Chaffee County Commissioners Meeting
July 5, 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 July 5, 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 County Administrator Don Reimer, Deputy County Administrator Beth Helmke, Director of Finance Dan Short, County Attorney Daniel Tom, Assistant County Attorney Lynda Knowles, Assistant County Attorney/Planning Director Miles Cottom, Planning Manager Garry Baker, and Administrative Assistant Brandy Coscarella.

Present remotely was Deputy County Clerk Barbara Tidd.

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

2. Approve Agenda
   Commissioner Felt moved to approve the Agenda. 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.

There was no public comment.

B. Minutes for Approval

1. Consider for Approval the Minutes of the June 20, 2023 Regular Meeting

   Commissioner Felt moved to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2023 Commissioners' regular meeting. Commissioner Wood seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Consent Agenda

Chair Baker asked for Public Comment on any of the Consent Agenda items. There was none.

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

1. Pay the Bills
2. Acknowledge the Treasurer's Report
3. Consider Award for Construction Contract for Salida Airport AWOS Relocation Project, with Signing Authority to the Chair
4. Consider for Approval the Purchase of an Excavator - M. Stacy (Road and Bridge)
5. Consider for Approval Contract with Dibble Engineering for AWOS Replacement Project Engineering Services (under General Services Agreement) – Z. Papp

D. Hearing Consent Agenda- Agenda Items are listed on the Hearing Consent Agenda because no testimony is expected. In the event a Commissioner or any member of the public wishes to testify regarding an item on the Consent Agenda, the item will be removed and considered with the Regular Agenda. These items, if approved, will include signing authority to the Chair of the Board on the related Resolution(s).

Chair Baker stated that these items are those that would normally require a hearing, but no public testimony is expected. In the event a Commissioner or any member of the public wishes to testify regarding an item on the Consent Agenda, the item will be removed and considered with the Regular Agenda. These items, if approved, will include signing authority to the Chair of the Board on the related Resolution(s).

Chair Baker asked if anyone from the public wished to testify on these items.
There was no public comment.

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

1. Approve the Five Year Special Event Application for the Sawatch Ascent 50K

2. Approve the Five Year Special Event Application and Fee Waiver Request for the Salida Air Show

3. Approve the Five Year Special Event Application for the Salida 76

4. **Name of Project:** Huckleberry River Ranch Lot Line Elimination
   Applicants: Dustin Neiman for Huckleberry River Ranch, LLC
   Location: 43185 & 43255 County Road 397, Granite
   Zone: Rural Commercial Recreational (RCR)
   Request: To eliminate the lot lines between Lots 27, 28 & 29 in the Granite Townsites.
   Planner: Christie Barton 719-530-5572 cbarton@chaffeecounty.org

E. Regular Agenda Items

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

   Commissioner Wood addressed the Board regarding Board members for Chaffee Housing Authority (CHA).
   Commissioner Felt spoke.

   The public comment portion of the hearing opened at 9:15 a.m.

   Public comments were given by:

   Cory "Salty" Riggs, 218 Scott St., Salida.
   Craig Nielson, Chair of the Board of CHA, 407 E 3rd St., Salida.
   Dominique Naccarato, 728 W 2nd St., Salida.
   Brandon Becker, 239 E St., Salida.
   Rikki Boucher, 5620 E. Hwy. 50, Salida.

   The public comment portion of the hearing closed at 9:25 a.m.

   Commissioner Wood moved to approve the recommendation from the CHA for Chaffee Housing Authority Board members to appoint Craig Nielson to a two-year term expiring January 31, 2025,

and to appoint Jeff Eaton and Rob Gartzman as at-large Board members with terms expiring January 31, 2024 and January 31, 2025 respectively, and direct staff to draft a resolution addressing the filling of these vacancies accordingly with signing authority to the Chair as well as moving forward with reworking the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA). Commissioner Wood stated that he is happy to work on that and will consult with her [Salty Riggs'] friends on BETCH regarding this.
Commissioner Felt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Baker spoke.

Attorney/Director Cottom made an announcement regarding the Land Use Code update and introduced Garry Baker as the County's new Planning Manager.

Manager Baker addressed the Board.

2. Consider for Approval the Five Year Special Event Application for Max Fink and Sarah Furey Magee Allowing for filming activity on Chaffee County Public Roads and Lands.
Chair Baker gave an overview of the process for this public hearing item.

Attorney/Director Cottom addressed the Board to consider for approval the Five-Year Special Event Application for Max Fink and Sarah Furey Magee allowing for filming activity on Chaffee County Public Roads and Lands.

Discussion ensued during which Assistant Coscarella addressed the Board.

Applicant Furey Magee, (no street address provided) Breckenridge, addressed the Board.

The public comment portion of the hearing opened at 9:44 a.m. There were no comments, and the public comment portion of the hearing was closed.

Attorney/Director Cottom, Assistant Coscarella, and Attorney Tom responded to Commissioner's question.
Applicant Furey Magee spoke.
Discussion ensued. Commissioners deliberated during which Attorney/Director Cottom spoke.

Commissioner Wood moved to approve the Five-Year Special Event Application for Max Fink and Sarah Furey Magee allowing for filming activity on Chaffee County Public Roads and Lands with the conditions that were discussed here, including a check-back in one year. Commissioner Felt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Consideration of 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 Colorado Broadband Office Capital Projects Fund grant seeking preparation (Advance-CPF Last Mile Funding).

Deputy Administrator Helmke and Attorney Tom responded to Commissioner's question.
Discussion ensued.

Maisie Ramsay, 210 La Plata St., Poncha Springs, addressed the Board as a local resident. In response to Chair Baker's question, she stated that she is also Grant Coordination Manager for Visionary Broadband.

Discussion continued during which Attorney Tom, Deputy Administrator Helmke, and Ramsay spoke.

Commissioner Wood moved to proceed. Commissioner Felt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Building Code/Energy Code Process - Pat Green / Miles Cottom

Attorney/Director Cottom addressed the Board regarding the updated Building Code/Energy Code and adoption of the updated Code(s).

Discussion ensued during which Attorney/Director Cottom responded to Commissioners' questions and Attorney Tom and Director Reimer spoke.

No formal action was taken.

5. Consider Resolution 2023-59 Appointment of Jared Buchan to Board of Adjustment following Katie Lady resignation from same - B. Coscarella

Attorney/Director Cottom addressed the Board to consider approval of **RESOLUTION 2023-59 FILLING VACANCIES ON THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT** (BOA) appointing Jared Buchan to the Board of Adjustment following the resignation of Katy Lady from the BOA.

Commissioner Felt moved to approve **RESOLUTION 2023-59 FILLING VACANCIES ON THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT** appointing Jared Buchan to the Board of Adjustment following the resignation of Katy Lady from the BOA. Commissioner Wood seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Consider For Approval The Extension Of The Contract With Turn Key Health Clinics For One Year; Consider The Approval Of An Amendment To This Contract To Increase Monthly Compensation From $30,922.75 To $31,834.97 - D. Tom

Attorney Tom addressed the Board to consider approval of the extension of the Contract with Turn Key Health Clinics for one year along with an amendment to this Contract to increase monthly compensation from $30,922.75 to $31,834.97.

Commissioner Wood moved to approve the extension of the Contract with Turn Key Health Clinics for one year along with an amendment to this Contract to increase monthly compensation from $30,922.75 to $31,834.97. Commissioner Felt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Director Short spoke regarding budget hearings.

The meeting recessed at 10:43 a.m. until 1:15 p.m.

7. **1:15 p.m. -** Land Management Agencies Stakeholder Meeting
The meeting resumed at 1:16 p.m.

Chair Baker opened the Land Management Agencies Stakeholder meeting.

Kalem Lenard, BLM Assistant Field Manager in the Royal Gorge Field Office, addressed the Board.
Discussion ensued.
Lenard responded to a question from Tom Waters, Park Manager Arkansas Headwaters - Colorado Parks and Wildlife.

USFS Greg Hamilton, new wildlife biologist with USFS in Salida Ranger District, addressed the Board and introduced Recreation Program Manager Gabe Hobson with the USFS in the Salida Ranger District.

Hobson responded to Commissioner's question.

Administrator Reimer brought to USFS attention upcoming Commissioner meeting agenda items that may be of interest.

Discussion continued.

Tom Waters addressed the Board.

Discussion ensued.

Area Wildlife Manager Sean Shepherd with Colorado Parks and Wildlife addressed the Board.

Discussion ensued during which Shepherd responded to questions.

Assistant Field Manager Raymond Ogle with the BLM Royal Gorge Field Office.

Administrator Reimer spoke.
Attorney Tom responded to Reimer's question.

No formal action was taken.

8. **2:15 p.m. -** Congressional Leadership Update

Janeth Stancie, Central Mountains Regional Director for Senator Hickenlooper, provided the Board an update.
Stancie responded to Commissioners' questions.

Legislative Assistant Kate Foley of Congressional Representative Brittany Pettersen's office updated the Board.

State Senator Mark Baisley addressed the Board.

No formal action was taken.

F. Active Projects

G. Adjourn

Commissioner Felt moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Wood seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Attest:

Lori Mitchell, County Clerk