



Chaffee County Commissioners Meeting
January 9, 2024

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 January 9, 2024, 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, Emergency Manager Rich Atkins, Planning Director Miles Cottom, and Road & Bridge Superintendent Mark Stacy (item F.5. only).

Others present remotely were Assistant County Attorney Lynda Knowles, Planning Manager Garry Baker, 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. 2023 Year in Review - Keith Baker

Chair Baker provided a 2023 Year in Review.

No formal action was taken.

3. Election of Commissioner Chair and Vice-Chair

Chair Baker addressed the Board regarding the election of Commissioner Chair and Vice-Chair for 2024.

Chair Baker moved to elect Commissioner Wood as Commissioner Chair and Commissioner Felt as Commissioner Vice-Chair. Commissioner Felt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Baker stepped down as Chair and Commissioner Wood assumed the role of Chair.

4. Approve Agenda

Commissioner Felt moved to approve the Agenda as published. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Review Public Meeting List

Chair Wood addressed the public regarding changes in how the Commissioners will share the public meeting list.

Commissioners shared upcoming meetings and events that they will be attending.

6. Public Comment

Chair Wood asked for public comment.

Public Comment was given by:

Gina Lucrezi, 160 Barnwood Cir., Buena Vista.

Alan Seeling, 29275 County Rd. 358a, Buena Vista.

In response to Seeling's comment, Director Short stated that once the budget is approved, it will be on the County website.

Joanne Allen, 14901 County Rd. 261c, Nathrop.

Commissioner Baker spoke in response to Allen's comment.

Karin Adams, 11460 County Rd. 140, Salida.

Chair Wood and Administrator Reimer responded to Adams' questions.

Richard Heckmann, 15250 County Rd. 328, Buena Vista.

Chair Wood responded to Heckmann's comment.

Sig Jaastad, 19605 County Rd. 343, Buena Vista.

Dave Armstrong, 7032 County Rd. 107, Salida.

Joe Cooper, 9325 County Road 160, Salida.

B. Minutes for Approval

1. Consider for Approval the Minutes of the January 2, 2024 Regular Meeting

Commissioner Felt moved to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2024 Commissioners' regular meeting. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Contracts/Grant Consideration

1. Approve the 2024 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Funding With The State Of Colorado - Rich Atkins

Emergency Manager Atkins addressed the Board to request to apply for the 2024 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Funding with the State of Colorado.

Commissioner Baker moved to move forward with applying for the 2024 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Funding with the State of Colorado. Commissioner Felt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Approve Resolution and Agreement to the Chaffee County Community Fund and the Chaffee County Early Childhood Council for the 2024 Lodging Tax Reallocation - Beth Helmke

Deputy County Administrator Helmke addressed the Board to consider approval of **RESOLUTION 2024-17 ALLOCATING A PERCENTAGE OF LODGING TAX IN FISCAL YEAR 2024 TO**

CHAFFEE COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION'S CHILDCARE FUND TO SUPPORT HOUSING AND CHILDCARE FOR LOCAL WORKERS, SEASONAL WORKERS AND FOR OTHER WORKERS IN THE COMMUNITY.

Commissioner Baker moved to approve **RESOLUTION 2024-17 ALLOCATING A PERCENTAGE OF LODGING TAX IN FISCAL YEAR 2024 TO CHAFFEE COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION'S CHILDCARE FUND TO SUPPORT HOUSING AND CHILDCARE FOR LOCAL WORKERS, SEASONAL WORKERS AND FOR OTHER WORKERS IN THE COMMUNITY.** Commissioner Felt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Felt spoke.

D. Consent Agenda

Chair Wood asked if any Commissioner wanted any item removed from the Consent Agenda. There was no response.

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

1. Pay the Bills
2. Consider engagement of Dynamic Program Management for Owner's Rep services for the Chaffee County North End Public Safety Complex construction project - Beth Helmke / Lynda Knowles
3. Approve Submission of Grant Application to Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's PFAS Grant Program, as component of USGS Groundwater Study - Helmke
4. Consider Signing on to CCI's Letter of Opposition to City & County of Denver's Proposed Legislation to Ban Slaughterhouses
5. Approve the Veteran's Service Officer's Monthly Report for December 2023

E. 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 Wood stated that these items are those that would normally require a hearing, but no public testimony is expected. Chair Wood asked if any Commissioner wanted the Hearing Consent Agenda item removed from the Hearing Consent Agenda. There was no response.

Commissioner Baker moved to approve the Hearing Consent Agenda as published. Commissioner Felt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Hearing to Consider the Liquor License Renewal for Independent Whitewater, DBA Drift In, at 10832 County Road 165, Salida, CO 81201

F. Regular Agenda Items

1. Approval of the Office of Emergency Management 2024 Emergency Operation Plan - Rich Atkins

Emergency Manager Atkins addressed the Board to consider approval of the Office of Emergency Management 2024 Emergency Operation Plan.

Commissioner Felt moved to approve the Office of Emergency Management 2024 Emergency Operation Plan. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. *Applicant has requested to be continued:*

Consider Request for Acceptance of Major Subdivision Application During Temporary Moratorium in Consideration of Resolutions 2022-41 and 2022-74. Applicant Joe Cooper (continued from June 20, 2023, and from July 11, 2023, and from September 5, 2023, and from November 7, 2023)

Chair Wood addressed the Board regarding Applicant Joe Cooper's request for a continuance of the Request for Acceptance of Major Subdivision Application During Temporary Moratorium in Consideration of Resolutions 2022-41 and 2022-74.

Cooper spoke and said he would like this to be withdrawn until he knows what the new regulations are.

Discussion ensued during which Director Cottom responded to Commissioner's question.

Commissioner Felt moved to continue to May 7, 2024, the Request for Acceptance of Major Subdivision Application During Temporary Moratorium in Consideration of Resolutions 2022-41 and 2022-74. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Hearing to Consider Multi-Year Special Event Permit Application for the Bonfire Bluegrass music festival at The Meadows in Buena Vista - Miles Cottom

Director Cottom addressed the Board to consider the Multi-Year Special Event Permit Application for the Bonfire Bluegrass Music Festival at The Meadows in Buena Vista.

Director Cottom responded to Commissioner's question.

Scotty Stoughton addressed the Board, shared a video, and gave a presentation.

The public comment portion of the hearing opened at 10:26 a.m.

Public comments were given by:

Russell Schnurr, 18205 Alta Vista Dr., Buena Vista.

Maartje Maas-Potterton, 15605 Par Lane, Buena Vista.

Clarke Poos, 210 Brookdale Ave., Buena Vista.

Betsy Dittenber, Chaffee County Community Foundation Executive Director, 309 Pinion Hills Dr.,

Howard.

Sara Anderson, 19905 Nachtrieb Ranches Rd., Nathrop.

Randy Peters, 15685 Par Lane, Buena Vista.

Eddie Sandoval, 218 Neighbors Lane, Buena Vista.

Robin Vega, 518 Cedar St., Buena Vista.

The public comment portion of the hearing closed at 10:51 a.m.

Discussion ensued during which Director Cottom responded to Commissioner's questions and comments and Administrator Reimer spoke. Director Cottom gave suggested revisions to the draft resolution that was in the Board agenda packet.

Stoughton spoke.

Discussion continued during which Administrator Reimer spoke and Attorney Tom and Reimer responded to Commissioners' questions.

Chair Wood clarified that the public hearing portion of this matter has been concluded.

Commissioner Baker moved to continue to January 16, 2024, consideration of approval of the Multi-Year Special Event Permit Application for the Bonfire Bluegrass Music Festival at The Meadows in Buena Vista.

Director Cottom stated that he will revise the draft resolution as has been discussed and as directed today, and it will be included in the Board agenda packet for consideration at the January 16, 2024 meeting.

Commissioner Baker concurred with the understanding as stated by Cottom for it to be part of the motion. Commissioner Felt seconded the motion with the same understanding. The motion carried unanimously.

5. **10:00 a.m. - Public Hearing-** Consider Adoption of the Proposed Budget for the Ensuing Year of 2024 – Director of Finance Short

- Approve Resolution 2024-05 Summarizing Expenditures and Revenues for Each Fund and Adopting a Budget for the County of Chaffee, State of Colorado, for the Calendar Year Beginning on the First Day of January, 2024 and Ending on the Last Day of December, 2024
- Approve Resolution 2024-06 Levying General Property Taxes for the Year 2023 to Help Defray the Costs of Government for the County of Chaffee, State of Colorado, for the 2024 Budget Year
- Approve Resolution 2024-07 Appropriating the Sums of Money to the Various Funds and Spending Agencies in the Amounts and for the Purposes as Set Forth Below, for the County of Chaffee, State of Colorado, for the 2024 Budget Year

Director Short addressed the Board to consider adoption of the proposed Budget for the ensuing year of 2024.

Commissioners spoke.

Commissioner Felt moved to approve the following resolutions:

- **Resolution 2024-05 Summarizing Expenditures and Revenues for Each Fund and Adopting a Budget for the County of Chaffee, State of Colorado, for the Calendar Year Beginning on the First Day of January, 2024 and Ending on the Last Day of December, 2024**
- **Resolution 2024-06 Levying General Property Taxes for the Year 2023 to Help Defray the Costs of Government for the County of Chaffee, State of Colorado, for the 2024 Budget Year**
- **Resolution 2024-07 Appropriating the Sums of Money to the Various Funds and Spending Agencies in the Amounts and for the Purposes as Set Forth Below, for the County of Chaffee, State of Colorado, for the 2024 Budget Year**

Commissioner Baker seconded the motion.

The public comment portion of the hearing opened at 11:42 a.m. There were no comments, and the public comment portion of the hearing was closed.

The motion carried unanimously.

4. Consider the Annual Commissioner Review and Approval for Highway Users Tax Fund (HUTF) Changes in 2023

Superintendent Stacy addressed the Board to consider the Annual Commissioner Review and Approval for Highway Users Tax Fund (HUTF) changes in 2024.

Superintendent Stacy and Administrator Reimer responded to Commissioner's questions.

Commissioner Baker moved to approve the Annual Commissioner Review and Approval for Highway Users Tax Fund (HUTF) changes in 2024. Commissioner Felt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Reorganization of Committee Appointments Made by the Board of Commissioners

Administrator Reimer addressed the Board regarding the reorganization of committee appointments.

Discussion ensued regarding the Arkansas Basin Roundtable; Chaffee County Recreation Council - add Commissioners Baker, Felt, and Wood; Rec Taskforce; Forest Health Council - add Commissioners Baker and Wood; and Upper Ark Liaison - will be Reimer; during which Reimer responded to Commissioner's questions.

Commissioner Baker moved to approve the reorganization of committee appointments as amended. Commissioner Felt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

G. Active Projects

H. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lori Mitchell". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Lori Mitchell, County Clerk