



Chaffee County Commissioners Meeting
March 7, 2023

These minutes have been taken remotely via Zoom. Some County staff, representatives from other governments and government agencies, and others from the public may attend, including participating in the public hearing portion of the meeting, remotely via Zoom.

A. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on March 7, 2023, at the Chaffee County Courthouse. Board members present were Chair Keith Baker, Commissioner Greg Felt, and Commissioner P. T. Wood.

Others present in person were Retired Director of General Administration Bob Christiansen (Item D.7. only), Director of Finance Dan Short, Deputy Director of Administration Beth Helmke, County Attorney Daniel Tom, Assistant County Attorney Lynda Knowles, Assistant County Attorney/Planning Director Miles Cottom, and Principal Planner Greg Laudenslager.

Present remotely were Deputy County Clerks Barbara Tidd and Brandy Coscarella.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chair Baker called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

2. Approve Agenda

Chair Baker stated that Regular Agenda Item D.7. would be moved to the first item under D. with other items under D. to follow in the order on the Agenda, and there would be no executive session (Regular Agenda Item D.9.).

Commissioner Felt moved to approve the Agenda as amended. Commissioner Wood seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Review Public Meeting List

The Board reviewed the public meeting list.

4. Public Comment

Chair Baker asked for Public Comment. He stated that by making voluntary public comment, you are agreeing to speak only what you know to be true and you are going to follow normal rules of civility and conducting business in the public square. You have 3 minutes to speak. When called upon, please come to the mic and speak your name and address for the record.

There was no public comment.

B. Minutes for Approval

1. Consider for Approval the Minutes of the February 21 2023 Regular Meeting
Commissioner Wood moved to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2023 Commissioners' regular meeting. Commissioner Felt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
2. Consider for Approval the Minutes of the February 16 2023 Executive Session Meeting
Commissioner Felt moved to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2023 Commissioners' Executive Session meeting. Commissioner Wood seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Wood moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Felt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Approve Opting In On the 2023 Opioid Settlement Participation Forms, as Discussed at the Mar 6 2023 Work Session- D Tom/ A Carlstrom
2. Approve the Colorado Department of Military and Veterans Affairs VSO Monthly Report for February 2023
3. Approve the Century Link Contract with Chaffee County Sheriff's Office- Communications Center, as Discussed at the March 6 2023 Work Session- Annette Stolba
4. Approve the Motorola Contract with Chaffee County Sheriff's Office- Communications Center, as Discussed at the March 6 2023 Work Session- Annette Stolba
5. Approve the Policy Updates for Chaffee Common Ground, as Presented March 6 2023 at the Work Session
6. Pay the Bills

D. Regular Agenda Items

7. Consider for Approval Resolution 2023-22 Celebrating the Contributions of County Administrator Bob Christiansen

Chair Baker addressed the Board to consider approval of **RESOLUTION 2023-XX CELEBRATING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR BOB CHRISTIANSEN** and read the Resolution into the record.

Commissioner Felt moved to approve **RESOLUTION 2023-XX CELEBRATING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR BOB CHRISTIANSEN** and approve distribution to all local media outlets. Commissioner Wood seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Retired Director of County Administration Christiansen spoke.

1. **Name of Project:** Post-Madden – Heritage Water Subdivision Exemption

Applicant: Michael Post & Karina Madden

Location: 12655 County Road 190 E, Salida

Zone: Residential

Request: To subdivide 5.98 acres into two parcels of ‘Lot 1’ comprising 2 acres and ‘Lot 2’ comprising 3.98 acres. An individual well and individual on-site wastewater treatment system (OWTS) are proposed to serve the newly created ‘Lot 2’ of 3.98 acres. Well permit #142485 would remain with Lot 1. The new parcel would have access through a newly created access easement.

Planner: Greg Laudenslager, (719) 530-5571, glaudenslager@chaffeecounty.org

Planner Laudenslager addressed the Board to consider the Post-Madden – Heritage Water Subdivision Exemption; **Applicant:** Michael Post & Karina Madden; **Location:** 12655 County Road 190 E, Salida.

Planner Laudenslager, Applicant Michael Post, and Attorney/Director Cottom responded to Commissioner's questions.

Applicant Michael Post, 12655 East County Rd. 290, Salida, addressed the Board.

Chair Baker asked for public comments, stating that by giving public comment, you are agreeing to speak only what you know to be true, are going to follow normal rules of civility and conducting business in the public square, and have 3 minutes to speak.

The public comment portion of the hearing opened at 9:26 a.m. There were no comments, and the public comment portion of the hearing was closed.

Commissioner Felt moved to approve the Post-Madden – Heritage Water Subdivision Exemption; **Applicant:** Michael Post & Karina Madden; **Location:** 12655 County Road 190 E, Salida, with amended Findings and Conditions as stated by Planner Laudenslager and direct staff to prepare a resolution for March 21, 2023. Commissioner Wood seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Consider Acceptance and Approval of Colorado State Forest Financial Assistance Award - Poncha Pass Fuels Reduction

Attorney Tom addressed the Board to consider acceptance and approval of the Colorado State Forest Financial Assistance Award - Poncha Pass Fuels Reduction Project.

Director Short spoke, followed by Commissioner Felt.

Commissioner Felt moved to accept and approve the Colorado State Forest Financial Assistance Award - Poncha Pass Fuels Reduction Project. Commissioner Wood seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Consider Appointment from the Planning Commission (as recommended by Planning Commission):
One Member to Transportation Board
Three Members to Salida Regional Planning Commission

Attorney/Director Cottom addressed the Board to consider appointments from the Planning Commission (as recommended by Planning Commission) to the Transportation Advisory Board (one member) and the Salida Regional Planning Commission (3 members).

Commissioner Wood moved to appoint Aaron Kindle to the Transportation Advisory Board and Hank Held, Marjo Curgus, and Bill Mansheim to the Salida Regional Planning Commission. Commissioner Felt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Close Out CDBG Grant #20-057 Down Payment Assistance Program, Managed by Chaffee Housing Trust - Read McCulloch (Requested Continued From Feb 7, 2023 by Read McCulloch to meet requirements of Division of Housing)

Chaffee Housing Trust Executive Director Read McCulloch, 17759 County Rd. 368, Buena Vista, addressed the Board regarding the closing out of the CDBG Grant #20-057 Down Payment Assistance Program Managed by Chaffee Housing Trust and responded to Commissioner's question.

Commissioner Wood moved to approve the closing out of the CDBG Grant #20-057 Down Payment Assistance Program Managed by Chaffee Housing Trust. Commissioner Felt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Consider for Approval Resolution 2023-20 Allocating a Percentage of Lodging Tax to Support Local Workforce and Quality of Life by Providing and Funding Affordable Housing for Local Workers, Seasonal Works, and Other Workers in the Community (as approved by BOCC at the January 31, 2023 meeting)

Attorney Tom addressed the Board to consider approval of **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-20 ALLOCATING A PERCENTAGE OF LODGING TAX TO SUPPORT LOCAL WORKFORCE AND QUALITY OF LIFE BY PROVIDING AND FUNDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR LOCAL WORKERS, SEASONAL WORKERS AND OTHER WORKERS IN THE COMMUNITY.**

Commissioner Felt moved to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-20 ALLOCATING A PERCENTAGE OF LODGING TAX TO SUPPORT LOCAL WORKFORCE AND QUALITY OF LIFE BY PROVIDING AND FUNDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR LOCAL WORKERS, SEASONAL WORKERS AND OTHER WORKERS IN THE COMMUNITY** as presented. Commissioner Wood seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Consider for Approval Resolution 2023-21 Granting A Multi-Year Special Event Permit For A Run Through Time

Commissioner Wood recused himself from this item and left the room.

Attorney/Director Cottom addressed the Board to consider approval of **RESOLUTION 2023-21 GRANTING A MULTI-YEAR SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR A RUN THROUGH TIME.**

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Felt moved to approve **RESOLUTION 2023-21 GRANTING A MULTI-YEAR SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR A RUN THROUGH TIME**. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Wood not present for the vote.

Commissioner Wood returned to the meeting.

8. Discuss and Give Direction to Staff on County Administrator Hiring Negotiations

Chair Baker opened discussion regarding County Administrator hiring negotiations.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Felt moved to extend an offer to Don Reimer as the sole finalist for the County Administrator position, observe the two-week statutory period, and, assuming nothing significant arises during that interval, direct staff to negotiate with Don Reimer for the County Administrator position. Commissioner Wood seconded the motion. Chair Baker spoke indicating that following the statutory period of 14 days ending March 21, 2023, an offer would be extended to Don Reimer for the position of County Administrator. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Executive Session - "To consider the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer or sale of real, personal or other property, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(a)." County Attorney Daniel Tom, Assistant County Attorneys Miles Cottom and Lynda Knowles, County Deputy Director of Administration Beth Helmke, And Finance Director Dan Short May Also Attend.

This item was removed from the Agenda.

E. Active Projects

1. Tentatively Schedule Annual Blue Triton Report for April 4 2023

Attorney Tom addressed the Board regarding the annual Blue Triton Report that is tentatively scheduled for April 4, 2023.

F. Adjourn

Commissioner Felt moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Wood seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

Attest:



Lori Mitchell, County Clerk