



Chaffee County Commissioners Meeting
February 20, 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 February 20, 2024, at the Buena Vista Community Center. Board members present were Chair P. T. Wood, Commissioner Keith Baker, and Commissioner Greg Felt.

Others present in person were County Administrator Don Reimer, Deputy County Administrator Beth Helmke, Director of Finance Dan Short, County Attorney Daniel Tom, Planning Director Miles Cottom, CSU Extension Director Monica Pless (Item A.5. only), and 4-H Specialist Rebecca Sheriff (Item A.5. only).

Others present remotely were Deputy County Attorney Lynda Knowles, Planning Manager Garry Baker, Planner Brandon Wolff, Planning Tech Caitlynn Fortner, and Deputy County Clerk Barbara Tidd.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

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

2. Approve Agenda

Chair Wood stated that the Sheriff's Office contracts may be moved further down on the Agenda. Director Cottom responded to Commissioner's question regarding the Flowduro event.

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

3. Review Public Meeting List

The Board reviewed the public meeting list.

4. Presentation for Stone House - Duane Switzer, Don Reimer & CCHAB

Administrator Reimer addressed the Board regarding the Weston Stone House and introduced Duane Switzer and Melanie Roth representing the Chaffee County Heritage Advisory Board (CCHAB).

Duane Switzer, 2033 22nd Ave., #203, Greeley, addressed the Board.

Suzy Kelly, 25887 County Rd. 319, Buena Vista, spoke.

Switzer continued.

Administrator Reimer spoke.

A photo was taken.

No formal action was taken.

5. Introduction of CSU Extension Director, Monica Pless, & 4-H Specialist, Rebecca Sheriff

CSU Extension Director Monica Pless addressed the Board and introduced 4-H Specialist Rebecca Sheriff.

Commissioners spoke.

Rebecca Sheriff and Pless spoke.

No formal action was taken.

6. Public Comment

Chair Wood asked for public comment.

Public Comment was given by:

Cathy Chochon, 709 Dodge St., Salida.

Jerry White, 160 Windwalker Rd., Buena Vista. White distributed printed materials to Commissioners.

B. Minutes for Approval

1. Consider for Approval the Minutes of the February 13, 2024 Regular Meeting

Commissioner Felt moved to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2024 Commissioners' regular meeting. Commissioner Baker stated that he was not present at the meeting. Commissioner Wood seconded the motion. The motion carried with Commissioners Felt and Wood voting FOR the motion and Commissioner Baker abstaining.

D. Consent Agenda

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

1. Pay the Bills

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).

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

1. **Name of Project:** Salsbery Lot Line Elimination
Applicants: Salsbery, Randall E
Location: 16524 County Rd 289 Nathrop, CO
Zone: Rural
Planner: Brandon Wolff, (719) 530-5570, bwolff@chaffeecounty.org
2. Consider Multi-Year Special Event Permit for Methodist Mountain Flowduro - Caitlynn Fortner

C. Contracts/Grant Consideration

4. Approve Rec Rangers Agreement with Colorado Parks & Wildlife; Chaffee County provides \$68,040 to CPW to cover certain program expenses for 2024 - Lynda Knowles

Attorney Knowles addressed the Board to consider for approval the Rec Rangers Agreement with Colorado Parks & Wildlife (CPW).

Commissioner Baker moved to approve the Rec Rangers Agreement with Colorado Parks & Wildlife for which Chaffee County provides \$68,040 to CPW to cover certain program expenses for 2024. Commissioner Felt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Consider Approval of Transfer of Entitlements of Airport Improvement Program Funds for Fiscal Years 2021 and 2022 to Monte Vista Municipal Airport - Daniel Tom

Attorney Tom addressed the Board to consider approval of Transfer of Entitlements of Airport Improvement Program Funds for Fiscal Years 2021 and 2022 to the Monte Vista Municipal Airport.

Commissioner Baker moved to approve Transfer of Entitlements of Airport Improvement Program Funds for Fiscal Years 2021 and 2022 to the Monte Vista Municipal Airport. Commissioner Felt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

F. Regular Agenda Items

1. Designate the 8 Days in June under the County Recreational In-Channel Diversion (RICD) when Water Rights for the RICD Shall Be 1800 cfs and Discuss and Finalize the 30-day Flow Recommendations for the RICD - Daniel Tom

Attorney Tom addressed the Board to consider designation of the 8 Days in June under the County Recreational In-Channel Diversion (RICD) when water rights for the RICD shall be 1800 cfs and discuss and finalize the 30-day Flow Recommendation for the RICD.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Felt moved to designate June 9 through June 16, 2024, as the 8 days in June under the County Recreational In-Channel Diversion (RICD) when water rights for the RICD shall be 1800 cfs and authorize the Chair to sign the letter notifying the Division Engineer for the Arkansas River Basin, Water Div. 2. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried

unanimously.

Discussion ensued during which Attorney Tom spoke.

Commissioner Felt moved to designate June 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024 as the 30 consecutive days for the 30-day flow recommendation for the RICD. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Consider Allocations and Decisions of 2024 Financial Contributions from the Blue Triton Brands 1041 Permit - Helmke

Deputy Administrator Helmke addressed the Board regarding where the public may access Planning Commission meetings and minutes and to consider allocations and decisions of the 2024 financial contributions from the Blue Triton Brands 1041 Permit.

Helmke responded to Commissioner's question.

Jen Swacina, 230 W 5th St., Salida, addressed the Board.
Helmke responded to Swacina's question.

Discussion ensued during which Helmke spoke and responded to Commissioners' questions and comments, Swacina spoke, and Administrator Reimer spoke.

Commissioner Baker moved to approve the allocations and decisions of the 2024 financial contributions from the Blue Triton Brands 1041 Permit specifying that the Recycle Colorado municipal membership is at the silver level and the Energy Smart Colorado partnership is at \$1500 in support for Chaffee County Home Energy Rebates at \$2500, and while probably not a formal part of the documentation, we do make a commitment to hear the entirety of the proposal that Ms. Swacina talked about.

Commissioner Felt asked a clarifying question to which Commissioner Baker responded that his motion included the 2023 catch-up contribution as well.

Commissioner Felt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Helmke stated that the water bottle filling station proposal would be brought back to a March 2024 Commissioners' meeting.

C. Contracts/Grant Consideration

1. Consider for Approval Axon Enterprise Contract for \$79,371.00 for Purchase of In-vehicle Cameras, Supporting Information, & Services and Training for the Sheriff's Office - Daniel Tom

Sheriff Spezze addressed the Board to consider for approval the following contracts:

- Axon Enterprise, Inc. Contract for \$79,371.00 for Purchase of In-vehicle Cameras, Supporting Information, & Services and Training for the Sheriff's Office
- Axon Enterprise, Inc. Contract for Bodycam and Taser Replacement for \$427,975.80 for the Sheriff's Office
- Flock Group Inc. Contract for \$32,250.00 for Camera Services for Law Enforcement for

Spotting Vehicles of Interest on Highway Infrastructure.

Spezze and Attorney Tom responded to Commissioner's questions.

Commissioner Felt moved to approve the Axon Enterprise, Inc. Contract for \$79,371.00 for Purchase of In-vehicle Cameras, Supporting Information, & Services and Training for the Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Baker moved to approve the Axon Enterprise, Inc. Contract for Bodycam and Taser Replacement for \$427,975.80 for the Sheriff's Office. Commissioner Felt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Felt moved to approve the Flock Group Inc. Contract for \$32,250.00 for Camera Services for Law Enforcement for Spotting Vehicles of Interest on Highway Infrastructure. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Spezze responded to Commissioner's questions.

2. Consider Approval of Axon Enterprise Contract for Bodycam and Taser Replacement for \$427,975.80 for the Sheriff's Office

See Item C.1.

3. Consider for Approval Flock Group Contract for \$32,250.00 for Camera Services for Law Enforcement for Spotting Vehicles of Interest on Highway Infrastructure

See Item C.1.

F. Regular Agenda Items

3. Review Annexation Impact Report for Topside Annexation off of County Road 317 in Buena Vista

Director Cottom addressed the Board regarding review of the Annexation Impact Report for Topside Annexation off County Road 317 in Buena Vista.

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

Reimer recommended that the Board direct staff to prepare a response to the Annexation Impact Report that has been submitted to the State about the traffic concerns that were noted and discussed today and that the traffic study strongly consider the impacts to the Baylor and Hwy. 24 intersection as well as the County Rd. 313 and Hwy. 24/285 intersection.

Discussion continued.

By consensus, the Board agreed that it had sufficient direction.
No formal action was taken.

4. Trip Report from NACO Legislative Conference - Commissioner Baker
Commissioner Baker reported on the NACO Legislative Conference and responded to Commissioner's questions.

No formal action was taken.

G. Active Projects

H. Executive Session

1. Executive Session under C.R.S § 24-6-402(4)(b) for purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions involving land use applications. County Administrator Don Reimer, Deputy County Administrator Beth Helmke, Finance Director Dan Short, Planning Director Miles Cottom, Deputy County Attorney Lynda Knowles, and County Attorney Daniel Tom may attend.

Chair Wood addressed the Board regarding entering into executive session.

Commissioner Felt moved to go into executive session pursuant to § 24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S. for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific land use applications. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Tom stated that he does not anticipate any decisions being made following executive session, that Sheriff Spezze would be allowed to attend the executive session, and that this executive session would constitute privileged attorney-client communications and no further recording of the executive session would be necessary.

The following persons are in attendance for executive session: Commissioners Baker, Felt, and Wood and County Attorney Daniel Tom, County Administrator Don Reimer, Deputy County Administrator Beth Helmke, Director of Finance Dan Short, Planning Director Miles Cottom, and Sheriff John Spezze.

The Commissioners moved into executive session at 11:18 a.m.

The Commissioners came out of executive session at 11:45 a.m. with no decisions being made.

I, Daniel Tom, Chaffee County Attorney, do hereby attest that the unrecorded statements and discussions that took place during the executive session held on February 20, 2024 constituted privileged attorney-client communication.

Daniel Tom

Daniel Tom, Chaffee County Attorney

I, P. T. Wood, Chair of the Chaffee County Board of County Commissioners, do hereby attest that the unrecorded statements and discussions that took place during the executive session held on February 20, 2024 were confined to the topic described in the announcement of such session and authorized by the provisions of § 24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S.



P. T. Wood, Chair

Chair Wood stated that if any person who participated in the executive session believes that any substantial discussion of any matters not included in the motion to enter the executive session occurred during the executive session, or that any improper action occurred during the executive session in violation of the Open Meetings Law, he asked that you state your concerns for the record.

Hearing none, Chair Wood stated that there was no more business to come before the Board and if there were no objections, the meeting is adjourned.

I. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

Attest:



Lori Mitchell, County Clerk