

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WELD COUNTY, COLORADO MONDAY, JULY 19, 2021

The Board of County Commissioners of Weld County, Colorado, met in regular session in full conformity with the laws of the State of Colorado at the regular place of meeting in the Weld County Administration Building, Greeley, Colorado, July 19, 2021, at the hour of 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order by the Chair and on roll call the following members were present, constituting a quorum of the members thereof:

Commissioner Steve Moreno, Chair
Commissioner Scott K. James, Pro-Tem
Commissioner Perry L. Buck
Commissioner Mike Freeman
Commissioner Lori Saine

Also present:

County Attorney, Bruce Barker
Clerk to the Board, Esther Gesick
Controller, Barbara Connolly

MINUTES: Commissioner Saine moved to approve the Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners meeting of July 14, 2021, as printed. Commissioner Buck seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

CERTIFICATION OF HEARINGS: Commissioner James moved to approve the Certification of Hearings conducted on July 14, 2021, as follows: 1) Show Cause Hearing, PCSC20-0030 - Bennie Rodriguez. Commissioner Saine seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT: No public input was given.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA: There were no amendments to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA: Commissioner James moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as printed. Commissioner Saine seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

COMMISSIONER COORDINATOR REPORTS: Commissioner Saine reported on the ribbon cutting ceremony to commemorate the opening of the Weld Legacy Trail, which will eventually connect the St. Vrain Park to the St. Vrain Greenway in Longmont. Commissioner James relayed how interesting it was to sit along with Emergency Communications 911 operators and dispatchers and praised them as 'unsung' heroes, stating the citizens of the County are well served by the department. Commissioner Buck commended the Department of Human Services for approving \$3.1 million in Emergency Rental Assistance payments and processing 1,630 requests. She also reflected on the positive outcomes of families going through the foster/adoption process and kinship situations. Commissioner Buck reported she also sat in on a Point of Entry process serving welfare recipients, and stated she believes it is

important to see and understand the efforts of staff working in the field. Chair Moreno mentioned he read a proclamation to bring awareness to the need for protection of children in the County who struggle through abuse.

WARRANTS:

1) GENERAL WARRANTS – JULY 16, 2021: Commissioner James moved to approve the General Warrants, as printed. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

2) GREELEY-WELD COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY WARRANTS – JULY 16, 2021: Commissioner Freeman moved to approve the Greeley-Weld County Airport Authority Warrants, as printed. Commissioner Buck seconded the motion, and upon a roll call vote, the motion passed four (4) to one (1), with Commissioner Saine opposed.

3) COMMISSIONER WARRANTS – JULY 16, 2021: Commissioner Saine moved to approve the Warrant for Commissioner Buck, which was seconded by Commissioner James. Upon a roll call vote, the motion passed four (4) to zero (0), with Commissioner Buck recused.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) CONSIDER CONTRACT ID #5035 GRANT APPLICATION FOR BODY WORN CAMERA POLICY AND IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM TO SUPPORT LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, AND AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN ELECTRONICALLY AND ELECTRONIC SUBMITTAL: Captain Alan Caldwell, Sheriff's Office, requested authorization of the Budget Manager to apply for a Bureau of Justice Assistance grant, in the amount of \$374,390.00, to be used to expand the current Body Worn Camera Program with an additional 281 cameras to outfit all enforcement staff. He explained the total cost of the Body Worn Camera Project software and hardware is \$948,785.00, over a four (4) year period, and if awarded, the JAG Grant will cover the first year's expenses of \$200,000.00, with a County match of \$374,390.00. In response to Commissioner James, Captain Caldwell confirmed body worn cameras are required by 2023, per Senate Bill 217. Commissioner Buck moved to approve said application and authorize the Chair to sign electronically and also authorize Sonja Kohlgraf, Sheriff's Office, to submit electronically on behalf of the Chair. Seconded by Commissioner James, the motion carried unanimously.

2) CONSIDER AGREEMENT FOR AIRPORT CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) RELIEF GRANT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN: Cooper Anderson, Greeley-Weld County Airport Manager, relayed the Airport District Office recommended the grant funds of \$23,000.00 be applied to staff salaries and wages, and stated there is no cost to the County or Airport. Chair Moreno explained he and Commissioner Freeman sit on the Airport Authority Board, but have no financial interest; therefore, they have no conflict of interest, and this item will also be presented to the Greeley City Council for approval. Commissioner Freeman moved to approve said agreement and authorize the Chair to sign. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Buck, and it carried unanimously.

3) CONSIDER ADOPTING 2021 MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN: Roy Rudisill, Director of the Office of Emergency Management (OEM), stated the Hazard Mitigation Plan is updated every five (5) years, per FEMA and State requirements, and explained the complexity of the process resulting from COVID-19 restrictions. He explained FEMA is currently reviewing the Plan, which was previously reviewed and approved by the State. Commissioner James expressed his appreciation to the OEM staff for working so hard over the past year, and moved to approve adoption of said plan, which was seconded by Commissioner Freeman, and it carried unanimously.

4) CONSIDER CONTRACT ID #4999 AGREEMENT FOR RELOCATION OF 50 PAIR TELEPHONE LINE FOR CRS 80 AND 37 INTERSECTION PROJECT AND AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN – QWEST CORPORATION, DBA CENTURLINK QC: Clay Kimmi, Department of Public Works, stated this agreement is for the relocation of fiber optic and telephone lines which are currently located in an easement along County Road (CR) 37. He explained the County seeks to purchase right-of-way over the easement, so the lines need to be relocated, which is estimated to cost approximately \$46,000.00. Commissioner James moved to approve said agreement and authorize the Chair to sign. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Buck, and it carried unanimously.

5) CONSIDER TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF CR 20.5 BETWEEN CRS 1 AND 7: Amy Mutchie, Department of Public Works, stated the closure is scheduled to begin July 19, 2021, and go through August 13, 2021. She explained this is an emergency repair for a bridge deck resulting from three large trucking operations which have caused severe degradation of the bridge. She relayed message boards are in place and the detour is paved. Commissioner Freeman moved to approve said temporary closure. Commissioner James seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

6) CONSIDER EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF CR 13 BETWEEN CRS 42 AND 44: Ms. Mutchie stated this extension request is on behalf of DCP Operating Company, and has been an ongoing closure. She explained the new state regulations on testing, and added there have been complications with the waterline relocation, some of which are material shortages. However, they need to complete excavation, testing and repaving of CR 13, and estimate the closure to be concluded by October 31, 2021. Commissioner Buck moved to approve said extension of the temporary closure. Commissioner James seconded the motion. Patrick Groom, Attorney for DCP, relayed there have been many obstacles, the relocation of the waterline is currently a holdup with the water district obtaining easements for said waterline, and the testing for contaminants has further contributed to the delays. In response to Commissioner James, Mr. Groom relayed the extension request calls for completion by mid-October, but they are trying to accelerate the schedule, if possible, to accommodate beet harvest, pending weather delays. There being no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

7) CONSIDER DECLARING CERTAIN EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS PROPERTY, APPROVE SALE OF SAME AT AUCTION WITH ROLLER AND ASSOCIATES, AND DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO CONTROLLER TO SIGN ANY NECESSARY DOCUMENTS: Barbara Connolly, Controller, stated two pieces of equipment went to auction last Wednesday, and she is requesting authorization to sign the resulting documents. Commissioner Freeman moved to declare said equipment as surplus property, approve the sale, effective July 14, 2021, and authorize the Controller to sign any necessary documents. Seconded by Commissioner James, the motion carried unanimously.

8) CONSIDER APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OF RETIREMENT: Commissioner Freeman moved to approve said appointment. Commissioner James seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES: The resolutions were presented and signed as listed on the Consent Agenda. No Ordinances were approved.

Let the minutes reflect that the above and foregoing actions were attested to and respectfully submitted by the Clerk to the Board.

There being no further business, this meeting was adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
WELD COUNTY, COLORADO

ATTEST:

Weld County Clerk to the Board

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk to the Board

Steve Moreno, Chair

Scott K. James, Pro-Tem

Perry L. Buck

Mike Freeman

Lori Saine