



Chaffee County Commissioners Meeting
April 16, 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 April 16, 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 (arrived at 9:32 a.m.), Planning Director Miles Cottom, Planning Manager Garry Baker (departed at 10:05 a.m.), and Planning Technician Caitlynn Fortner.

Others present remotely were Deputy County Attorney Lynda Knowles, Assessor Rick Roberts, 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
Commissioner Baker moved to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Felt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
3. Review Public Meeting List
The Board reviewed the public meeting list.
4. Public Comment
Chair Wood asked for public comment. He stated that you'll have up to 3 minutes to speak, and please give your name and address for the record.

Public Comment was given by:

Tim Burt, 29600 County Rd. 353, Buena Vista.
Joe Cooper, 9325 County Road 160, Salida.
Marianne Maes, 118 Harvard Lane, Buena Vista.

B. Minutes for Approval

1. Consider for Approval the Minutes of the April 9, 2024 Regular Meeting

Commissioner Felt moved to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2024 Commissioners' regular meeting. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Consent Agenda

Manager G. Baker responded to Commissioners' questions regarding item C.2 Cleora North Planned Unit Development Plan.

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

1. Pay the Bills
2. Final Approval of Cleora North Planned Unit Development Plan as Initially Approved on April 9, 2024 - Garry Baker

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 Wood asked if anyone had a question.

In response to Commissioner Baker's question about the Spirit Trail Race event, Mallory Brooks on behalf of Applicant confirmed that this event will remain integral to PaddleFest.

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

1. Consider a Multi-Year Special Event Permit
Name of Event: Spirit Trail Race
Applicant: Run Beyond, Jason and Mallory Brooks & Jason Schlarb
Location of Event: South Main Town Square, Buena Vista - in & around the Fourmile Travel Management Area. County Roads 304 & 315 will be affected.
Date of Event: May 26, 2024
Maximum # of Attendees: 300, plus 15 staff
Planner: Nick Gomer / 719-530-5572 / ngomer@chaffeecounty.org
2. **Name of Project:** Suesse Heritage Water Subdivision Exemption
Applicant: Ned Suesse
Location: 12704 COUNTY ROAD 195 A, Salida, CO 81201
Zone: Residential
Request: To subdivide a 4.34 acre parcel currently used for a single family residence into two parcels, each roughly 2 acres.
Planner: Caitlynn Fortner / 719-530-5572 / cfortner@chaffeecounty.org

3. **Name of Project:** Powell Plat Amendment
Applicant: Richard Kyle and Richard Kent Powell
Location: 6574 Nicole Lane Salida, CO 81201
Zone: Residential
Request: To relocate the platted building envelope via a plat amendment.
Planner: Nick Gomer / 719-530-5571 / ngomer@chaffeecounty.org

E. Contracts/Grant Consideration

1. Consider Application for COSWAP grant in partnership with National Forest Foundation and Envision Chaffee County - Beth Helmke / Don Reimer

Deputy Administrator Helmke addressed the Board to consider the Application for the COSWAP grant in partnership with National Forest Foundation and Envision Chaffee County.

Commissioner Baker moved to approve the Application for the COSWAP grant in partnership with National Forest Foundation and Envision Chaffee County. Commissioner Felt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Consider Resolution to designate authorized signatory for GOCO Centennial 14ers grant - Beth Helmke / Dan Short

Deputy Administrator Helmke addressed the Board to consider **RESOLUTION 2024-34 DESIGNATING CHAFFEE COUNTY SIGNATORIES FOR CERTAIN DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO THE GRANT AWARD FROM THE STATE BOARD OF THE GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND FOR “THE COLORADO 14ERS CENTENNIAL PROJECT: TRANSFORMING THE TRAJECTORY TO ACHIEVE COLORADO’S 14ER VISION.”**

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Felt moved to approve **RESOLUTION 2024-34 DESIGNATING CHAFFEE COUNTY SIGNATORIES FOR CERTAIN DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO THE GRANT AWARD FROM THE STATE BOARD OF THE GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND FOR “THE COLORADO 14ERS CENTENNIAL PROJECT: TRANSFORMING THE TRAJECTORY TO ACHIEVE COLORADO’S 14ER VISION,”** which designates signatories for Chaffee County in its role as grantee for the GOCO Colorado 14ers Centennial Project.

Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Consider Pursuing DOLA Prop123 Planning Capacity Grant - Garry Baker / Beth Helmke

Deputy Administrator Helmke addressed the Board to consider pursuing a DOLA Prop123 Planning Capacity Grant.

Manager G. Baker spoke.

Discussion ensued during which Director Cottom spoke.

Commissioner Baker moved to support the Planning Department's submission of a grant application to the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) Local Planning Capacity Grant Program for software to support land use application and permit processing and management. Commissioner Felt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

F. Regular Agenda Items

1. Update on Request from Salida School District to acquire a portion of Land owned by Chaffee County north of the Chaffee County Fairgrounds

Superintendent David Blackburn addressed the Board giving an update on a request from the Salida School District to acquire a portion of land owned by Chaffee County north of the Chaffee County Fairgrounds.

Discussion ensued during which Administrator Reimer, Attorney Tom, and Blackburn responded to Commissioners' questions and comments and next steps were discussed.

By consensus, the Board agreed to a field trip to the property during the second week in May and looking at early June for draft document(s).

No formal action was taken.

G. Active Projects

In response to public comment, discussion ensued regarding minutes and recordings of meetings during which Administrator Reimer, Attorney Tom, and Deputy Administrator Helmke spoke.

No formal action was taken.

H. Adjourn

There being no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Attest:



Lori Mitchell, County Clerk