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Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners Special Meeting, held on January 17 2024, at 8:30 a.m. in the Commissioners Chambers, Alamosa County Services Center, 8900 Independence Way, Alamosa, CO 81101.

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Members Present:

Lori Laske, Chair  
Vern Heersink, Vice-Chair  
Arlan Van Ry, Commissioner  
Jason Kelly, County Attorney  
Roni Wisdom, County Administrator  
Jamie Greeman, Deputy Clerk

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### Invocation

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Approval of Agenda

**m/s Heersink/Van Ry motion to approve the January 17, 2024 agenda**

**Motion was passed unanimously**

### Public Comment

There was no public comment.

### Consent Agenda

**m/s Heersink/Van Ry motion to approve Consent Agenda**

**Motion was approved unanimously**

### Appointments

**Reyna Martinez-Ramirez, RETAC, presented the Restorative Justice Micro-grant.** RETAC has two grants in place right now, the teen program with the Department of Criminal Justice and they also have the PROM grant with CDOT. The teen program is going to be ending at the end of June and they are looking for grants to keep this program going. It's a program that was started with donations in 2020. It continued until there was grant funding approved in 2023. It was a little hard to get grant funding because they are a local government and not an Education Department. RETAC is trying to collaborate and provide resources and support, but a lot of the applications were being denied because they're not an education department.

However, this was a unique program and the grant was awarded. Reyna Martinez-Ramirez was surprised to get a phone call from Matthew Loon, the new director from the Department of Criminal Justice in Colorado. He took the grant and presented it as an example. Alamosa County was recognized for that at a state level, and they're being recognized in multiple departments with that throughout the state and throughout the nation from this program and from the programs that have been completed.

At this point Reyna Martinez-Ramirez is looking at applying for the micro grant in order to continue the program. She is also thinking of applying for the capacity grant. The micro grant is a little bit smaller and will only provide \$10,000. However, the other one can provide a little bit more to sustain their part time employee as well as some of the activities and the resources that they provide. Throughout this grant, they have served over 1,500 students through presentations, workshops, or activities throughout the

school, or after school activities or community events. These presentations are anti bullying, domestic violence, and injury prevention, which are things that are happening in the community. These programs are being used throughout the San Luis Valley. Alamosa County is at the core of some of these programs.

Commissioner Heersink asked if this would be combined with the PROM grant or if this would be separate.

Reyna Martinez-Ramirez said that it is a little bit separate. The PROM grant has to do more with collaborating with first responders, and they do presentations. But the new one that she wants to apply for is more focused on crime prevention. They are trying to reduce those crimes within the youth or the school such as fighting and domestic violence. They have seen a decrease in some of those crimes within the schools just based on the resources and the support that they're providing.

Commissioner Van Ry said that she has his blessing, he thinks it is a good program and he thanked Reyna Martinez-Ramirez for the work that she does.

Commissioner Laske asked if she was applying for just one grant or for both of them.

Reyna Martinez-Ramirez said that they are only allowed to apply for one grant. But they are communicating with the grant administrators to see which one they suggest. She would like to go for the bigger one so they can sustain their part time employee. She came to the Commissioner meeting to ask for approval to apply for the grant which is due February 2.

**m/s Heersink/Van Ry motion to approve that Reyna Martinez-Ramirez can apply for the grant and the Commissioners will ratify it at a later date after they have seen the application.**

**Motion was approved unanimously**

**Maricruz Mora presented the Certification of Mill Levies and Revenue.** She read the total funds that are available for each district. The total for schools is \$7,113,572. Local governments total is \$8,379,287 which brings the total valuation and revenue to \$15,492,850. School Districts individually are Alamosa, total mill levy approved is 33.896. Sangre de Cristo is 33.63. North Conejos is 35.29. Sanford is 36.076. Sargent is 37.641. Center is 37.535.

Next are the county mill levies and the total valuations. The total assessed valuation was \$209,370,946. The mill levy for the General Fund is 20.98. The DHS public welfare levy is 3.550. The debt service levy is .200. The Community Development Fund is .500. For the cities and towns; the city of Alamosa has an approved levy of 6.700, the town of Hooper has 9.900. For improvement and service districts there is the Alamosa Fire Protection District with a 5.430 levy. The Center Fire Protection District is 6.924, Northwest Conejos fire protection district is 6.01. The Alamosa La Jara Water Conservancy District is 1.142. San Luis Valley Water Conservancy District is .499, the Alamosa County Ambulance district is 2.897. The Alamosa County Weed District is 1.00. The Alamosa Mosquito Control District is 5.030. East Alamosa Water and Sanitation District is 7.500. The Rio Grande Water Conservancy District is 1.600.

**m/s Heersink/Van Ry motion to approve the Certification of Mill Levies and Revenue**

**Motion was passed unanimously**

**Work Session**

Eric Treinen, Alamosa County Emergency Manager

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

**ATTEST:**



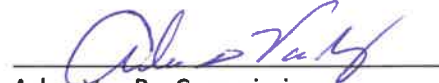
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