San Juan County Commission
Special Meeting
June 17, 2014

Chairman Fortner called the San Juan County Commission meeting to order on Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at 3:00 P.M. in the Administrative Conference room located in the County Administration Building, 100 S. Oliver Drive, Aztec, New Mexico.

CHAIRMAN	Jack L. Fortner
CHAIRMAN PRO-TEM	Keith Johns
MEMBER	Margaret McDaniel
MEMBER	Scott Eckstein
CHIEF DEPUTY TREASURER	Carol Taulbee
COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER	Kim Carpenter
COUNTY OPERATIONS OFFICER	Mike Stark
ASSISTANT CEO	Linda Thompson
ATTORNEY	Jim Durrett
DEPUTY ATTORNEY	Doug Echols
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	Marcella Brashear
PARKS & FACILITIES ADMINSTRATOR	Mike Davidson
PARKS & FACILITIES DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR	Daniel Hill
JUVENILE SERVICES DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR	Heidi Sawyer
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR	Larry Hathaway
PRESS: Farmington Daily Times	Dan Schwartz
VISITORS:	6

New Business

CEO, Kim Carpenter began the meeting by stating they were here to continue discussion in regards to the deficit the County is facing due to Senate Bill 268 and the Indigent Program.

Linda Thompson, Assistant CEO read a summary of Indigent Fund issues:

- Estimated Indigent fund costs @ 33% reimbursement rate for all providers (except hospital ER physicians & hospitalist)= $4,200,000
- Estimated mandatory payments to the State= $5,200,000
- Estimated Revenue from existing 1/8th GRT= $4,400,000
- Approximately $9,400,000 is required to provide an Indigent program (with a 33 percent reimbursement rate to all providers except hospital ER physicians and hospitalist)
- Annual estimated shortfall is $5 million
- An additional shortfall of approximately $600,000 in the DWI/AXIS program and ADC.
- An additional 1/8 GRT generates approximately $4,400,000
- An additional 1/16th GRT generates approximately $2,200,000
- An additional 1/12th GRT generates approximately $3,000,000

Chairman Fortner questioned Mike Renaud, Director of Presbyterian Medical Services (PMS) what would happen if the County reduced the reimbursement rate to 33 percent. Mr. Renaud stated to the Commission:

- A significant number of those who live in the community would lose health care coverage.
- The uninsured would struggle.
- People would go to the emergency rooms more, raising costs.
- There would be an increase of people in jail.
- The detention center costs would rise.
- The costs of law enforcement and court system would increase.
- Increase the burden on our community.

Mr. Renaud introduced Kristine Carlson, Totah Behavioral Health Authority Executive Director informed the Commission the agency helps 150 people a month find jobs, housing, case management services and treatment for alcoholism. The clients are homeless, struggling with addiction or mental health issues. Chairman Fortner asked how many of the people would die without the organizations help, she stated about 10 percent. Jolene Schneider, Four Winds Recovery Center explained they are a residential detox program. The amount of clients it serves has risen recently, if funding was to go to 33 percent they would have to eliminate 4 beds, leaving only 8 beds. Ms. Schneider stated they are the only facility here.
Heidi Sawyer, DWI and Alternative sentencing informed the Commission there are 3 levels:

1. It is jail based.
2. They receive treatment while they are there.
3. There is an aftercare program after they are released.

Their program is considered research based on these 3 levels if any kind of change in funding and they are unable to continue the 3 levels of care it would be unable to be a research based program.

Adjourn

Being no further business a motion was made by Chairman Pro-Tem Johns, seconded by Commissioner Eckstein to adjourn the meeting. Upon voice vote this motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 1ST DAY OF JULY, 2014

BY THE SAN JUAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

Chairman Jack L. Fortner

Chairman Pro-Tem Keith Johns

Margaret McDaniel

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Scott Eckstein

ATTEST:

Debbie Holmes, County Clerk