

**SAN MIGUEL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**MINUTES**  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2015**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
Second Floor, Miramonte Building  
Telluride, Colorado

Present: Chair Joan May  
Vice-Chair Elaine R.C. Fischer  
Commissioner Art Goodtimes (via telephone)

Staff Present: County Administrator Lynn Black  
County Attorney Steve Zwick  
Chief Deputy Clerk John Huebner

1. Call to order.  
9:30 a.m.
2. Review of Agenda.
3. Calendar Review.
4. CONSENT AGENDA:
  - a. Authorization of February 2015 Payroll and Vendor Payments.  
(ATTACHMENT I)
  - b. Acceptance of March 19, 2015 Telluride Regional Airport Monthly Report.
  - c. Acceptance of Open Space & Recreation Department March 2015 Quarterly Report.
  - d. Approval of Chair's signature on Agreement for Cooperative Wildfire Protection with County Sheriff and Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control to improve efficiency by facilitating the coordination and exchange of personnel, equipment, supplies, services, and funds among the Parties in sustaining and implementing Wildland Fire management activities.
  - e. Approval to designate Stefani Conley as an additional Alternate Representative to the County Health Pool in 2015.
  - f. Approval to extend the term of Ian Bald on the San Miguel County Planning Commission from January 1, 2016 to January 1, 2017 to allow for staggering of members terms.
  - g. Approval of request for a waiver to County hiring freeze by the County Assessor to hire a replacement full-time position for Appraiser.
  - h. Approval of Agreement for Services with Evergreen Solutions LLC for San Miguel County Classification and Compensation Study in the amount of \$46,900.
  - i. Approval of Chair's signature on Social Services Department January 2015 Earned Revenue and Expenditures, February 2015 Check Register, February 2015 Expenditures through Electronic Benefit Transfers, February 2015 County Allocation / MOE report, January 2015 Balance Sheet, February 2015 Caseload Report.
  - j. Approval of request for a waiver to County hiring freeze by Social Services Department to hire a temporary part-time position for provision of prevention services.
  - k. Approval of Minutes: February 4, 2015, February 25, 2015 and March 4, 2015.
  - l. Approval of an Agreement for Services to hire Kris Holstrom as an independent contractor for a 2015 carbon sequestration project to establish test site(s) in county in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.
  - m. Approval to Authorize county staff to charge After Midnite Media \$300 daily user fee and to require a \$2,000 refundable damage deposit for use of the west half of County Fairgrounds for staging area for film crew and mechanical support services for Telluride Festival of Cars & Colors.
  - n. Approval of Chair's signature on request by the Assessor to approve Petition #2015-1, Schedule #C0992604, for Abatement or Refund of Taxes for 2014 in the amount of \$24,863.93 to Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. due to change in State's assessed value.  
(ATTACHMENT II – Petition)

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- o. Ratification of Chair's signature on Agreement for Services with Construction Services of Telluride LLC for the construction and installation of specialized roller shelving units in the Treasurer vault in an amount not to exceed \$15,869.
- p. Ratification of Chair's signature on County Veterans Service Officer's February 2015 Report.
- q. Ratification of approval to authorize 2015 Homeland Security Grant purchases on behalf of West All Hazard Emergency Management Region for emergency radios from First Responder Communications in the amount of \$87,540, for credential card printer system from Midwest Card Solutions in the amount of \$13,235, for communication services from QDS Communications in the amount of \$45,740, and for communication equipment from Motorola in the amount of \$27,011.40.
- r. Ratification of Chair's signature as the Board of Commissioners and as San Miguel County Housing Authority on Amended and Restated Deed Restriction and Covenant with Nickolas J and Leah K Lauritzen, Lot Q-26, Lawson Hill PUD.
- s. Ratification of Chair's signature as the Board of Commissioners and as San Miguel County Housing Authority on Exception Agreement and Affordable Housing Covenant, Equitable Servitude, and Real Covenants with Telluride R-1 School District, Lots Q-15, Q-23, Q-24, Q-25, Q-26, Q-27 and Q-28 Lawson Hill PUD.

**MOTION** by Fischer to approve [Consent Agenda] as presented. **SECONDED** by Goodtimes. **PASSED 3-0.**

5. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

- a. Update of Western Regional EMS and Trauma Advisory Council (WRETAC) 2014 activities/accomplishments.

Present: Terri Foechterle, WRETAC Executive Director

- b. Discussion of a funding request received from the Dove Creek Ambulance Service in the amount of \$4,000 for ambulance service coverage around the area of Egnar within San Miguel County.

Present: Lynn Black, County Administrator; Steve Zwick, County Attorney; Ramona Rummel, County Finance Manager

**MOTION** by Fischer to approve \$4,000 [funding grant in 2015] to Dove Creek Ambulance Service as presented. **SECONDED** by Goodtimes. **PASSED 3-0.**

- e. Consideration to authorize submittal of a Special Use Permit application to the Colorado Department of Transportation requesting access to HWY 145 Right-of-Way for Sheriff's Tower project.

Present: Lynn Black, County Administrator; John Huebner, Chief Deputy Clerk

**MOTION** by Fischer to approve as presented. **SECONDED** by Goodtimes. **PASSED 3-0.**

- f. Consideration of Renewal for Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License with Optional Premises by Telski Food & Beverage Services LLC, dba Alpino Vino, 12100 Camels Garden Road, See Forever Ski Run (Lift 14 & 15), 565 Mountain Village Blvd, Telluride, CO 81435.

Present: Stephen Roth, Culinary Service Director Telluride Ski Resort (Telski); Tom Richards, Chief Financial Officer Telski; Steve Zwick, County Attorney

**MOTION** by Fischer to approve as presented. **SECONDED** by Goodtimes. **PASSED 3-0.** (ATTACHMENT III – Written Findings)

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- g. Discussion of submitting comments to Army Corp of Engineers concerning wetland impacts of proposed Telluride Medical Center construction in Mountain Village.

Present: Dave Schneck, County Environmental Health Director; Steve Zwick, County Attorney

**Board Consensus** to direct staff to not draft comments since the proposed construction is not within our jurisdiction and is not a high value wetlands site.

- h. Consideration of a resolution publicly stating the value of public lands to the County's economy, recreation, heritage, and quality of life; and opposing any effort to claim, take over, litigate for, or sell off Federal public lands within San Miguel County, Colorado.

**MOTION** by Fischer to approve as presented. **SECONDED** by Goodtimes. **PASSED 3-0.** (ATTACHMENT IV – Resolution #2015-9)

**Board Consensus** to direct staff to send resolution to our state and federal delegations.

6. PLANNING MATTERS:

- a. ~~Consideration of Lawson Hill Property Owner's Company request that the County remove the Amended and Restated Deed Restriction and Covenant provision for applying a price cap in limited situations.~~
- b. Consideration of requests from Planet Bluegrass and the Ride Festival to use the County Intercept Lot for parking and to authorize parking and camping as temporary uses on Lot HI and Tract 501, Lawson Hill PUD for three music festivals planned for this summer as follows: Telluride Bluegrass Festival Thursday June 18th through Sunday June 21st, The Ride Festival from Friday July 10th to Monday July 13th and Pretty Lights Event from Thursday August 27th to Sunday August 30<sup>th</sup>.

Present: Lynn Black, County Administrator; Karen Henderson, County Associate Planner

**MOTION** by Fischer to approve as presented. **SECONDED** by Goodtimes.  
**MOTION WITHDRAWN** by Fischer

**MOTION** by Fischer to approve Planet Bluegrass permit [to use the County Intercept Lot for parking and to authorize parking and camping as temporary uses on Lot HI and Tract 501 Lawson Hill PUD] for their event [Telluride Bluegrass Festival Thursday June 18th through Sunday June 21<sup>st</sup>] at this time. **SECONDED** by Goodtimes. **PASSED 3-0.**

**MOTION** by Goodtimes to notify both the Town of Telluride and the promoter of any major music festival [in this case the Ride Festival and Pretty Lights Event] that before any [major festival getting] approvals [by the Town] and before the county would be willing to cooperate on parking or any camping that they need to consult with the Sheriff and figure out appropriate mitigations. **SECONDED** by Fischer. **PASSED 3-0.**

5. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS: (continued)

- i. Introduction of Tom Maxwell, new Chief Administrator of Seventh Judicial District.

Present: Tom Maxwell, Seventh Judicial District Chief Administrator

- c. Consideration of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Paradox Community Trust and Telluride Foundation regarding the administration and implementation of a Department of Local Affairs grant for the San Miguel County Broadband Infrastructure Implementation Project.

Present: Lynn Black, County Administrator; Steve Zwick, County Attorney

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**MOTION** by Fischer to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Paradox Community Trust and Telluride Foundation regarding the administration and implementation of a Department of Local Affairs grant for the San Miguel County Broadband Infrastructure Implementation Project. **SECONDED** by Goodtimes. **PASSED 3-0.**

- d. Consideration to authorize the County to submit an Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance grant application to the Colorado Department of Local Affairs for partial funding of a joint County and Telluride Foundation broadband infrastructure project.

Present: Lynn Black, County Administrator

**MOTION** by Fischer to authorize the County to submit an Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance grant application to the Colorado Department of Local Affairs for partial funding of a joint County and Telluride Foundation Broadband Infrastructure Project. **SECONDED** by Goodtimes. **PASSED 3-0.**

8. SOCIAL SERVICES MATTERS:

- a. Discussion of monthly financial report modifications.
- b. Other.
  1. Policy review of provision of childcare in Ouray by exempt providers. San Miguel will be updated on the outcome of process.

Present: Carol Friedrich, County Social Services Director

7. SAN MIGUEL COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY MATTERS:

- a. Consideration of a request by Amber McOmber for an exception to Sections 5-1305.B. [Definitions], 5-1305 C, II [Ownership, Use and Occupancy Regulations] and Section 5-1305 B. VII. [Definitions] of the San Miguel County R-1 Deed Restriction and the Guidelines, Rules and Regulations governing Affordable Housing in the Telluride R-1 School District.

Present: Shirley Diaz, SMRHA Director; Amber McOmber, Applicant

**MOTION** by Fischer to approve the motion as presented with the seven points listed [in SMRHA staff memorandum granting a discretionary exception based upon the following compelling circumstance: Applicant is currently working and would like to be closer to the children's school and her employment with the seven conditions listed:

- The Applicant, Ms. McOmber, may purchase LH36B;
- The Applicant will provide a competitive market analysis (CMA) by the end of April to SMRHA and the SMRHA Board will review to determine if the market has currently recovered sufficiently to sell the property;
- The Applicant may retain her Rico unit for 1 year, and SMCHA delegates when to list the property to the SMRHA Board subject to the results of the CMA, including requiring check-ins which may extend the ownership of the Rico property based on market recovery and addition CMAs;
- Should Amber McOmber begin to receive profits from the rental of the unit they will be reported to SMRHA annually along with her child support and income to review her status as a qualified employee;
- This exception will expire if Ms. McOmber sells the Rico home;
- The Applicant will continue to meet all other components of the definition of employee and all other regulations in the Land Use Code regarding Affordable Housing units; and
- The County is authorized to execute an exception agreement as prepared by the County Attorney's Office.] **SECONDED** by Goodtimes. **PASSED 3-0.**

9. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- a. Update with County Administrator
  1. Discussion of April 1, 2015 IG Housing Solutions public meeting.

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2. Discussion of proposed County's 2015 Alpine Ranger Program.

Present: Shirley Diaz, SMRHA Director; Lynn Black, County Administrator

10. COMMISSIONER AND PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

- a. Public Discussion.
  1. Applicant related her negative experience with the recent County appointment process for a board seat on Wilkinson Library Board.

Present: Carol Morgenstern, County resident and Applicant for WL board seat

9. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- a. Update with County Administrator
  3. No bids were sought for the Galloping Goose Connector Trail completion project that was contracted with L Scanlon Design Inc.
  4. **Board** policy is to include Wilkinson Library Board recommendation letter into BOCC packets concerning its WL board seat vacancies.

Present: Lynn Black, County Administrator

10. COMMISSIONER AND PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

- b. Update on Outside Meetings.
  1. Elaine Fischer- Sneffels / LodgingTax / CitizenHouse / CCI
  2. Art Goodtimes – Jail Inspect / SBEADMR / PLP
  3. Joan May – BLMGuSg / ICclass / COflight / OutdoorAll
- c. Website postings and press releases.
- d. General Discussion.
  1. Open house is scheduled for region's contractors to meet Doug Barry, new County Building Official.

11. ATTORNEY MATTERS:

- a. Discussion of hiring CBOE referee/hearing officer to handle CBOE appeals this year. **Board Consensus** to hire Jim Garber as 2015 County Board of Equalization hearing officer.

Present: Steve Zwick, County Attorney

- b. Discussion regarding recreational access easement, Citation (4)(b).
- c. Update on litigation.
  1. Discussion of San Miguel County C.R. S7 legal status, Citation (4)(b).
- d. ~~Consideration to authorize litigation regarding the legal status of C.R. S7, Slick Rock, CO area.~~
- e. Update on land negotiations, Citation (4)(a).

Present: Steve Zwick, County Attorney; Linda Luther, County Open Space and Recreation Coordinator; Mike Horner, County Road and Bridge Superintendent; Lynn Black, County Administrator

**MOTION** by Fischer to go into Executive Session for discussion regarding recreational access easement, Citation (4)(b), and for update on litigation: Discussion of San Miguel County C.R. S7 legal status, Citation (4)(b). **SECONDED** by Goodtimes. **PASSED 3-0.**

Note: The County Attorney requested that items 11.b. and 11.c.1. not have written minutes as it constitutes a privileged attorney-client communication and a statement signed by the attorney and chair is attached. (ATTACHMENT V)

Note: Executive Session Minutes are confidential pursuant to 24-6-402(2) (d.5) (II)(A)(C), C.R.S. – Item 11.e.

12:12 p.m. Recessed.

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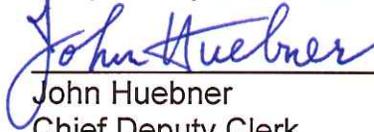
12:44 p.m. Reconvened.

**Board** only discussed the items in Executive Session it had stated.

12. Adjournment.  
12:47 p.m.

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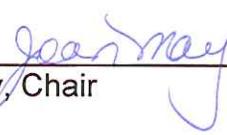
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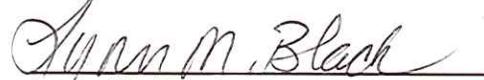
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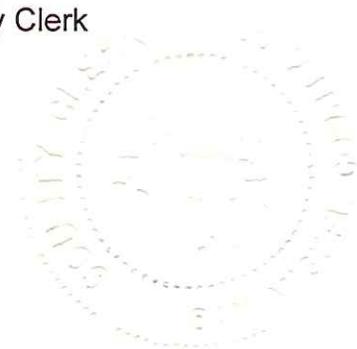
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Joan May, Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Lynn M. Black  
County Administrator



## FOR CONSENT AGENDA MARCH 25TH, 2015

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY PAYROLLS &  
FEBRUARY 2015 VENDOR PAYMENTSCHECKS ISSUED FEB 1ST THRU FEB 28TH, 2015  
FROM FUND/DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

FUND	PAYROLL	SPECIAL REQUEST VENDOR
GENERAL FUND - 101	\$523,992.62	\$238,962.92
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND - 102	\$115,772.72	\$122,246.47
SOCIAL SERVICES FUND - 103	\$27,306.38	\$0.00
SALES TAX CAPITAL FUND - 104	\$0.00	\$33,804.12
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES - 106	\$0.00	\$21,319.25
RETIREMENT FUND -107	\$31,670.74	\$0.00
PARKS/OPEN SPACE - 108	\$29,138.07	\$419,052.66
CONSERVATION TRUST FUND - 109	\$0.00	\$0.00
LODGING TAX - 110	\$0.00	\$64,965.95
VEGETATION MANAGEMENT - 111	\$0.00	\$101.71
PUBLIC HEALTH & ENVIRONMNT - 115	\$32,835.05	\$6,482.56
ENERGY FUND - 116	\$0.00	\$0.00
HOUSING AUTHORITY - 224	\$0.00	\$0.00
DISPOSAL DISTRICT - 226	\$0.00	\$245.55
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$760,715.58</b>	<b>\$907,181.19</b>

PETITION FOR ABATEMENT OR REFUND OF TAXES

ATTACHMENT II

County: San Miguel

Date Received 3/16/15 Assessor  
(Use Assessor's or Commissioners' Date Stamp)

Section I: Petitioner, please complete Section I only.

2015-1

Date: March 11, 2015  
Month Day Year

Petitioner's Name: Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc.  
Petitioner's Mailing Address: 1100 West 116th Avenue  
Westminster Colorado 80234  
City or Town State Zip Code

SCHEDULE OR PARCEL NUMBER(S) PROPERTY ADDRESS OR LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY  
State Assessed \_\_\_\_\_  
Account No. C0000079  
C0992604

Petitioner requests an abatement or refund of the appropriate taxes and states that the taxes assessed against the above property for the property tax year 2014 are incorrect for the following reasons: (Briefly describe why the taxes have been levied erroneously or illegally, whether due to erroneous valuation, irregularity in levying, clerical error, or overvaluation. Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

Change in State Assessed value. See attached.

Petitioner's estimate of value: Assessed Value Actual Value  
\$7,929,300.00 \$27,342,400.00  
Value Year

I declare, under penalty of perjury in the second degree, that this petition, together with any accompanying exhibits or statements, has been prepared or examined by me, and to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, is true, correct, and complete.

Mary Jo Howard, CPA 3/11/15 Daytime Phone Number (303) 254-3375  
Petitioner's Signature

By \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone Number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Agent's Signature\*

\*Letter of agency must be attached when petition is submitted by an agent.

If the Board of County Commissioners, pursuant to § 39-10-114(1), C.R.S., or the Property Tax Administrator, pursuant to § 39-2-116, C.R.S., denies the petition for refund or abatement of taxes in whole or in part, the Petitioner may appeal to the Board of Assessment Appeals pursuant to the provisions of § 39-2-125, C.R.S., within thirty days of the entry of any such decision, § 39-10-114.5(1), C.R.S.

**Section II: Assessor's Recommendation**  
(For Assessor's Use Only)

Tax Year 2014

	Actual	Assessed	Tax
Original	<u>29,600,700</u>	<u>8,584,200</u>	<u>\$306,857.23</u>
Corrected	<u>27,342,410</u>	<u>7,929,300</u>	<u>\$281,993.30</u>
Abate/Refund	<u>2,258,290</u>	<u>654,900</u>	<u>\$24,863.93</u>

Assessor recommends approval as outlined above.

If the request for abatement is based upon the grounds of overvaluation, no abatement or refund of taxes shall be made if an objection or protest to such valuation has been filed and a Notice of Determination has been mailed to the taxpayer, § 39-10-114(1)(a)(i)(D), C.R.S.

Tax year: 204 Protest?  No  Yes (If a protest was filed, please attach a copy of the NOD.)

Assessor recommends denial for the following reason(s):

Deann Karter  
Assessor or Deputy Assessor's Signature

**FOR ASSESSORS AND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS USE ONLY**

(Section III or Section IV must be completed)

Every petition for abatement or refund filed pursuant to § 39-10-114, C.R.S. shall be acted upon pursuant to the provisions of this section by the Board of County Commissioners or the Assessor, as appropriate, within six months of the date of filing such petition, § 39-1-113(1.7), C.R.S.

**Section III: Written Mutual Agreement of Assessor and Petitioner**  
(Only for abatements up to \$10,000)

The Commissioners of \_\_\_\_\_ County authorize the Assessor by Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ to review petitions for abatement or refund and to settle by written mutual agreement any such petition for abatement or refund in an amount of \$10,000 or less per tract, parcel, or lot of land or per schedule of personal property, in accordance with § 39-1-113(1.5), C.R.S.

The Assessor and Petitioner mutually agree to the values and tax abatement/refund of:

	Tax Year _____		
	Actual	Assessed	Tax
Original	_____	_____	_____
Corrected	_____	_____	_____
Abate/Refund	_____	_____	_____

Note: The total tax amount does not include accrued interest, penalties, and fees associated with late and/or delinquent tax payments, if applicable. Please contact the County Treasurer for full payment information.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Petitioner's Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Assessor's or Deputy Assessor's Signature Date

**Section IV: Decision of the County Commissioners**  
(Must be completed if Section III does not apply)

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of San Miguel County, State of Colorado, at a duly and lawfully called regular meeting held on 3 / 25 / 2015, at which meeting there were present the following members:  
Month Day Year  
Art Goodtimes, Joan May, Elaine Fischer

with notice of such meeting and an opportunity to be present having been given to the Petitioner and the Assessor of said County and Assessor Peggy Kanter (~~being present~~ not present) and Petitioner Mary Jo Howard (Tri-State) (~~being present~~ not present), and WHEREAS, the said County Commissioners have carefully considered the within petition, and are fully advised in relation thereto, NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the Board (~~agrees~~ does not agree) with the recommendation of the Assessor, and that the petition be (~~approved~~ approved in part ~~denied~~) with an abatement/refund as follows:

Year	Assessed Value	Taxes Abate/Refund
2014	\$ 654,900	\$ 24,863.93

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson of the Board of County Commissioners' Signature

I, John Huebner County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners in and for the aforementioned county, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing order is truly copied from the record of the proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County this 25th day of March, 2015  
Month Year

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk's or Deputy County Clerk's Signature

Note: Abatements greater than \$10,000 per schedule, per year, must be submitted in duplicate to the Property Tax Administrator for review.

**Section V: Action of the Property Tax Administrator**  
(For all abatements greater than \$10,000)

The action of the Board of County Commissioners, relative to this petition, is hereby

Approved  Approved in part \$ \_\_\_\_\_  Denied for the following reason(s):

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Property Tax Administrator's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

OFFICE OF  
SAN MIGUEL COUNTY CLERK

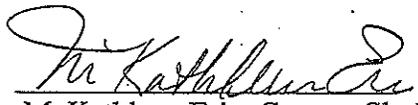
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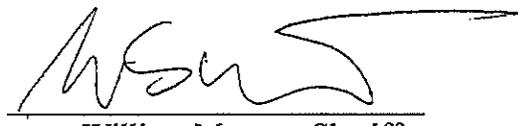
WRITTEN FINDINGS

Date: March 13, 2015  
To: San Miguel County Board of Commissioners  
Re: Renewal of Hotel & Restaurant with Optional Premises for  
Telski Food & Beverage Services  
d/b/a Alpino Vino  
12100 Camels Garden Road  
Telluride, Colorado 81435

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1. Application is complete.
2. All fees have been paid.
3. William Masters, Sheriff, gives his approval on this renewal.
4. Insurance attached.

  
M. Kathleen Erie, County Clerk

  
William Masters, Sheriff

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
SAN MIGUEL COUNTY, COLORADO,  
PUBLICLY STATING THE VALUE OF PUBLIC LANDS TO THE COUNTY'S ECONOMY,  
RECREATION, HERITAGE, AND QUALITY OF LIFE; AND OPPOSING ANY EFFORT TO  
CLAIM, TAKE OVER, LITIGATE FOR, OR SELL OFF FEDERAL PUBLIC LANDS WITHIN  
SAN MIGUEL COUNTY, COLORADO

Resolution #2015 - 9

**WHEREAS**, San Miguel County includes many beautiful, natural landscapes, including mountains, rivers, forests, lakes, basins and plateaus; and

**WHEREAS**, many of those stunning places are public lands owned by all Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, public land under the management of the U.S. Forest Service and U.S. Bureau of Land Management constitutes more than 60% of the land in San Miguel County; and

**WHEREAS**, these federal public lands are essential to the quality of life in San Miguel County, providing public recreational opportunity for wildlife watching, hiking, hunting, fishing, backpacking, horseback riding, skiing, bicycling, sightseeing, and numerous other outdoor recreational activities; and

**WHEREAS**, these federal public lands provide essential habitat for wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, wildlife and the scenic landscape on public lands attract outdoor recreation and tourism that are the dominant drivers of San Miguel County's economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the unified, consistent management of Federal land by the Federal Land Agencies across the nation best protects the national value and utility of the public lands for all Americans and the values on which the economy in San Miguel County is dependent; and

**WHEREAS**, San Miguel County business owners attract employees in large part because of the iconic landscape and recreational opportunities on federal public lands; and

**WHEREAS**, San Miguel County's agriculture industry includes numerous ranchers and shepherders who depend on grazing on federal public land; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a broad consensus in San Miguel County of the need for effective management of our federal public lands and wildlife, and that collaborative approaches in which federal public land management agencies cooperate with Colorado Parks and Wildlife, San Miguel County officials, and our community are more likely to produce effective management than would ownership or management of federal public lands by the state of Colorado; and

**WHEREAS**, San Miguel County residents are actively collaborating among diverse interests and with public land managers to improve public land management and public access; and

**WHEREAS**, federal public land management agencies employ residents of San Miguel County who are passionate and expert at their jobs, despite lack of adequate federal funding, pay taxes, and contribute to our community; and

**WHEREAS**, Americans from throughout the country value these public lands as a part of our national

heritage and as our inalienable birthright as Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, San Miguel County's forests are naturally prone to fire, including periodic large-scale fires, as part of the ecosystem in which they have evolved over millennia, although a warming climate has accentuated the process; and

**WHEREAS**, federal money and expertise to suppress wildfires is essential to protecting our communities, infrastructure, and public lands.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of San Miguel County, Colorado, as follows:

That the Board of County Commissioners opposes any effort to claim, take over, litigate for, or sell off federal public lands within San Miguel County except pursuant to legislative processes established by Congress in the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, National Environmental Policy Act, Federal Land Policy and Management Act, and other applicable federal laws, following public participation and site-based analysis of the wildlife, ecological and community implications of the proposed land transfer.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of San Miguel County, Colorado, as follows:

1. The Board of County Commissioners strongly supports federal land management in San Miguel County and the irreplaceable value public lands bring to our county's economy, recreation, heritage, and quality of life.
2. The Board of County Commissioners enthusiastically commends the dedicated federal employees who manage America's public lands in San Miguel County, and the dedicated employees of Colorado Parks and Wildlife who manage wildlife in San Miguel County, in partnership with the federal public land managers.

**DONE AND APPROVED** by the Board of Commissioners of San Miguel County, Colorado, at a duly noticed public meeting held in Telluride, Colorado, on March 25, 2014.

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

*Joan May*  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Joan May, Chair



ATTEST:  
*John Huebner*  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 John Huebner, Chief Deputy Clerk to the Board

VOTE:

Joan May	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Elaine R.C. Fischer	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Art Goodtimes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent

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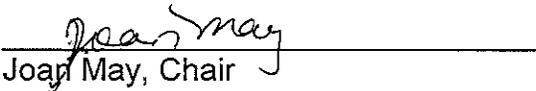
ATTACHMENT V

Executive Session Minutes Attest

I, Steven J. Zwick, County Attorney attest that the Wednesday, March 25, 2015 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.

  
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Steven J. Zwick, County Attorney

I, Joan May, Chair of the San Miguel County Board of Commissioners attest that the Wednesday, March 25, 2015 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.

  
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Joan May, Chair