Chaffee County Commissioners Meeting
May 14, 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 May 14, 2024, at the Chaffee County Courthouse. 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, Deputy County Attorney Lynda Knowles, Law Clerk Mark Olguin, Weed Supervisor Kayla Malone (items E.1. and 2. only), and Planning Director Miles Cottom (item E.2. only).

Others present remotely were outside water counsel David Shohet (item E.2. only) and Deputy County Clerk Barbara Tidd.

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

   Joe Cooper, 9325 County Road 160, Salida, spoke and provided Commissioners printed material.
   Matt Nykiel, 903 J St., Salida.

B. Minutes for Approval

1. Consider for Approval Minutes of the May 7th, 2024 Commissioners Regular Meeting
   Commissioner Baker stated that he was not present at the May 7, 2024 meeting.

Commissioner Felt moved to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2024 Commissioners' regular meeting. Commissioner Wood seconded the motion. The motion carried with Commissioners Felt and Wood voting FOR the motion. Commissioner Baker abstained.

C. Consent Agenda

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

1. Pay the Bills

2. Award Common Ground 2024 Grants - Ben Doon

3. Approve Resolution 2024-40 supporting Greater Arkansas River Nature Association (GARNA) application to Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) for GenerationWild Planning Grant - Don Reimer; Jason Marsden, GARNA ED

4. Consider Approval of Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) US Department of Transportation (USDOT) grant pursuit for local transportation planning - Helmke

D. Contracts/Grant Consideration

1. Consider Approval of Jail Based Behavioral Services Grant Amendment #3 with the State of Colorado - Daniel Tom

   Deputy County Attorney Knowles addressed the Board to consider approval of the Jail Based Behavioral Services Grant Amendment #3 with the State of Colorado.

   Commissioner Baker moved to approve the Jail Based Behavioral Services Grant Amendment #3 with the State of Colorado as presented by Attorney Knowles. Commissioner Felt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Approve Engagement of McClaren Wilson & Lawrie, Inc , Technical Consultant for Sheriff's Headquarters design work, with contract NTE $46,900 - Reimer

   Administrator Reimer addressed the Board to consider approving the engagement of McClaren Wilson & Lawrie, Inc., Technical Consultant for Sheriff's Headquarters design work with a contract not to exceed $46,900.

   Commissioner Felt moved to approve the engagement of McClaren Wilson & Lawrie, Inc., Technical Consultant for Sheriff's Headquarters design work with a contract not to exceed $46,900. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

   The meeting recessed at 9:18 a.m.

E. Regular Agenda Items

The meeting resumed at 10:15 a.m.

1. Discussion on Hill Ranch Revegetation Plan and approach - Reimer, Malone and representative from Pueblo West, Paul Flack. Representative Doug Proul of Pueblo West was not able to attend.

   Administrator Reimer addressed the Board to open the discussion on the Hill Ranch Revegetation Plan and approach.

   Pueblo West Consultant Dr. Paul Flack, who is managing the Hill Ranch Revegetation project on behalf of Pueblo West, addressed the Board.

   Reimer spoke.
   Flack and Supervisor Malone addressed the Board. Malone responded to Commissioner's question.
   Flack responded to Malone's and Reimer's questions.
   Reimer, Flack, and Malone continued to speak during which Flack and Malone responded to Commissioners' comments and questions.

   Landowners Bruce Cogan, 24899 US Hwy. 285 S, Buena Vista; Nancy Roberts, 21900 County Rd. 196, Nathrop; and Brett McMurry, 21060 US Hwy. 285, Nathrop, spoke.

   McMurry and Malone responded to Commissioner's questions.
   Cogan spoke, and Roberts, Malone, Reimer, and Flack responded to Cogan's comment/question.

   Discussion ensued during which Flack, Malone, McMurry, and Reimer spoke and responded to Commissioners' comments/questions.

   No formal action was taken.

   The meeting recessed at 11:25 a.m. until the scheduled 1:30 p.m. public hearing on the Blue Triton Brands Annual Report.

2. **1:30 p.m.**
   Public Hearing on the Blue Triton Brands Annual Report as Required by the 1041 Permit on Resolution 2021-58

   The meeting resumed at 1:31 p.m. for the Public Hearing on the Blue Triton Brands (BTB) Annual Report.

   Planning Director Cottom addressed the Board to present the BTB Annual Report for review.

   Tam Pham, Senior Springs Resource for BTB, 5772 Jarupa St., Ontario, CA, presented to the Board, including a power point presentation, which is included in the Board packet.
   Pham responded to Commissioner's questions.

   The public comment portion of the hearing opened at 2:05 p.m.

   Public comments were given by:

Jen Swacina, 230 W 5th St., Salida.
John McGowan, 13100 Coyote Valley Rd., Salida.

The public comment portion of the hearing closed at 2:13 p.m.

Trey Mixon, Senior Manager-Natural Resources for BTB, spoke.

Discussion ensued during which Pham responded to Commissioners', Reimer's, and Swacina's questions.

Liz Jones, Sr. Project Engineer with S.S. Papadopulos & Associates (regarding AlpineEco, the ecologist that has been doing the evaluations for the Big Horn Springs wetlands) addressed the Board to respond to Reimer's question.

Pham responded to Attorney Knowles' request.
Cottom responded to Commissioner's questions.
Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Felt moved that the Board finds that Blue Triton Brands is in good standing to have materially complied with the conditions during the Extended Permit term for the year 2023; it is additionally required that BTB provide time based data for simultaneous pumping of Project wells, that BTB review and potentially correct the bottled water donation numbers, that BTB add $389 to their $5,000 commitment for advertising for local drivers during the permit year, and that BTB provide a signed copy of the Water Monitoring Report, which is Exhibit 3 to the 2023 Annual 1041 Report.
Commissioner Baker spoke, then seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

F. Active Projects

G. Adjourn
There being no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

Attest:

Lori Mitchell

Lori Mitchell, County Clerk