

**SAN MIGUEL COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2025

333 WEST COLORADO AVE 2ND FLOOR, TELLURIDE, CO 81435

1. 9:30 a.m. Call to Order

(Any of the stated items in this agenda may involve an Executive Session C.R.S. 24-6-402(4))

2. Roll Call

Present:

Anne Brown, Chair

Lance Waring, Vice Chair

Galena Gleason, Commissioner

Staff Present:

Mike Bordogna, County Manager

Jarrold Biggs, Deputy County Manager

Maura Fahey, County Attorney

Nancy Willis, Paralegal

Carmen Warfield, Chief Deputy Clerk

3. Moment of Silence

4. Review of Agenda

5. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

Please limit comments to 3 minutes. If comments are not related to an item on the agenda, there will be no Board response or action taken since the topic was not posted with proper notice and any comment could potentially violate the Colorado Open Meetings Law.

People Who Addressed the Board:

Douglas Tooley, County resident

6. Consent Agenda

- a. Ratification of the Chair's signature on the Southwest Colorado Opioid Regional Council (SWCORA) Grant Agreement funding San Miguel and Ouray Counties Juvenile Services (expanding .5 bilingual position to 1 FTE) in the amount of \$146,614 over two years.
- b. Approval of Chair's signature on the Western Regional Emergency Medical and Trauma Advisory Council (WRETAC) system development funding budget request for the Norwood Fire Protection District in the amount of \$4,797.00 for Panasonic Tough Book G2 and components.
- c. Approval of the Search and Rescue division to purchase a Toyota Tundra Truck in the

amount of \$61,964.39, which will be paid for by the San Miguel Search and Rescue (nonprofit) board.

- d. Approval of the Chair's signature on an Agreement for Services for the 2025 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Services by Clean Harbors Environmental Services Inc for an amount not to exceed \$50,791.88.

Motion by Galena Gleason to approve the consent agenda as presented. **Seconded** by Lance Waring. **PASSED 3-0.**

7. Administrative Matters

- a. Consideration of Chair's signature on Proclamation 2025-03 proclaiming May 2025 as "Mental Health Awareness Month" throughout San Miguel County./MOTION

Presented by: Dawn Katz, Tri-County Health Network

Motion by Galena Gleason to approve **Proclamation 2025-03** proclaiming May 2025 as "Mental Health Awareness Month". **Seconded** by Lance Waring. **PASSED 3-0.**

- b. Update with Tres Rios Field Office.

Presented by: Derek Padilla, Field Manager

Public Who Addressed the Board:
Douglas Tooley, County resident

- g. Consideration of sending a letter to Representative Hurd on proposed changes to Medicaid eligibility.

Note: Staff direction was given to finish and ratify the letter at the next meeting.

Public Who Addressed the Board:
Douglas Tooley, County resident

- a. Consideration of approving two part-time staff members as Deputy District Attorneys and a request for additional funds for the 2025 fiscal year in the amount of \$21,250./MOTION

Item 8.a.

Presented by: Mike Bordogna, County Manager

Motion by Lance Waring to approve the two part-time employees as deputy district attorneys, and additional funds from the 2025 fiscal year, in the amount of up to \$21,250. **Seconded** by Galena Gleason. **PASSED 3-0.**

- c. Staff update on the Telluride Ski and Golf sale of for-sale single-family homes in

Ilium Valley.

Presented by: Sheri Reeder, Telluride Ski and Golf; Maura Fahey, County Attorney; Kaye Simonson, Planning Director

Note: The following was agreed upon with Sherri Reeder, representing Telluride Ski and Golf and the San Miguel County Board of Commissioners:

- Telluride Ski and Golf (TSG) has all six of the for-sale units under contract at this time. The closing of these units is set to be completed between May 30, 2025, and July 10, 2025.
- If any of the units fall out of contract, TSG will have two weeks to pursue new contracts with TSG employees who are on the waiting list.
- If, after those two weeks, the units are not under contract, TSG will list the homes with the San Miguel Regional Housing Authority.
- TSG will email the County Attorney whenever the status of one of the units changes (i.e., closing is completed or the unit falls out of contract).

d. Update with the Clerk and Recorder's office.

Presented by: Michael Wyszynski, Clerk and Recorder

e. Consideration of approving Resolution 2025-14 increasing the recording fees for filed and recorded documents beginning July 1, 2025 and notice of the change in Public Trustee fees./MOTION

Presented by: Michael Wyszynski, Clerk and Recorder

Motion by Lance Waring to approve **Resolution 2025-14** increasing the recording fees for filed recorded documents and Public Trustee fees beginning July 1, 2025. **Seconded** by Galena Gleason. **PASSED 3-0.**

f. Discussion of updating the Employee Housing impact fee.

Presented by: Kaye Simonson, Planning Director; John Huebner, Senior Planner

Note: Staff direction was provided and the board will review the final document on June 11, 2025.

11:08 a.m. Recessed.

11:17 a.m. Reconvened.

8. Manager Matters

Update and other, as needed
Mike Bordogna, County Manager

Presented by: Mike Bordogna, County Manager

Update and Other, as needed.

1. The Wilkinson Public Library has a new Director, her name is Peggy Parrish.
2. Attended a tabletop practice session in an emergency. This was for the Telluride area, focusing on policy and logistical solutions.
3. Meeting with Telluride Airport discussing what is allowed under the current permits.
4. The Communication coordinator interviews have been completed.
5. Norwood Meeting: Colorado Emergency Preparedness and Readiness.
6. Site walk for interested bidders regarding the repair at Tomboy Road.
7. Spring Clean-up is this weekend in Telluride and Norwood.
8. Pam Shrifrin, Director of the San Miguel Regional Housing Authority, will be on vacation. Her assistant will be covering while she is away.
9. The County may see a request to expedite mining permits - this is being done in San Juan County, Utah.
10. Heather Widlund and Kattie Ramirez - Continue updating and creating accessible templates on our website.

Presented by: Jarrod Biggs, Deputy County Manager

1. Thank you to Suzanne Cheavens for all your hard work.
2. A request for proposals is posted for the Affordable Housing Code Evaluation.

9. Natural Resources and Climate Resilience

Presented by: Starr Jamison, Natural Resources and Climate Resilience

- a. Presentation of the County Composting project.

Note: This item will be rescheduled.

10. Lunch

12:01 p.m. Recessed.

12:30 p.m. Reconvened.

- a. Recognition of Dennis Strohm, the Road and Bridge operator for 10 years of service.

Presented by: Alan Hatfield, West End Road and Bridge Supervisor; Ryan Righetti, Road and Bridge Superintendent

Thank you, Dennis Strohm.

- b. Recognition of John Huebner, Senior Planner of the Planning Department, for 25 years

of service.

Presented by: Kaye Simonson, Planning Director

Thank you, John Huebner.

11. Attorney Matters

Update and other, as needed.

Maura Fahey, County Attorney (Any of these items may involve an Executive Session C.R.S. 24-6-402(4))

Presented by: Maura Fahey, County Attorney

Update on the Paradox - Oil and Gas case.

- a. Discussion with the Town of Mountain Village and Town of Telluride concerning the Sewer Authority (75 mins). Executive Session: Discussion of the Sewer Authority for Regional Waste Water Treatment Plant, citation (4)(b) conference with an Attorney, and (4)(e) determining negotiation strategies.

Presented by: San Miguel County Commissioners; Mike Bordogna, County Manager; Haley Carmer, Assistant County Attorney, Town of Mountain Village; Zoe Dohnal, Manager, Town of Telluride; Michelle Bulson, Assistant Manager, Town of Mountain Village

Public Who Addressed the Board:

Scott Pearson, Mayor Pro Tem, Mountain Village

Shellie Duplan, Aldasoro Ranch HOA

Doug Tueller, Last Dollar HOA

Denise Taylor, Last Dollar Subdivision

Laura Ellison, Lawson Hill

2:32 p.m. Recessed.

2:42 p.m. Reconvened.

Motion by Galena Gleason to go into Executive Session to discuss the Sewer Authority for Regional Waste Water Treatment Plant, citation (4)(b) conference with an Attorney, and (4)(e) determining negotiation strategies. **Seconded** by Lance Waring. **PASSED 3-0.***

2:46 p.m. Recessed.

3:39 p.m. Reconvened.

Motion by Lance Waring to come out of the Executive Session, only one item stated was discussed. **Seconded** by Galena Gleason. **PASSED 3-0.**

Staff direction was given.

- b. **Potential Executive Session:** Continued review of the Fruen Site New Building, citation (4)(b) conference with an Attorney, (4)(e) negotiating strategies.

Motion by Lance Waring to go into Executive Session to discuss the Fruen site new building, citation (4)(b) conference with an Attorney, (4)(e) negotiating strategies. **Seconded** by Galena Gleason. **PASSED 3-0.***

3:44 p.m. Recessed.

4:17 p.m. Reconvened.

Motion by Galena Gleason to come out of the Executive Session. Only the one item stated was spoken of. **Seconded** by Lance Waring. **PASSED 3-0.**

Note: Staff direction was given to continue the due diligence.

- c. **Executive Session:** Continued discussion on the San Miguel County Housing Authority legal review and interpretation, citation (4)(b) advisement from an Attorney.

Presented by: Jarrod Biggs, Deputy County Manager

In attendance as part of the Executive Session:
Drea Araiza, Housing Specialist

Motion by Galena Gleason to go into Executive Session to discuss the legal review and interpretation, citation (4)(b) advisement from an Attorney. **Seconded** by Lance Waring. **PASSED 3-0.**

4:19 p.m. Recessed.

5:26 p.m. Reconvened

4:35 p.m. Lance Waring left the meeting.

Motion by Anne Brown to come out of the Executive Session, and only the one item stated was discussed. **Seconded** by Galena Gleason. **PASSED 2-0.**

Note: Item 11.a., 11.b, 11.c. The County Attorney requested that the above item not have written minutes, as it constitutes a privileged attorney-client communication. A statement signed by the attorney and chair is attached.

12. Adjournment

Motion by Galena Gleason to adjourn the meeting. **Seconded** by Anne Brown. **PASSED 2-0.**

5:27 p.m. Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: June 18, 2025

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Anne Brown

ATTEST:

Carmen Warfield



**Proclamation of the Board of County Commissioners of
San Miguel County, Colorado, proclaiming May 2025 as
“Mental Health Awareness Month”
throughout San Miguel County**

Proclamation 2025-03

This Proclamation designates May 2025 as “Mental Health Awareness Month” throughout San Miguel County.

Whereas, mental health is essential to the well-being of our community:

Whereas, Colorado ranks 50th in prevalence of mental illness, indicating Coloradans experience more mental health challenges and substance use challenges than every state except one (Mental Health America);

Whereas, according to a Colorado Health Foundation poll in 2024, 3 in 5 Coloradans (59%) reported experiencing a mental health challenge in the past year;

Whereas, stigma persists in being a barrier to accessing care, with nearly 50% of Coloradans who needed mental health support reporting they did not seek out care due to stigma (Mental Health America);

Whereas, the most recent data on suicide death in our combined region of Delta, Montrose, Ouray, San Miguel, Gunnison, and Hinsdale Counties indicates 33 community members died by suicide in 2023 (CO Vital Statistics);

Whereas, organizations such as Tri-County Health Network and San Miguel County are dedicated to shining a light on mental health and bringing hope to those experiencing a mental health challenge through research, education, advocacy, and resources and urge that we:

1. Recognize mental health challenges affect all members of our community.
2. Normalize conversations about mental health, suicide, and substance use in open and understanding ways to erase stigma and remind community members they are not alone in anything they may be experiencing.
3. Acknowledge that there is no one size fits all program or effort that will be appropriate for all populations or communities, and address the disparity in access to mental healthcare for underserved and underrepresented groups while advocating to end these disparities.
4. Support the efforts of social movements like We Are The Ones that build upon the innate ability of every individual to take meaningful action to strengthen our communities.

Now therefore, be it resolved that the San Miguel County Board of County Commissioners Proclaim May 2025 as “Mental Health Awareness Month” throughout

San Miguel County.

Done and approved by the Board of Commissioners of San Miguel County, Colorado, at a duly noticed public meeting held in Telluride, Colorado, on May 21, 2025.

Board of County Commissioners
San Miguel County, Colorado

Anne Brown

Anne Brown, Chair

Attest:



Carmen Warfield

Carmen L. Warfield, Chief Deputy Clerk to the Board

Vote:

Anne Brown	x	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Galena Gleason	x	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Lance Waring	x	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
SAN MIGUEL COUNTY, COLORADO ADOPTING THE 2025 CLERK AND
RECORDER FEES AND NOTICE OF THE CHANGE IN PUBLIC TRUSTEE FEES**

RESOLUTION 2025 -14

WHEREAS, Colorado House Bill HB24-1269 was passed by the Colorado Legislature in May 2024 and signed into law by Governor Polis on June 4, 2024; and

WHEREAS, HB24-1269 modified the base fee collected by the county clerk and recorder to be a flat \$40 fee for any recorded document plus a \$3 recording surcharge, instead of a fee per page, unless otherwise specified; and

WHEREAS, no fee shall be charged for the filing or recording of a certificate of death, a verification of death document, or a certified copy thereof, which are public records; and

WHEREAS, the HB24-1269 requires the collection of the modified fee on any filing received by the county clerk and recorder as an authorized agent of the executive director of the Department of Revenue pursuant to section 38-29-128 or 42-6-121; and

WHEREAS, the new fee structure for the clerk & recorder will take effect on July 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S §38-37-104(1), Public Trustees are entitled to set and receive fee amounts for performing the functions and exercising the powers conferred upon them by statute; and

WHEREAS, Colorado House Bill HB24-1443 was passed by the Colorado Legislature in May 2024 and signed into law by Governor Polis on June 6, 2024, and

WHEREAS, this bill increased the public trustees' fees for releases and foreclosures, except for the fee for conducting a public foreclosure sale by means of the internet; and

WHEREAS, the act also creates a new fee in the amount of \$300 for performing actions related to processing a foreclosure sale if the holder of a certificate of purchase is not the holder of an evidence of debt; and

WHEREAS, the new fee structure for the Public Trustee took effect on July 1, 2024; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the San Miguel County Board of County Commissioners hereby authorizes the modification of the clerk & recorder fees effective July 1, 2025.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED on May 14, 2025, at Telluride, Colorado.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SAN MIGUEL COUNTY, COLORADO**

Anne Brown

Anne Brown, Chair



ATTEST:

Carmen Warfield

Carmen Warfield, Chief Deputy Clerk to the Board

Vote:	Anne Brown	☒ Aye	☐ Nay	☐ Abstain	☐ Absent
	Galena Gleason	☒ Aye	☐ Nay	☐ Abstain	☐ Absent
	Lance Waring	☒ Aye	☐ Nay	☐ Abstain	☐ Absent

**SAN MIGUEL COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

May 14, 2025

Date of Meeting

Executive Session Minutes Attest

I, Maura Fahey, County Attorney, attest that the May 14, 2025 (Date of Meeting) Executive Session discussions of attorney-client matters were confined to a permissible executive session topic and constituted a privileged attorney-client communication that does not have written minutes.

Maura Fahey

Marua Fahey, County Attorney

I, Anne Brown Chair of the San Miguel County Board of Commissioners, attest that the May 14, 2025 (Date of Meeting) Executive Session discussions of attorney-client matters were confined to a permissible executive session topic and constituted a privileged attorney-client communication that does not have written minutes.

Anne Brown

Chair