Thank you so much, Dave. Our lodgers tax performance has been positive year after year, and we attribute it to being a community partner of New Mexico True, since fiscal year 2016. Leveraging the power of a unified voice as well as our media strategy and implementation, which has provided us with great results. Our fiscal year 2020 was seeing some great increases in growth by 12 percent before the COVID pandemic hit.

So here is a slide of our Rocky Mountain Lodgers Report that we get on a monthly basis. This is the report for the month of March. The report shows that Santa Fe County lodging properties are doing well as they move forward in recovery efforts with 48.6 percent occupancy in the periphery, and this is being in March, with increases in RPAR, or revenue per available room, and our ADR increases, which is our average daily

rate. We are also hearing from our lodging partners that demand is up, so that is a very good positive note for us.

MR. HAYDUK: Here are the things that we've been doing during the pandemic, and we've been busy. I must say very busy. The Department of Tourism has initiated a number of recovery programs that we've been able to take advantage of – a video photo shoot that showed COVID-safe practices, Google, where everybody know is going to the Google and asking Google, where do I go? What do I see? What do I do? So we worked with the Department on upgrading all our Google 360, photosphere, street view and virtual tours, as well as our social media best practices were audited by the Department and gave us even a better digital footprint. The other nice thing is is the *New Mexico* magazine did two great stories on Santa Fe County that we helped write and direct them on. It's been a total of about \$51,496 that the Department has awarded Santa Fe County as part of the recovery program.

The other great thing we'll talk about in a little bit as well is we've taken this time to take a look at our website, redesign it, upgrade it with great enhancements, and I'd really like to see all of you take a look at [santafenmtrue.com](http://santafenmtrue.com). Take a look at our new site. It's a great showcase of all the assets, the businesses, the lodges, the restaurants, that we have in Santa Fe County. And we know that we're positioned right now to reignite demand, kick-start our revitalization efforts by bringing travelers back to Santa Fe in a safe and sustainable way. So people are ready to travel and Santa Fe County is now ready to welcome folks back.

This is a little bit of our strategy. These are the things that we've been taking a look at and we know are important in our marketing mix. We continue with the print presence. Our digital campaign gives us an opportunity to really target those that love what we love in Santa Fe County. So we're able to put messaging out in the geographical areas that are target markets, as well as serve them up messages that resonate with them. I hope you've all seen the Santa Fe County visitor's guide. It's a great piece and we still use that to distribute throughout the state and throughout our drive markets so people who still want something in their hands to take with them have the opportunity to use this and explore Santa Fe County.

Our public relations is still a strong part of our mix as you can see on the right. Some of the successes with our PR program. We also use e-newsletters and insider blogs, because people are rich in wanting content. They want to know what can I do in Santa Fe County when I get there. So our newsletter offers them up great ideas of things they can do and see while they're in Santa Fe County. And as Lisa mentioned earlier, our social media is also a strong part of the mix with Facebook and Instagram, and as I mentioned just a couple seconds ago, our new website at [santafenmtrue.com](http://santafenmtrue.com), because that's where we send everybody, because that's where they're going to see videos. They're going to see great photography and it's going to inspire them to book that trip.

MS. KATONAK: Thank you, Dave. So in regard to social media, we utilized social media effectively during the pandemic to stay in touch with our followers of Santa Fe County tourism, sharing social media content and stories that inspire. Stories like this image and post shared from El Rancho de las Golondrinas, which is a living history museum in La Cienega. It's a lot of fun for families to enjoy and learn about the history of New Mexico. El Rancho de las Golondrinas is also a great partner and a

tourism asset for Santa Fe County.

They say an image is worth a thousand words, and on Instagram it is all about the great images that are posted and shared to inspire. And this slide showcases an Instagram post of the beautiful blossoming trees in Madrid during springtime. This is one of the most viewed and liked posts. With Instagram Santa Fe County has had an average engagement of ten percent each year which outperforms the industry standard.

MR. HAYDUK: These – I'd like to show you now – we know that travelers are looking for things to do when they come to Santa Fe County, so we've created five great day trip itineraries. Number one is Pathways through Paradise that features Lamy, Galisteo Basin Reserve, and Pecos National Historic Park. The other ones were Traditions Run Deep, that features Chimayo, Nambe, and the cuisine of northern Santa Fe County. Trails through Time: Diablo Canyon, Tsankawi and Bandelier. We know people are always looking for these great trails and things to see and do and this gives an opportunity for them to take a great day trip. Exploring the Turquoise Trail is another that highlights scenic byway Highway 14 – Madrid, Cerrillos, the living history museum of Rancho de las Golondrinas, and the petroglyphs of La Cienega.

What's great about our itineraries is we're able to use these in a virtual FAM tour at the end of October where we invited press and writers to take a trip virtually through these five great day trips. We had videos that supported all of them and we were able to get writers interested in writing more stories about those great assets that we have in Santa Fe County.

All right. This is a look at the homepage. This is just one of the many images that you'll see on the homepage of our new [santafenmtrue.com](http://santafenmtrue.com) website. You can see up in the upper right we feature drop-downs for lodging, dining, links of future events, because events is one of the top four reasons why people travel. There's the day trips that I mentioned that are on the site as well. And if you're a visitor or traveler wanting more information, download the visitor's guide that provides them the opportunity there. And also our blog. As I mentioned earlier, we do e-newsletters and we invite people through the e-newsletter to come to the site and read more about the story in our blogs.

All our lodgers, restaurants, other assets, our great events, are listed on the website and encourage all of our travelers to make a visit to Santa Fe County.

This is just a snapshot of some of the interior lodging on the left, cuisine in the middle, and day trips on the right.

MS. KATONAK: The New Mexico Tourism Department [audio difficulties] We can get there again with hard work and determination. Santa Fe County is also on the road to recovery. Most national indicators show [inaudible] Last month, the New Mexico Tourism Department shared some data points with our New Mexico True partners. Domestic travel activity is already on the rise and is expected to improve considerably this summer. American travelers are reporting increased interest in outdoor activity and uncrowded spaces and that is perfectly aligned with Santa Fe County and what we have to offer visitors.

So in conclusion, Commissioners, we have spent the last year working on fine-tuning our creative tools in our toolbox, working on digital optimization and receiving tourism industry technical assistance from the Tourism Department. We are well positioned to reignite demand and jump-start our revitalization efforts. The people are

ready to travel and we are ready to have travelers choose Santa Fe County for their next vacation adventure. I'll stand for questions.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Great presentation. Thank you, Lisa, actually, and thank you, Mr. David Hayduk. Do we have any questions from the Board? Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Lisa. Thank you, David, and Vera and Joanie. I'm really sorry that I don't get to see all of you in person but the presentation was great. I read it over. I'm grateful for everything that you're doing to promote Santa Fe County and make people aware of what a great place it is to come and visit. So thank you for that.

MR. HAYDUK: You're welcome.

MS. KATONAK: Thank you so much, Commissioner Hansen, and happy birthday to you.

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

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'll echo what Commissioner Hansen said. It's nice to see a report that has some good news in it. The increase in travel and tourism and I think Santa Fe County is going to be a great attraction for people looking for a safe place to visit this summer. So thank you for all your work making sure people know that we're here.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen and Commissioner Hughes. Commissioner Hamilton, did you have anything to add?

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: No thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you. Once again, thank you for the great presentation and the hard work in making sure that we stay engaged through social media with all the tourists and letting them know what's going on. We really appreciate that. So thanks again for the presentation.

## **6. MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN**

CHAIR ROYBAL: Is there anybody from the public that would like to address the Commission? Tessa Jo, has anybody signed up to address the Commission?

MS. MASCARENAS: Yes, Mr. Chair. The first person that signed up to speak in public comment is Mr. Michael Barrio from the Housing Action Coalition.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Go ahead, Michael.

MICHAEL BARRIO: Hi. Can you hear me? Good afternoon, Mr. Chair and members of the Board. My name is Michael Barrio. And I serve as the executive director of Santa Fe Hearts in Action Coalition. I'm here today to stress the importance of addressing the affordable housing crisis that Santa Fe is experiencing. What we know is that in 2018 about 9,700 families in Santa Fe were paying unaffordable rents or mortgages, and about 77 percent of renters earning less than \$50,000 a year were paying unaffordable rents. In addition to that, census rolls indicate that between 2016 and 2018 that the city lost over 600 low-income families to unaffordable housing rates, and that was all before the pandemic hit.

We also know the Santa Fe median home sales prices set a record of over

\$535,000, a 20 percent increase from the same quarter in 2019 and county estimates show that roughly 65 percent of Santa Feans wouldn't be able to buy a home today based on their income. So I think the message is clear. The time for action is now. Establishing an affordable housing trust fund within County government just makes sense. Housing trust funds not only provide for a range of uses such as the acquisition of existing housing stock, new construction, rehabilitation, emergency repairs, housing related services, adaptive re-use, and in some cases they may also make dollars available for rental assistance, including emergency assistance related to COVID stuff.

As you know, the City of Santa Fe has established an affordable housing trust fund and has recently committed to funding that at a minimum of \$3 million per year to help our communities adequately address the housing crisis in our backyard. And as you know, housing trust fund investments lead to broad prosperity, massive economic activity, job creation, immediate and long-term GRT creation, decades of housing and economic stability, and additional disposable income for residents. And because affordable housing trust funds are funded locally its uses are flexible and able to respond to emerging needs.

Trust fund expenditures directly support the capacity of local non-profit housing partners which is really important in creating a services delivery infrastructure that's highly effective and poised to scale work with more resources. We also know that more local funding lessens reliance on federal funding, simplifying reporting burdens, reducing compliance processes and lowering the risk of recapture. In turn, the County can focus its federal grants where they are most efficiently and appropriately used. So again, creating an affordable housing trust fund at the County level is an important step to adequately and substantively address our shared housing crisis. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Mr. Barrio. We appreciate the information. Tessa Jo, was there anybody else that had signed up for public comment?

MS. MASCARENAS: Mr. Chair, our next speaker is Edward Archuleta from St. Elizabeth's Shelter.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you, and I just want to reiterate that if you could speak up a little bit louder that would really help out to our speakers on public record today.

EDWARD ARCHULETA: Okay, thank you, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. My name is Edward Archuleta, and I'm the director of St. Elizabeth's Shelter in support of housing here in Santa Fe. I too am speaking on item 8. C, which is the resolution updating the Santa Fe County affordable housing plan. I would like to begin my thanking Commissioners Hughes and Hamilton for introducing this important resolution. As we all know, the lack of affordable housing in the City and County of Santa Fe is a huge problem. Too many of our working class residents have to commute from miles away because they cannot afford to live here, and many of those who can afford to live here are paying upwards of half their income on rent.

Then there's the homeless. St. E's recently took over the Santa Fe Suites, a 120-unit apartment complex at St. Francis and Zia. Rents there start at \$850 a month, which is considered affordable in Santa Fe. We were surprised at the number of people when we opened up who could afford that who had been living in their cars or couches at friend's and families' homes because everything was much higher. Many of the units are

government subsidized which the only way most of the folks can afford to live there. We need more subsidized housing for our low income and homeless residents.

I know it's going to take a while to solve the problem of affordable housing in Santa Fe but this resolution is a great start for Santa Fe County and I strongly support you adopt this resolution. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Mr. Archuleta. Can we have our next speaker, Tessa?

MS. MASCARENAS: Mr. Chair, our last speaker is Mr. William Mee.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Mr. Mee, go ahead, sir.

WILLIAM MEE: I'm William Mee from Agua Fria Village, 2073 Camino Samuel Montoya. And happy birthday, Commissioner Hansen. I really have been kind of holding off talking to the Commission, but I felt that I really needed to give pre-emptive comments today. And I've never given a pre-emptive comment to the Commission before but a lot of groups that I'm involved with are pretty frustrated with the recent actions of the City of Santa Fe across almost every sector of municipal government. Many say election is coming up in November and that is the recourse for a lot of things, but I think that there could be a lot of damage done if we wait till November.

Of course, like we've written from like the Santa Fe River Traditional Communities Collaborative on the City of Santa Fe pipeline. Also, we've written from the Santa Fe Basin Water Association on that. The Santa Fe Gateway Alliance, the Santa Fe Neighborhood Network – they're all very concerned about this rash of housing that's being put in and I know we just listened to the affordable housing people, but none of this housing is actually affordable. A lot of it is – they call it market rate and they're saying \$1850 a month. So that's not in the affordable range.

And there's a lot of issues connected to the 2012 annexation. People in the annexed areas are still not getting complete services. There's so many problems that are there and I know it's been difficult with COVID-19 with meet with the City Council or the Mayor, so maybe this is why things aren't getting done. But I would just encourage the County Commissioners to keep their eyes and ears open and maybe help facilitate City-County cooperation, because there's a lot of upset people that are going to be coming forward and maybe forming one umbrella organization to really take the City to task on its many, many failures. And that's what I wanted to kind of warn you about that's coming down the pike. Thank you for your time. I hope you don't think I'm a crackpot because I bring up the subject. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Mr. Mee. We appreciate your being here today. Tessa Jo, did we have anybody else or was that all that had signed up for public comment?

MS. MASCARENAS: We have one person that has requested through chat, Mr. Eric Chavez.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Tessa Jo. Mr. Chavez is here from Senator Lujan's office to talk to us about some funding opportunities. Thank you for being here, Mr. Chavez.

ERIC CHAVEZ: Hi, there, Mr. Chair, members of the Commission. Thank you very much for the opportunity to speak with you today and I hope this is a time where I can answer any questions as well. I wanted to reach out to the Commission

and also any of our non-profits that are here with us today and public entities about an opportunity that the United States Senate Appropriations Committee has opened up, referring to our newly announced congressionally directed spending requests, and also our programmatic spending requests. These used to be known as congressional earmarks several years ago.

Recently the Senate and the House have decided to open these up. The Senate is doing these on their own way separate from the House version, and so I'll be primarily speaking to how our office is conducting this. We are accepting any requests for funding for any community local projects or regional projects that maybe in the works or may be "shovel-ready" if you will, for lack of a better term, or something that you're working on locally that will have a community impact in the area.

The deadline for this, our office specifically for these requests is May 31<sup>st</sup> for deadline submission and you can visit Senator Lujan's website at [lujan.senate.gov/congressional-spending-requests-form](http://lujan.senate.gov/congressional-spending-requests-form) to view the Appropriations form. This form will ask you a series of questions related to your organization and to the project. It will ask you if you've had any prior federal funding. If you do, feel free to include that, and if not, it's all right to put NA on the form.

The questions we'll ask you for kind of the problem narrative, the justification and description and purpose of the activities to be funded, your project goals and results, and the economic impact or community impact this will have. If there's additional funding sources feel free to list those. We have also been asking for letters of support from any community groups to show that the project has that community support as well. Those aren't necessarily needed; they will help us understand a little bit more on who you're working with in the community on these project. I know my time's running out and I am open to talk to the Commission or any non-profit community members about this and happy to share the information.

CHAIR ROYBAL: You don't have to stop with the timer, Mr. Chavez. You can continue.

MR. CHAVEZ: I think my time's run out.

CHAIR ROYBAL: No, you can continue. This is an update to the County as far as a federal update or as far as legislation. So we definitely want to give you more time if you'd like more time to speak.

MR. CHAVEZ: Thank you, Mr. Chair, and the Commission. I'd happy to speak further on it. Basically, the congressional record spending is for any type of project you may be working on in the county and locally. For a public entity and/or for a non-profit, these requests are available for submission. Now, say, for example, if you were – or have applied for a former federal grant and you did not receive that grant, this may be an opportunity to resubmit what that project was going to entail. If it was an infrastructure project or if it was a community type of development project this could be an opportunity for you to resubmit that and indicate also to the possible grant that that may be tied to and how it will benefit the community and/or region if you're working with others on this.

Now, when it comes to kind of the finishings of what a programmatic and a community directed spending request is, let me kind of give you a little bit of background on that. So a programmatic or report language request is defined as a requests that are

generally funding requests for national and regional programs and/or bill and language reports or requests that directs, encourages and or urges an agency or a department to carry out an action, which is a congressionally directed spending request. According to the Senate rules, a congressionally directed spending request is a provision included primarily at the request of a Senator providing, authorizing or recommending a specific amount of discretionary budget authority, credit authority, or other spending authority for a contract, loan, loan guarantee, grant, loan authority or other expenditure with, or to an entity, or targeted to a specific State, location or congressional district other than through a statutory or administrative formula-driven or competitive award process.

Generally speaking, this is funding requested for a specific project in a specific location. Not all subcommittees will be accepting requests for congressionally directed spending and there are nine committees that will accept these and some eligible agencies and accounts there within individual committees. Committees therein of that nine are the Agricultural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and the related agencies, Commerce, Justice, Science and related agencies, Energy and Water Development, Financial Services in general government, the Department of Homeland Security, Department of Interior, Environment and related agencies, Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and related agencies, Military, Construction, Veterans' Affairs and related agencies, Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and related agencies there within.

I have shared a document with the Commission, or emailed I should say, with links to our webpage that will direct you to each of the form for the congressionally directed spending and for the programmatic. You'll be able to also click on a link that will direct you to the Appropriations request, general guidance, a two-page document, which also has hyper-links to each agency and when you click on one of those hyper-links it will direct you to the United States Senate Committee for that specific hyper-link and it will list the agencies and accounts that may be associated with possible funding opportunities.

And I must say that when you do apply for these, there is of course no guarantee that the project will be considered, but we definitely want it to be an opportunity for you to submit your needs for any projects that you are working on or need additional funding for. Some of the projects may require a cost match associated with it on the agency funding and availability for said opportunity. As that gets further on more guidance will be released on that. We are doing our best to vet those before additional deadlines that were set up by the committee. And so our office, as mentioned for the set May 31<sup>st</sup> deadline so that we can view and take a look at each of the requests from across the state and see how we can submit those to the appropriate committee or work with you all on where that request may need to go. On the form it does indicate which type of committee or agency you're requesting it from and hypothetically if you can submit something for, say, [inaudible] water, is was maybe for – needed to be falling under the category of Transportation or Housing and Urban development, and we would work with you to make sure that this navigated to the appropriate agency so we can fine-tune that request for you.

With that though I will be open to any questions about it that I may be able to answer. I am happy to match the Commission and County Manager with somebody from

our DC office to go over it a little bit more in depth as well.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Chavez for the update.

MR. CHAVEZ: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: We appreciate it and please extend our gratitude and appreciation to Senator Lujan. Do we have any questions from the Board on this update? I know that everybody, as soon as we look through the email a little closer we're probably going to have several questions, but Manager Miller, did you have any questions?

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commission, we've been working with individuals in the Senator's office on projects that are shovel-ready to submit. We had actually prepared applications and then the application changed, so we got notice last week that it was a different application form and a different deadline of May 31<sup>st</sup>. So we will be submitting requests that tie with projects that we have that are shovel-ready and can move forward.

One that's really needed, because we've put \$11, \$12 million into it but we still need to close the gap of funding and that's the Eldorado-Cañoncito line. The Agua Fria sewer system, our issue there is whether it's shovel-ready enough. Pojoaque ball field lighting project and we had put in for the housing on the House Appropriations side and that's one that we did make a cut for. So we're looking – all of these have to be, any of the earmarks have to work with an existing federal funding program, so we're making sure that anything that we do submit would qualify through one of the existing programs.

So I just want to assure the Board we are paying close attention to this and are working on applications to submit to the Senator's office.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Great. Thank you, Manager Miller. I'm glad to see that we're on top of that and I just again want to thank you, Mr. Chavez, for being here today and please extend our gratitude to the Senator as well. Thank you, sir.

MR. CHAVEZ: Thank you, again, Mr. Chair, members of the Commission, and County Manager Miller. If I may ask one last thing, Commissioner. For County Manager Miller, if you could please feel to reach out to me and flag those for me so I can, on my end as well, to let our team know what you're working on. And as you're submitting multiple requests, please list the priorities for those to help us better understand what's at the top of the list and then those that fall under as well too, so that we have an understanding of what's more urgent or necessary to get within a timeframe or timeframes that you're working on, and it will just help us to work with you.

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, and Mr. Chavez, thank you very much. We definitely will do that. I know that one of our staff has been talking to Nicolas Maestas in the Albuquerque office, so I will make sure that they get in contact with you as well.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Great. Thank you. Thanks again for being here, Mr. Chavez. We appreciate it. I'm going to ask Tessa, do we have anybody else from the public that would like to address the Commission?

MS. MASCARENAS: No, sir. That was the last person to sign up.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay, if there's anybody else that would like to address the Commission you can unmute yourself and state your name for the record, and if you're a call-in user you can hit star 6 to unmute yourself and just state your name for

the record. Okay, once again, is there anybody else that would like to address the Commission? Okay, with that I'm going to go ahead and close Matters of Public Concern.

**7. MATTERS FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER**

**A. COVID-19 Updates**

MANAGER MILLER: Yes, Mr. Chair, Commissioners. First of all, COVID updates. We have – we are still hanging in there. Santa Fe County is still hanging in there in the turquoise, allowing for continued opening of retail and restaurant establishments. As of last week, Santa Fe was one of the top ten cities with the highest vaccination rate in the country, and current statistics for Santa Fe County include the following: the percent of residents partially vaccinated is 72.2 percent, and the percent of residents fully vaccinated is 60.6 percent. And then for New Mexico, the rates are 63.8 percent are partially vaccinated and 53.4 percent of residents are fully vaccinated.

Also, vaccinations, the Santa Fe County staff are part of a vaccination liaison group. They meet weekly to discuss strategies for moving forward. We had two booster events with vaccinations open to the public in Edgewood and Santa Fe, and then we're now looking at doing pop-up events in vulnerable areas of the county and shots for the homebound and we're assisting La Familia at the Nancy Rodriguez Center. They continue to have vaccination clinics there and we are also using our mobile health van in various locations.

Also today, there is a vaccination with I believe it's Walgreen's at the detention facility for inmates as well as staff. And I'll let you know how that goes, how many take advantage of that opportunity at the jail.

Then our public awareness campaign continues with Community Services Department. They've been producing radio PSAs, little 15-second radio PSA's, social media posts, billboards, posters and other materials to assist staff and the general public regarding vaccination opportunities, and to address vaccination hesitancy issues.

Then with our seniors, we are still working with the state on a plan to reopen our senior centers. We're waiting for more clear guidance from the state. We do have to coordinate any of the opening of the centers for congregate meals with the state triple A, so we want to make sure that we do that properly, but last week we did still deliver a total of 2,762 meals and also a total of 140 Food Depot bags were delivered and those are bags with canned food and non-perishables, and then fresh produce bags were also delivered to seniors. And then we continue with about seven trips per day for high risk medical appointment transportation.

Then with CONNECT, to date we have 3,362 self-initiated assistance requests have been submitted through our CONNECT hub or CONNECT portal and we have distributed over 26,000 grocery boxes and 5,700 that have been delivered to homebound individuals. And then also we are still working with the union to update our mask policy. We are in negotiations with AFSCME Blue Collar to modify the mask policy for those who have been vaccinated.

That's all I have on COVID updates. I have a couple of other updates.

**7. C. Miscellaneous Updates**

MANAGER MILLER: Actually, I think I'll go to an update, if there aren't any questions on that I will go to an update on the Land Development Code and changes that would be needed really to recreational cannabis. So as you know, the legislature and governor signed – the legislature passed laws that allow for the use of recreational cannabis and the governor signed that into law. That means that regulation of those sites would fall to the local governments and County staff in the Growth Management Department as well as Legal have been looking at those areas of the code that we would need to address, and those regulations would include things such as growing, sale, manufacturing of recreational cannabis that we would need to address our code to address that.

The team recommends an amendment to Section 10.22 of our code to address zoning districts where recreational cannabis can be distributed, cultivated, manufactured, tested and consumed. Also, they look at the density of different types of licenses to include the distance between retail establishments and possibly other licenses, including growers, manufacturers and labs. They also need to address where consumption areas may be located, and design standards such as setbacks for outside areas or requirement for inside consumption, operating times for distribution, setting minimum distance between a cannabis location and a school or daycare up to a maximum of 300 feet, possible maximum size of businesses, and other code sections that could be applicable to each type of license.

So there are regulations that are currently being written by the state and they may not be available till September 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. They have not established their cannabis control division yet. They hope to have that done, at least the message, by July 2021. It's not exactly clear how the state will regulate private growing and whether a license will be required. It's also not clear right now how the State Engineer would regulate the use of domestic wells. The bill does indicated that a domestic well could not be used for a commercial operation and water rights would be required.

Our staff has contacted OSE and those staff at OSE have indicated they don't quite have direction yet or a policy of regulation to direct them at this point. Just know that transfer of water rights can be a very lengthy process. Also the bill does state that if water supplies through a community system that system must confirm that the use of water for growing of recreational cannabis is allowed by their rules. The County Utility will likely want to address this issue and I think we do have some medical cannabis growers that currently use the County Utility system.

So the bill sets a date of September 1, 2021 for the regulations to be complete at the state level and then October 2021 for grower's licenses to be issued. And then a deadline of January 1, 2022 for manufacturing licenses, and April 1, 2022 for dispenser licenses. So these deadlines will mean that the County staff will need to propose amendments to the SLDC to the Board fairly quickly and we might even be working with parallel with the state and their regulations as we draft our ordinance and their drafting their regulations.

But I just wanted to let the Board know, staff is reviewing the bill to fully

understand what the limits are on the County's ability to regulate each area. They're gathering information from the entities in other states that already allow recreational cannabis and we have made contact with New Mexico Counties, the State Engineer, the State Regulation and Licensing to try to gain information about regulations and what other counties are proposing and how the water rights portion will work, and staff's being weekly and will present options to me and then we'll bring that to the Board to look at how we might draft those regulations. Then we would have to go through the process of requesting authorization to publish title and general summary, and have that public hearing at the Planning Commission and then the BCC. And then after the Board adopts any regulations it's another 30 days after recordation before they go into effect.

And one other piece, I just want to note for the Board that we do have 13 different community districts and each one of those community districts has their own overlay and we might have some discussions with those communities looking at amending their overlay districts after the countywide amendment. So I just wanted to give the Board an update because I know it's been in the news about other local governments and their regulation and I just wanted to let the Board know where we stand and what will be coming to you over the next several months relative to regulations and our code.

And I would stand for any questions on that.

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

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. The Taos County Chair was kind enough to share with me something prepared by the Drug Policy Alliance and so I would like – I will have Sara forward this to everyone and to the County Manager. But one of the things they suggested was they had Emily Kaltenbach from the New Mexico Drug Policy Alliance come and she came and talked to their board in Taos. She seems to be really familiar. But this was prepared in May and it looks like it's at least a 10-page document so I will be happy to forward that along to everybody.

And then they also suggested they were going to invite Superintendent Linda Trujillo to talk to them. She might be right in the middle of writing these rules so I don't know where she stands on that. I haven't reached out to her. But I will definitely forward this document because as Manager Miller has stated, this is something that we are going to have to deal with and move forward with. So I appreciate your update, Manager Miller, on this important topic. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen. Any other questions from the Board? Comments? Thank you for that presentation, Manager Miller.

MANAGER MILLER: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

## **7. B. Citizens Survey Report**

MANAGER MILLER: And then I have just one last thing for that Board, and that is in your packet we included a copy of the National Community Survey for Santa Fe County. This is the Community Livability Report for 2020. There are six or seven different attachments in the Board packet. Obviously, if you would like a hard copy of these we could provide that to you but it's a lot of printing if you're not interested in having a hard copy of all of them.

What it gives you is the actual responses from the survey and it was done earlier this year and gives you where we compared to benchmarks which are communities of a similar size. I did ask for some additional evaluation and analysis related to not just communities of a similar size but I think of a similar budget, ones that they're doing but also kind of just in the Southwest in kind of a large government that covers an area like 2,000 square miles and has a fairly central urban area but then a lot of rural area, if they have some that they could pull that are more like that and particularly in the Southwest.

But just a quick overview of the results. Community members see improvement in the economy also see it as an area of opportunity. The positives are that Santa Fe County as a place to visit rated as outstanding and higher than the national average. More than half of the respondents positively rated overall quality of business and service establishments with a 20 percent improvement from the last survey we did about – I think it was about three years ago. Improvements were observed in overall economic health, economic development and Santa Fe County as a place to work.

Other areas of improvement – housing costs are areas where we could improve housing cost stress, which is a concern. In the last survey COVID-19 has respondents concerns that the economy would have an impact on their incomes. Residents enjoy the county's natural environment and outdoor amenities with the following qualities considered as essential or very important, that is natural environment, air quality, available paths on walking trails, open space, preservation of natural areas.

Health and wellness are community priorities and an area of focus for the County. Ratings were below average. I think that's predominantly access to health services. Half of the respondents gave favorable reviews to overall health and wellness opportunities. A third or fewer gave positive marks in the availability of healthcare, preventative health services and mental healthcare.

What's seen as areas of opportunity with local governance and leadership are improvements from last survey, even amid COVID-19 pandemic. A value of services for taxes paid and overall confidence in County government also increased from our last survey. There were more positive scores for leadership generally acting in the best interest of the community, being honest, and treating all residents fairly.

We had, as you know, open-ended questions and I gave the Board during our strategic planning a little bit of an update of what came out of that, and that was what are the three most important services. The question was what do you think are the three most important services provided by Santa Fe County? And that was 61 percent public safety – police, fire or some other safety-related service. Twenty-eight percent said road maintenance or repair. Twenty percent land use development or waste management. Seventeen percent said healthcare services, hospitals or food. Eleven percent, government and taxes, communication, trust, business/economic development, jobs, water/air quality. Nine percent conservation, environmental sustainability, energy efficiency. And then five percent, housing or homelessness.

And then trends over time, overall our ratings generally remain stable. Of 119 rated items, 60 were stable, 31 decreased and 28 increased. Areas of significant decrease: quality of new development, police/sheriff services, ambulance, EMS, cleanliness and opportunities to participate in community matters.

And then areas of notable improvement: governance, economy, parks and

recreation, education, arts and culture.

So, as I said, there's kind of an executive summary there and then it goes into all of the different areas of quality of life, quality of livability, governance, economy, mobility, community design, utilities, parks/recreation, natural environment, safety, and then it's broken down – oh, inclusivity and engagement, education, arts and culture, health and wellness. And then they're broken down a variety of different ways. Comparisons by demographic subgroups, the open-ended report. Then we also had a separate online results which is not a random sampling but that was anybody who tries to go online and responded, so you can look at the online survey results versus the mail-in survey results and you can see the differences there. And then there's some technical appendices and then there are trends over time.

So I just wanted to let the Board know that those survey results are available for your review and they are in the packet.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Manager Miller. Did we have any questions or comments to that report? Just thank you for enlightening us. Commissioner Hughes.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Thank you, Mr. Chair. This is somewhat related to the survey, but I was just wondering – we worked on a strategic plan and I haven't heard much about it lately. I just wondered when we were going to get back to doing our strategic plan and finishing it off.

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Hughes, we are trying to hire a person to actually be in charge of the strategic plan. I thought we had somebody but they took another position so we're going to have to go back to square one, unfortunately. It was disappointing because they took a position that was right next to their house, so can't beat that. So my goal had been to have that person on board so that when we go back to the sessions that there's somebody who's responsible for handling that project, and I had hoped it would be like in the next week or two but I know need to see if I can find somebody else who is interested in that position.

So I'd like to say tomorrow but I don't have enough staff to do it and I'm not about to ask Yvonne to do it right now with trying to get the final budget done and now we have the federal money. So hopefully we can revisit it in July.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Okay. And I wasn't trying to rush things along. I just sort of wondered where we were. So thank you for that.

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

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Manager Miller, for your overview of this citizens survey. I'm happy to hear that they think we are governing better. That's a positive for all of us. But it seems that it doesn't cover sustainability or some of the things that we actually are doing in Santa Fe County. Somehow I feel like it's directly related to the things that we are working on but on the other hand, I think it's always important to do some kind of survey and get some kind of feedback, even though it's not as detailed as I might have liked. But it's definitely interesting and thank you for explaining some of it and giving a high level overview.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen. Does that conclude your updates, Manager Miller?

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, yes it does.

**8. 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 all the Commissioners. I'll start with Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. So we had a meeting for the broadband conference that I am working on with the PRC. We have set that date for November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. We created a name, Connect New Mexico: Collaboration Through Competency and Connection. It was a good meeting. I suggested that we make sure that we reach out to rural communities within the state. Commissioner Becenti Aguilar agreed with that and she was going to take that on. It was a good meeting and we will meet again next month.

I wanted to give an update. I have to say one of my visions and dreams was definitely realized on May 15<sup>th</sup> at the San Ysidro Blessing and the piece of land that the community has given to Reunity Resources or leased to them for a dollar to see. There was indigenous kids out there planting indigenous corn. There was lots of music and entertainment. YouthWorks was there and Three Sisters Collective and it was like just a really incredible combination of numerous people participating in a community event and so they were on the piece of land at the corner of San Ysidro and Agua Fria. And then about 5:30 there was this procession for the San Ysidro River Blessing, and it was just so amazing. There was water running in the river. Thank you, City of Santa Fe for making that happen, and it was just like this one community event that was so engaging and so special, and my heart was just completely warmed by that, to see all these people together. And then afterwards, we all – everybody went to Reunity Resources and had dinner that was served by YouthWorks. So it was really an amazing, amazing day. There was just so many different kinds of people collaborating and working together. It was fantastic. I can't express to you enough how warm my heart was and how much of my dream of seeing agriculture and beauty come back to the village. It was right there in front of me, so it was really incredibly heartwarming.

I wanted to also share, and I'm surprised the Manager didn't mention this, we received an award from the State Cultural Preservation, Historic District for this building and it was so great to get SHPO to recognize the great work that the County staff and Jaynes Corporation had done on restoring this building. It was nominated by Lynette Pollari, who we worked with at SHPO, who was the main architect who worked with our staff, and that was just another really great event and the same day the Old Santa Fe Association awarded Santa Fe County the community award for thoughtful and conscious preservation of the John Gaw Meem building. So this building has received two, in my opinion, important awards from not only our state but our local community in the recognition of all the work. I want to especially recognize Paul Olafson, and all his team, Daniel Fresquez, Daniel Sanchez, and everybody who – Tessa Jo – everybody who

worked on this restoration of this building. And I think everyone knows how important it was to me personally, being a student of history and loving history and caring about historic preservation throughout my entire career. So it was really a great opportunity and a great feeling to know that we were recognized as a County for the hard work that it took to restore this building. This was not an easy undertaking, and to be able to be here finally in person is such a great gift. I know we have lots of things to work out and little glitches but we're making progress and the building looks beautiful. And people are really anxious to get in here and see what we've done. And I'm looking forward to sharing it with them.

I appreciated Mr. Mee's comments about the City and I know that Commissioner Hamilton and I have a meeting next week with the City to discuss the pipeline and other issues. I think that's the first meeting of City and County staff and policymakers. Councilor Carol Romero-Wirth will also be at that meeting so we can begin and I think this has come out of my request that we engage the communities in the southern part of the county and make sure that the City is listening to their concerns about the water in the river and downstream users and stakeholders. So I think that that is really important. I hope that we'll be able to meet in person or begin the dialogue at least via Zoom and then move to in-person meetings as we go forward.

I might think of something else, Mr. Chair, but I will leave it there. Thank you very, very much for the opportunity to say a few words. Oh, one other thing. I really want to express my deep, deep appreciation to staff for all of their work on Earth Day. I know that I brought forward that resolution and I appreciate the support of all the Commissioners and I appreciate all the work that has been done for the county, beautifying the county. And I know how hard the staff worked and I am grateful to them and they all deserve a huge round of applause, awards, recognition, because it was a big job and I was honored to be able to go out also to Commissioner Hughes' district but I will let him speak about that event and thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen. Commissioner Hughes, did you have an update for us?

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Thank you, Mr. Chair, and I'll segue right into the Earth Day event which District 5 held a few weeks ago and thanks to everybody who participated. It was a small but intrepid group of people, many of them from the County planting trees and shrubs which will make the Eldorado Max Coll Community Center and the library area look much nicer. I really appreciate everybody's help with that. It was a beautiful day to be outside planting.

I also wanted to just mention that a group of us went out to the Carlson Community out on Route 14 a few weeks ago to talk about a small piece of County-owned land there that they would like to turn into a park. Mr. Rudy Vigil had organized a lot of his neighbors to get together with us and we are I think solely responsible for all the rain we got that day because we planned to meet outside on this nice piece of land and it poured. Literally poured. We had to go to Mr. Vigil's garage and gather in there to talk about the park that they want. And I just wanted to thank Paul Olafson, P.J. Montano, David Padilla, as well as Olivia Romo for how kind they were to everybody there, listening and presenting ideas and also working afterwards to see if we can't do something for that community. It was very evident by all the people who showed up that

they really would like that park to be a center for their community, and that was just a great day and the fact that it rained just made it even better, of course.

But that's it for me today, Mr. Chair. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hughes. Commissioner Hansen, you had something else?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Yes. I had one other item. I put on all the Commissioners' desks the new brochure of the Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area. I think it's the first brochure we've had in over – I don't know how many years. I don't know if they've ever even had a brochure but I think it is a testament to our director at the Northern Rio Grande National Heritage Area, getting this together, plus I know we mentioned we met with Senator Heinrich but she also is working on an annual report. It's just great to see this board really turning a corner and developing. Senator Heinrich of course has reintroduced the reauthorization bill and I have just again reintroduced into NACo another reauthorization bill for the National Heritage Areas throughout the United States. I wanted to share that because I think what they're doing is really great, giving small amounts of money to small non-profits and building capacity is so important in northern New Mexico. So thank you, Mr. Chair, once again.

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

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Commissioner Hansen, for mentioning the meeting next week with the City. We're certainly looking forward to continuing our work with them which we had started with respect to short- and long-term water planning a few years ago. We hope this is just an ongoing avenue for working out water capacity planning, drought planning, which obviously at this point and juncture is very important, and doing all these things considering short- and long-term environmental impacts and what not.

And speaking of drought, I can't help myself. I have to mention the critical fire danger that is associated with this drought that's all over the State of New Mexico. We've already even in our county had many, many fire starts. Things are really, really bad. Many people may have heard that in the southern part of the county near the border there was only a few hundred-acre fire but a US Forest Service Hotshot was critically injured in that. That is making this year's fire season seem worse than in past years and I just wanted to take the opportunity to urge everybody to be exceedingly careful in that respect. And to also thank our County Fire Department and our Wildland Division and our Fire Marshals and the whole crew for the efforts they put out to try to keep us safe in what is going to be a very difficult season. So thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hamilton. I guess this is a few announcements or updates. The Commission passed a leadership program that they have at Santa Fe High School. We had a resolution that we brought forward and recognized the leadership program that they have at Santa Fe High School, and I did attend their ceremonies last weekend, and it was a really good event. It was really neat to see the president of the student body for 2021 stand up and give a presentation and just seem comfortable in public speaking and I just thought it was a really good event to highlight these leaders at the Santa Fe High School. So it was really great to be a part of

that proceeding.

I also wanted to talk a little bit about the Pathways Shelter. They actually had a – I guess a ribbon-cutting on May 21<sup>st</sup> at the Travelers Motel at 445 Riverside Drive in Española. It's the Community of Healing project and they actually had a community mural. So they did have a ribbon-cutting. It was a really nice event. They actually – with the mural, it had silhouettes of the Black Mesa, the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, tribal pueblos that represented Okhay Owingeh, Santa Clara, Pojoaque Pueblo, Nambe and San Ildefonso. They also had the Santuario in Chimayo that represented faith-based traditions. It really encompassed what the Pathways Shelter represents. So it was really a great event to be a part of, so I just wanted to highlight that.

I also wanted to kind of circle back around to the graduates of 2021 and just congratulate all of them for the work that they put in to graduate as 2021 students. Congratulations to all of you. Great job. Good luck with everything that you plan for the future, whether you decide that you're going to start working, go to a trade school, go to college, whatever it is that you pursue, just continue to do the best that you can and work hard. We're really proud of you, all of our graduates in New Mexico for 2021, and especially the ones in Santa Fe County.

And also, I just want to remind constituents to stay safe and it's Memorial Day weekend coming up. I want everybody to focus on being safe. We're still not completely out of the woods as far as the pandemic goes and it's showed in the past that we've had spikes with holidays that come up. So I just want to make sure that everybody stays safe. Take care of our community and one another and just have a great Memorial Weekend, but stay safe.

That's really all I had as far as things that I wanted to bring up and if there's not anything else from the Commission we can move on. Anything else from the Commission? Okay. Great.

**8. B. Elected Officials' Issues and Comments, Including but not Limited to Constituent Concerns, Recognitions and Requests for Updates or Future Presentations (continued on page 32)**

CHAIR ROYBAL: I know that we have our County Clerk. Is there any other elected officials on Webex that would like to address the Commission or make any announcements today to our constituents?

MS. MASCARENAS: Mr. Chair, there does not appear to be any additional elected officials on Webex.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Ms. Mascarenas.

**8. C. Resolution 2021-050, a Resolution Prioritizing the Updating of the Santa Fe County Affordable Housing Plan and Confirming the Board of County Commissioners' Commitment to the Creation of a County Affordable Housing Trust Fund after Adoption of the Updated Plan**

CHAIR ROYBAL: On this item we have the item's sponsors, Commissioner Hank Hughes and the cosponsor, Anna Hamilton. So I'll hand it over to

whichever one wants to take the lead.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'll start and then turn it over to Commissioner Hamilton. We heard from the public speakers and I think we all know that affordable housing is a big issue in Santa Fe County. We have over 7,300 shortage in our rental units. We have less than a three percent vacancy in rental units and the earlier speakers talked about the high cost of the rental units. We have at least 38 percent of our people who work in Santa Fe County commuting in from other places such as Rio Rancho and Albuquerque. Our last count of homeless people found 407, which we know is like the minimum number. There's still hundreds of homeless people.

So we really do need to work on expanding the availability of affordable housing, I think to keep our community diverse and thriving. We tend to think of affordable housing as just the housing but we also know that it includes everything that goes with the housing, including everything from grinder pumps to solar panels and wells and sewer connections in between. Happy roofs. Everything that people need to feel safe in their housing and stay here.

Particularly in Santa Fe County, I think we want to focus as much on the rural people that we represent as the urban areas, making sure that housing is affordable all over Santa Fe County and that people who want to live here and work here have the opportunity to do that. So the purpose of this resolution is to get us started a little bit quicker on this process of getting an affordable housing plan together and then putting together an affordable housing trust fund to fund the elements of the plan. So that is the purpose of this resolution. It would basically direct staff to create the affordable housing plan by December so that we can then create the affordable housing trust fund from there. And with that I'll turn it over to Commissioner Hamilton for whatever she wants to say.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: Thank you, Commissioner Hughes, and frankly, I want to first recognize what incredible expertise you bring in this to the Commission, which we are all very, very grateful for. I think all of us on the Commission, many of us who started together, have recognized this as a problem that we felt committed to and as a result, following the lead staff has been committed to for years. It is a very intractable problem.

And so having the additional expertise can only be a benefit. Bringing this forward certainly shows our commitment to this. And it starts a process and at least formalizes that there is a process we have to work through, putting – doing the journey of a million miles one step at a time, and this starts that. And so I don't have nearly the level of expertise to have really brought this forward and document what you were able to document with others' help certainly. It's a credit to everybody who worked on this. But I really appreciate very much that you did that and that this will be another starting point for us to really move forward. Certainly, if nothing else there were many things that the pandemic indirectly highlighted as, yes, we knew that was important, and no kidding, it really is important. Housing is certainly one of those things.

And so I certainly feel renewed commitment to this at this point. Thank you for including me on this. There's just no question that it's something that constituents need badly and that we have to take a structured approach to. So that's my contribution to the pitch for how important this is.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hamilton. I'm going to go to Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you, Commissioners Hughes and Hamilton for bringing this forward. This is an incredibly important resolution, something that we have all been concerned about since we have been on this Commission and I couldn't agree more that bringing your expertise, Commissioner Hughes, to the table can really help us. We've had an affordable housing plan but it has needed major work and I like the fact that it has a deadline and a timeframe, because that has been one of the things that has frustrated me is the continual talk about getting an affordable housing plan and other things coming up and being in the way. So I appreciate that there is a timeline.

I really appreciate the recognition that this does not just include the house but we are talking about people – our present affordable housing plan includes the Happy Roof program but by expanding it to include grinder pumps and sewer connections and well meters, throughout the county, and solar panels and other things that people – that will really improve the quality of life of people who are on the edge is really important and I really appreciate the hard work that went into this resolution. So thank you very much.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen, and thank you Commissioners Hamilton and Hughes for bringing this forward. You definitely hit the nail on the head when you said it renewed focus on some of the issues we do need to improve as far as internet service, affordable housing and just the needs the community has. We have a rental that we recently put on the market about a week ago and actually, I got about 45 calls in a day and a half. So it just kind of shows what the need is for housing in general. It's just amazing. So I really appreciate you guys bringing this resolution forward. It's something that's really needed and as my fellow Commissioners who have sat on the Commission with me for at least the last four or five years we all have focused on that so I'm really glad to see our newest Commissioner coming forward and hit the ground running with this need that our community needs. So I really appreciate this resolution. So thank you. Thank you Commissioner Hughes and Commissioner Hamilton.

Okay so with that being said I'm going to go ahead to the sponsors of the resolution to make a motion and a second.

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Thank you, Commissioner Roybal, and before I make the motion, I neglected to thank all the people who worked on this resolution from Director Montoya and Olivia Romo and the Housing staff to Manager Miller and Attorney Shaffer, who by the time we worked this through it had been rewritten about ten times. So thanks for getting us this far. And with that I would like to move adoption of this resolution prioritizing the updating of the Santa Fe affordable housing plan.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I'd like to second. Thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hughes for the motion and Commissioner Hamilton for the second. Under discussion, is there any other comments? If not I'm going to go to a roll call vote.

**The motion passed by unanimous [4-0] roll call vote.**

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

CHAIR ROYBAL: And Madam Clerk, we actually had an item previous to this that was Matters from Other Elected Officials. Did you have any announcements? I looked up and I said I know we have our County Clerk and I looked up and you were gone. You're pretty quick.

KATHARINE CLARK (County Clerk): Sorry. I'm trying to manage an election also today. So I did want to mention that for those of you who are in CD 1, which is the southwest corner of Santa Fe, that's Edgewood and Cedar Grove, we do have an election. It is next Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, but you can vote early at the Edgewood Municipal Building from 12:00 to 8:00 weekdays, so today through Friday, and then 10:00 to 6:00 on Saturday. And then that's it. The last day to vote will be election day, Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Madam Clerk and thank you for that update to our constituents in the Edgewood area. Appreciate it. Yes, Commissioner Hansen.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Before we move on maybe we could go on to the reports.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Absolutely.

**10. INFORMATION ITEMS/MONTHLY REPORTS**

- A. Community Services Department Monthly Report**
- B. Finance and Purchasing Monthly Report**
- C. Growth Management Department Monthly Report**
- D. Human Resources Monthly Report**
- E. Public Safety Monthly Report**
- F. Public Works Monthly Report**

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Okay, so I was wondering when the La Sala – I also had the opportunity to speak at NAMI's walk to raise money for people with disabilities. So I was just wondering when La Sala was going to be opening, our behavioral health center/crisis center. So I'm wondering if there's anyone who can answer those questions. That was asked and I didn't have an answer.

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Hansen, so we had hoped to open in June. We've run into some issues with the state relative to potentially changing the rule for 23/7 facilities, indicating they're looking at going to fund through Medicaid reimbursement. Only 24/7 facilities. That creates quite an issue for us for the cost of operations. Rachel is working on that and we're looking at what we might be able to do. She was supposed to be meeting today on that issue. The rule currently allows that we would get – our operator would get reimbursement for services provided, and we were going to supplement that operation with our operational funds. But if they're going to change the Medicaid reimbursement and that that's not an eligible facility, that makes

operations really challenging.

So I'm not exactly sure how we would fund it, because that's not the premise that we built the facility, designed the facility, and have contracted for the operation of the facility. So I hope that we will still be able to open in July and start providing those services. We are doing our mobile crisis services but the in-person at La Sala is being negotiated.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: Okay. Thank you for that. And after reading the Public Works report I see that the sewers in Agua Fria have not been divided out to three and four, but there's still one project, so I'm just following up and wanting to get them moving along. So I'm --

MANAGER MILLER: Mr. Chair, Commissioner Hansen, so it's still one project but what we're doing is we're separating out the three that we have approvals for and then bidding that as one with the other ones that have been designed included that we would receive bids but we would only award the three that we have authorization for. Additionally, we're working on budgeting the funds to order a small vac truck and then to go back to the City and so once we show that we have the commitment to order that that we'd be able to service sewer lines in those narrow alleys and what not that hopefully they would agree to take on the service of those lines. That's the way our agreement with this City is that all lines south of the river would be City sewer customers and we don't actually have sewer to there. It ties directly into the City's sewer. So we need to have agreement with the City to take on those new lines.

But what we're hoping is that as we put that out to bid that we can at least get started with the three lines that we do have agreement with the City to do, and that maybe by the time we get those we'd also have some confirmation from them about the additional lines as well.

So it's still one project but we're trying to at least get bids to start spending some of the state grants that we've received.

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I know we have a couple million set aside for the sewers, maybe more. And I just want to see that project be moving forward. And besides the four there was actually 34 roads or lanes in the Village of Agua Fria, and so as you I'm sure know that I hope that we can use some of that ARPA money for sewers and making sure that we get this project moving along after four years, after 50 years of people waiting to get sewers in the Village of Agua Fria. And that's all I have. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen. I think that was it for all of Commissioners and elected officials and then one more time for Commissioner Hansen. Do you have something else?

COMMISSIONER HANSEN: I feel badly. I did not recognize you directly, P.J. Montano, for all your help on the restoration of this building, and I didn't mention you when I was talking and I'm sorry about that because you were integral and a huge, huge part of this and I did not mean to leave you out. My mind just can't remember everything all at the same time. But I know what an important role you played and I am grateful, really grateful for the work that you did. So thank you.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Commissioner Hansen and thank you for recognizing staff. Is there anything else on the reports? We're good? Okay. So we're

good – I think staff is okay to go. We don't need anything else on the reports but I just want to say thank you once again for the reports that you do provide to the Commission.

9. **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 Public Hearing(s) on the Agenda, 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, 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. **Grant of Easement to City of Santa Fe for Photovoltaic Facilities for City's Buckman Booster Station No. 4**
  2. **Performance Evaluation of the County Manager**

CHAIR ROYBAL: Attorney Shaffer, can you give us a summary of what we're going into executive session for?

GREG SHAFFER (County Attorney): Thank you, Mr. Chair and Commissioners. Because there are no action items after executive session it would not be inappropriate for the Board to adjourn the public meeting. Should you choose to do so you may want to do any concluding announcements before moving into executive session, but of course that's at the discretion of the Board.

In terms of the items to be discussed in executive session, we have limited personnel matters as allowed by Section 10-15-1-H(2) 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 the following two specific items of business: grant of easement to City of Santa Fe for photovoltaic facilities for City's Buckman Booster Station No. 4 and two, performance evaluation of the County Manager.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Thank you, Attorney Shaffer, and correct me if I'm wrong but we can adjourn directly from executive session. Is that correct? So if we could include that with the motion. If someone would like to make the motion.

COMMISSIONER HAMILTON: I'd be happy to. Yes, I'd like to move that we adjourn this meeting and go into executive session to cover the topics that Attorney Shaffer just delineated.

CHAIR ROYBAL: Okay. Do I hear a second?

COMMISSIONER HUGHES: Second.

CHAIR ROYBAL: We have a motion from Commissioner Hamilton, a second from Commissioner Hughes. I'm going to go to a roll call vote. Madam Clerk,

can you help us with that?

**The motion to adjourn and go into executive session pursuant to NMSA Section 10-15-1-H (2 and 8) to discuss the matters delineated above passed by unanimous roll call vote as follows:**

Commissioner Garcia	Not Present
Commissioner Hamilton	Aye
Commissioner Hansen	Aye
Commissioner Moreno	Aye
Commissioner Roybal	Aye

**11. CONCLUDING BUSINESS**

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

Chair Roybal declared this meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

Approved by:


  
Board of County Commissioners  
Henry Roybal, Chair

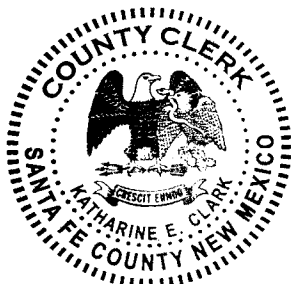
ATTEST TO:

KATHARINE E. CLARK  
SANTA FE COUNTY CLERK



Respectfully submitted:


  
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