

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WELD COUNTY, COLORADO WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11, 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, August 11, 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 August 9, 2021, as printed. Commissioner Buck seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT: Steve Teets, Greeley resident, requested the Agenda and Minutes from the North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (NFRMPO) meeting held on August 5, 2021, and Commissioner James committed to provide copies. Mr. Teets also addressed the need for improved routes in the Greeley/Evans Transportation (GET) system, as well as an improved regional system to assist people with transportation needs along U.S. Highway 34, between Greeley and Loveland. Lastly, he addressed the unfortunate circumstances of homelessness in the area, resulting from increased housing costs and limited rental/lease terms. Chair Moreno agreed it is a complicated issue and the Commissioners will continue to work to raise awareness.

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA:

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

PRESENTATIONS:

1) RECOGNITION OF SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – LEE STEPHEN: Chair Moreno read the certificate recognizing the dedicated service of Lee Stephen with the Department of Public Works. Jay McDonald, Director of the Department of Public Works, stated Mr. Stephen has grown personally and developed professionally to advance in his career, and he credited his efforts for improving the Public Works Signage Division. Curtis Hall, Deputy Director of the Department of Public

Works, stated Mr. Stephen started as a seasonal employee, in 1993, and since that time he has been an important part of the Interstate-25, U.S. Highway 85 and U.S. Highway 34 Traffic Incident Management, he has served as a department liaison with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) to coordinate road closures, and during the snow season he worked with the Public Information Officer to inform citizens of road conditions and keep the public moving. Mr. Stephen commented he has made a lot of great friends, thanked the peers who helped him grow and learn, and expressed his appreciation to the County for the benefits and offering a chance at a professional career. Chair Moreno noted that he and Mr. Stephen grew up as neighbors in the Town of La Junta, Colorado, and recognized him as a well-respected individual and wished him the best in his future endeavors. The rest of the Board, in turn, recognized the invaluable work of the department for the citizens of Weld County, commended Mr. Stephen for his stability, willingness to serve, and dedication to turn a seasonal job into a professional career.

WARRANTS:

1) GENERAL WARRANTS – AUGUST 9, AND 10, 2021: Commissioner James moved to approve the General Warrants, as printed. Commissioner Saine seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

BIDS:

1) APPROVE BID #B2100113, PHYSICAL ABILITIES TEST COURSE – SHERIFF'S OFFICE: Rob Turf, Purchasing Department, stated the low bid from TCC Corporation met specifications; however, staff is evaluating a different approach for constructing the course and recommends rejecting all bids at this time. Commissioner Freeman moved to reject said bid. Commissioner Buck seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) CONSIDER UPDATED LIST OF ARBITRATORS FOR PROPERTY VALUATION APPEALS: Karin McDougal, Assistant County Attorney, stated one of the options for appealing a Board of Equalization determination is petitioning for Binding Arbitration. She stated the individuals on the proposed list are available and qualified by State statute. Commissioner Buck moved to approve said updated list. Commissioner James seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

2) CONSIDER CONTRACT ID #5113 INDIVIDUAL PROVIDER CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF FOSTER CARE SERVICES IN A FOSTER CARE HOME AND AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN – ROY AND DIANA MOORE: Jamie Ulrich, Director of the Department of Human Services, introduced the new kinship foster care home in Greeley, Colorado. Commissioner Freeman moved to approve said contract and authorize the Chair to sign. Seconded by Commissioner Buck, the motion carried unanimously. The Board thanked staff for their efforts in the Family Resource Division, and Ms. Ulrich commended the team for reviewing applications, issuing approvals, and meeting the increased reporting requirements, which are submitted in a timely fashion.

3) CONSIDER SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT AND AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN – BERTHOUD LOCAL: Bob Choate, Assistant County Attorney, stated the applicant is a local non-profit organization planning to host an event to support local producers. He stated there were no complaints related to the prior events and the referral agencies indicated no concerns. Vicky Dunn, applicant, thanked the Board for supporting the event to promote the local economy. Jennifer Caldwell, property owner, was present. Ms. Dunn emphasized they will be focusing on showcasing locally sourced chickens, produce, wines, beers, chefs, and musicians. No public testimony was offered concerning this matter. Commissioner James moved to approve said permit and authorize the Chair to sign. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Buck, and it carried unanimously.

4) CONSIDER EIGHT (8) MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING FOR VICTIM ADVOCATE SERVICES UNIT AND AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN: Sonja Kohlgraf, Sheriff's Office, stated the Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) have been in place for several years for victim advocate services provided by the Sheriff's Office on behalf of the listed communities. She explained the Victim Assistance Law Enforcement (VALE) Board requires the towns to contribute \$4,500.00 per year, and the MOUs have been amended to address the new supervisory role. Commissioner Freeman moved to approve said memorandums of understanding and authorize the Chair to sign, which was seconded by Commissioner James, and it carried unanimously.

5) CONSIDER CONTRACT ID #5115 AGREEMENT CONCERNING PURCHASE OF PUBLIC ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY, AND TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT FOR CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS TO 'O' ST AND 35TH AVE INTERSECTION PROJECT AND AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN NECESSARY DOCUMENTS – DONALD L. NEW TRUST AND BONNIE J. NEW TRUST: Tiffane Johnson, Department of Public Works, confirmed this is the last agreement for the purchase of right-of-way necessary to commence with the construction of the 'O' Street and 35th Avenue Intersection Project, for the total compensation amount of \$9,510.00. The motion to approve said agreement and authorize the Chair to sign all necessary documents was made by Commissioner James, seconded by Commissioner Saine, and it carried unanimously.

6) CONSIDER CONTRACT ID #5101 LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE AND GRANT AGREEMENT FOR 2021 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE GRANT (EMPG) AND LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGER SUPPORT (LEMS) PROGRAM FUNDING AND AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN: Roy Rudisill, Director of the Office of Emergency Management, recommended acceptance of the grant agreement, which will provide \$76,000.00 for emergency management preparedness and requires a 50% match. Commissioner Buck moved to approve said letter of acceptance and agreement and authorize the Chair to sign. Commissioner Freeman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

7) CONSIDER CONTRACT ID #5106 FOR USE OF ISLAND GROVE REGIONAL PARK EVENT ROOM FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT IMMERSION COURSE AND AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN – CITY OF GREELEY: Mr. Rudisill stated this contract will provide adequate space at the Island Grove Event Room to host participants of the three-day immersion training course, for a total cost of \$2,025.00. He noted the training will be followed by a full-scale exercise held in the Emergency Operations Center (Weld County Administration Building) as well as out at designated sites in the County. Commissioner Freeman moved to approve said contract and authorize the Chair to sign. Seconded by Commissioner James, the motion carried unanimously.

8) CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF HOUSTAN ARAGON AS DEPUTY CLERK TO THE BOARD: Esther Gesick, Clerk to the Board, introduced Housthan Aragon and recommended her appointment as a Deputy Clerk to the Board. Ms. Aragon shared her qualifications and background as a professional chef in pursuit of a new career path, utilizing the skills from her former experiences, and answered introductory questions from the Board. Commissioner James moved to approve said appointment. Commissioner Buck 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 9:39 a.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
WELD COUNTY, COLORADO

ATTEST:

EXCUSED DATE OF APPROVAL

Steve Moreno, Chair

Weld County Clerk to the Board

Scott K. James, Pro-Tem

BY:

Deputy Clerk to the Board

Perry L. Buck

Mike Freeman

Lori Saine