Chaffee County Commissioners Meeting
June 20, 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 June 20, 2023, at the Buena Vista Community Center, 715 Main St., Buena Vista. Board members present were Chair Keith Baker, Commissioner Greg Felt, and Commissioner P. T. Wood.

Others present in person were County Administrator Don Reimer, Deputy County Administrator Beth Helmke, Director of Finance Dan Short, and Assistant County Attorney/Planning Director Miles Cottom.

Others present remotely were Assistant County Attorney Lynda Knowles, Planner Brandon Wolff, and Deputy County Clerk Barbara Tidd.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
   Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chair Baker called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Approve Agenda
   Chair Baker stated that Regular Agenda item D.1. is to be rescheduled probably to the July 5 meeting.

   Regular Agenda item D.8. will be at the July 5 meeting also.

   Deputy Administrator Helmke clarified that Item G.1. Field Trip is a placeholder only.

   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 stating that this is an opportunity for members of the public to express their views on topics that are *not* on the Agenda, and, therefore, Commissioners do not normally engage in a back-and-forth discussion or respond to questions during public comment.

   He stated that:

   - the Board of Commissioners (BOCC) cannot take public comment on an item that is scheduled or likely to be scheduled for a quasi-judicial hearing before the BOCC;

- the BOCC or a staff member may reply later, using contact information provided on the sign-up sheet;
- by giving public comment, you are agreeing to speak only what you know to be true and are going to follow normal rules of civility in conducting public business;
- you have up to 3 minutes to speak, and when called upon, please come to the podium and speak your name and address for the record.

He further stated to address all your comments to the County Commissioners. In other words, do not address applicants, previous speakers, or other members of the audience. People in the room will speak first.

If you're online and wish to speak, please use the raise hand function on zoom, the chat function, or unmute and speak loudly.

Public Comment was given by:

Tom McCracken, 16165 Burt Gulch Rd., Buena Vista, spoke and provided Commissioners a handout.

Bethany Wekesser, 16565 Mt. Princeton Rd., Buena Vista.

Cory "Salty" Riggs, 218 Scott St., Salida.

Joe Cooper, 9325 County Rd. 160, Salida.

Carlin Walsh, 130 Meadow Lane, Buena Vista, regarding Agenda Item D.7., spoke and provided Commissioners a handout.

B. Minutes for Approval

1. Consider for Approval the Minutes of the June 13th Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners

Commissioner Felt stated that the motion regarding Item D.1. should be amended to state: Commissioner Felt moved to allocate $100,000 from the Conservation Trust Fund to create a challenge grant to Colorado Parks & Wildlife (CPW); Felt will write a letter to CPW and encourage them to cover that gap immediately, and <u>to finalize plans to remove</u> the low head dam in the fall.

Commissioner Wood moved to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2023 Commissioners' regular meeting as amended. Commissioner Felt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Consent Agenda

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

1. Consider for Approval the Application for a Special Events Liquor Permit for Colorado Fourteeners Initiative- High Lonesome 100

D. Regular Agenda Items

1. Xcel Energy Update - Ashley Valdez, Xcel Energy Area Manager
   This item was removed from the Agenda.

2. Consider Request for Acceptance of Major Subdivision Application During Temporary Moratorium in Consideration of Resolutions 2022-41 and 2022-74. Applicant Joe Cooper. - M. Cottom

   Attorney/Director Cottom addressed the Board to consider a request for acceptance of a Major Subdivision Application during Temporary Moratorium in consideration of Resolutions 2022-41 and 2022-74 for Applicant Joe Cooper.

   Applicant Cooper Trust representative Attorney Geoff Anderson addressed the Board.
   Applicant Cooper addressed the Board and requested a continuation of this matter.

   Chair Baker asked for questions or comments from Staff.
   Commissioners spoke, followed by Applicant Cooper.
   Attorney/Director Cottom responded to Administrator Reimer's question.

   Commissioner Felt moved to continue the consideration of a request for acceptance of a Major Subdivision Application during Temporary Moratorium to July 11, 2023, and encourage Attorney/Director Cottom to meet with Applicant Cooper during the interim. Commissioner Wood seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Hearing on Proposed Changes to the Boundaries of Commissioner Districts 1, 2 and 3 – D. Tom

   Chair Baker addressed the Board to introduce the public hearing on the proposed changes to the boundaries of Commissioner Districts 1, 2, and 3.

   Attorney/Planning Director Cottom and Administrator Reimer spoke.

   The public comment portion of the hearing opened at 10:00 a.m. There were no comments, and the public comment portion of the hearing was closed.

   Discussion ensued.

   Chair Baker stated that these maps will continue to be available to the public if they have any questions or comments to make.

   Commissioner Felt moved to continue this hearing regarding the proposed changes to the boundaries of Commissioner Districts 1, 2, and 3 to July 18, 2023. Commissioner Wood seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Consider for Approval the Contract with Rocky Mechanical for the Replacement of the Shop Heaters at the Landfill

Administrator Reimer addressed the Board to consider for approval the Contract with Rocky Mechanical for the replacement of the shop heaters at the Landfill.

Attorney Knowles addressed the Board.

Commissioner Wood moved to approve the Contract with Rocky Mechanical for the replacement of the shop heaters at the Landfill with signing authority to the Chair. Commissioner Felt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Consider for approval Public Health Grants, as listed – L. Knowles

- FY24 Health Disparities
- FY24 Public Health Emergency Preparedness
- Public Health Workforce Hiring, Retention, and Training
- Public Health Yearly Environmental Health Contract

Attorney Knowles addressed the Board to consider for approval the following grants for Public Health:

- FY24 Health Disparities
- FY24 Public Health Emergency Preparedness
- Public Health Workforce Hiring, Retention, and Training
- Public Health Yearly Environmental Health Contract

Commissioner Felt moved to approve for Public Health the following grant renewal contracts in block as presented:

- FY24 Health Disparities
- FY24 Public Health Emergency Preparedness
- Public Health Workforce Hiring, Retention, and Training
- Public Health Yearly Environmental Health Contract

Commissioner Wood seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Consider Acceptance of Right of Way for CR 300 From Blue Triton Brands – D. Reimer

Administrator Reimer addressed the Board to consider acceptance of Right-of-Way for County Rd. 300 from Blue Triton Brands.

David Feckley and Caitlin Quander stated that they had nothing to add.

Administrator Reimer responded to Commissioner's questions.

Commissioner Wood moved to accept the Right of Way Deed for additional right-of-way for County Rd. 300, authorizing the Chair to sign the deed following completion and receipt of the Exhibit A survey. Commissioner Felt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Consideration actions related to Colorado Broadband Office Capital Projects Fund grant seeking preparation (Advance-CPF Last Mile Funding) – B. Helmke

   Deputy Administrator Helmke addressed the Board to consider actions related to the Colorado Broadband Office Capital Projects Fund grant seeking preparation (Advance-CPF Last Mile Funding).

   Discussion ensued during which Deputy Administrator Helmke and Carlin Walsh responded to Commissioners' questions.

   Wendell Pryor addressed the Board.
   Attorney Knowles addressed the Board.

   Commissioner Wood moved to approve the Colorado Broadband Office Advance-Capital Projects Fund (CPF) Grant opportunities and direct staff to finalize the draft public private partnership framework and related agreement templates with the intent of bringing them forward to the July meetings for ratification.

   Commissioner Felt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Discussion on BIL/IIJA and Related Grants-Seeking - Helmke/Reimer/Short
   This item was continued to the July 5, 2023, meeting.

9. Consider Approval of Recommendation for Chaffee Housing Authority Board members – B. Helmke

   Deputy Administrator Helmke addressed the Board to consider approval of the recommendations for Chaffee Housing Authority (CHA) Board members stating that the CHA recommends the appointment of Jeff Eaton, Rob Gartzman, and Craig Nielson to the CHA Board.

   Discussion ensued during which Deputy Administrator Helmke and Director Short responded to Commissioners' questions.

   Commissioner Felt moved to continue to July 5, 2023, the recommendations for Chaffee Housing Authority Board members. Commissioner Wood seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Active Projects

F. Adjourn

Commissioner Wood moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Felt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

G. Field Trip

1. Possible visit to North End Public Safety Complex site (200 Steele Dr, Buena Vista)

   As Deputy Administrator Helmke stated at the beginning of the meeting, this item is a placeholder only.

Attest:

Lori Mitchell

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Lori Mitchell, County Clerk