

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WELD COUNTY, COLORADO WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 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, October 13, 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
Acting Clerk to the Board, Houston Aragon
Controller, Barbara Connolly

MINUTES: Commissioner James moved to approve the Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners meeting of September 29, 2021, as printed. Commissioner Buck seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT: Steve Teets, Greeley resident, stated he is glad the Weld Project Connect event will be held in person this year. In response to Mr. Teets' request for information about the Spur Project, Chair Moreno stated he will inquire and report back. In response to Mr. Teets' inquiry regarding recent Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) meetings, Commissioner James responded a large topic of conversation at the MPO meetings of late has been concerning the Greenhouse Rulemaking Hearings, which are soon coming to a close, and stated he is hoping to serve on the Front Range Rail Commission soon. Mr. Teets further referenced an article about homelessness among senior, disabled, and veteran groups in the United States and suggested an affordable housing program. Chair Moreno discussed programs of United Way of Weld County, the Weld Way Home Program, the decreasing rates of homeless veterans in Weld County, and the appointment of Roy Otto to the Weld County Trust, who will be addressing homelessness. Commissioner James mentioned the Weld Faith Partnership Council has a housing committee to disseminate information to local churches and there is American Rescue Plan funding through the State of Colorado. Commissioner Buck stated the Department of Human Services has approved more than \$6,000,000.00 in Emergency Rental Assistance Funds for the residents of Weld County.

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

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

PROCLAMATIONS:

1) NATIONAL FOSSIL DAY – OCTOBER 13, 2021: Chair Moreno read the proclamation for the record. Jennifer Finch, Public Information Officer, provided an update about the Pops the Triceratops Project, stating it has been one year since the fossil was sent to the Denver Museum of Nature and Science to be studied, restored, casted, and displayed. She also announced there is a pumpkin painting and carving contest being held, and there are several community partners interested in the County's promotion of fossil exploration, including the Poudre Community Learning Center, who has created a dig site for children to learn about paleontology, and Distortions Unlimited created 'Popcycle' in honor of Pops the Triceratops. Ms. Finch thanked the Commissioners for supporting the project and each of the Commissioners, in turn, discussed Pops the Triceratops being a great learning opportunity for kids and young adults, and expressed their excitement about the return of the fossil to the Administration Building for general display. (*Clerks Note: The group gathered for a photo opportunity.*)

WARRANTS:

1) GENERAL WARRANTS – OCTOBER 12, 2021: Commissioner Buck moved to approve the General Warrants, as printed. Commissioner James seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

BIDS:

1) APPROVE BID #B2100129, GRADER BLADES – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: Rob Turf, Purchasing Department, stated seven (7) bids were received and staff recommends approval to the low bidder, Wagner Equipment Company, for the amount of \$154,840.00. Commissioner Freeman moved to approve said bid. The motion was seconded by Commissioner James and it carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) CONSIDER CONTRACT ID #5260 EXPENDITURE AUTHORIZATION FOR DISLOCATED WORKER (DW) RE-ALLOTMENT WORK PLAN AND AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN ELECTRONICALLY: Tami Grant, Deputy Director of the Department of Human Services, stated the expenditure authorization is a re-allotment of additional funds that became available for the Dislocated Worker Program, in the amount of \$3,474.00. Commissioner James moved to approve said expenditure authorization and authorize the Chair to sign electronically. Seconded by Commissioner Buck, the motion carried unanimously.

2) CONSIDER CONTRACT ID #5261 EXPENDITURE AUTHORIZATION FOR COLORADO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (CWDC) UPSKILLING GRANT WORK PLAN AND AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN ELECTRONICALLY: Ms. Grant stated the expenditure authorization funds became available through Colorado House Bill 21-1264 in the amount of \$708,000.00, which is the first half of funds anticipated by the Employment Services Division of the Department of Human Services for upscaling funds related to the COVID-19 Pandemic Health Emergency response. Commissioner Buck moved to approve said expenditure authorization and authorize the Chair to sign electronically. Seconded by Commissioner Freeman, the motion carried unanimously.

3) CONSIDER CONTRACT ID #5262 EXPENDITURE AUTHORIZATION FOR INNOVATION GRANT WORK PLAN AND AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN ELECTRONICALLY: Ms. Grant stated this expenditure authorization is also related to Colorado House Bill 21-1264 and explained Weld County is serving as a pass-through for the Innovation Grant to assist people who have been impacted by COVID-19 and aid in their return to work. Commissioner Buck moved to approve said expenditure authorization and authorize the Chair to sign electronically. Seconded by Commissioner James, the motion carried unanimously.

4) CONSIDER CONTRACT ID #5286 AGREEMENT FOR PURCHASE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY FOR

CRS 41 AND 66 INTERSECTION PROJECT AND AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN – MORO FARMS, INC.: Clay Kimmi, Department of Public Works, stated this is an agreement to purchase public road right-of-way, temporary construction easements, permanent easements, and a permanent drainage easement, for a total amount of \$94,000.00. Commissioner James moved to approve said agreement and authorize the Chair to sign. The motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Freeman, carried unanimously.

5) CONSIDER CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT OF NON-EXCLUSIVE LICENSE AGREEMENT FROM FRONT RANGE RESOURCES, LLC, TO TALLGRASS COLORADO WATER, LLC: Bruce Barker, County Attorney, described the right-of-way maps and reviewed the property location, while explaining the matter accounts for the change of ownership of a waterline and the associated water. Commissioner Freeman moved to approve said consent to assignment of a non-exclusive license agreement. 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 9:26 a.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
WELD COUNTY, COLORADO

ATTEST:

Steve Moreno, Chair

Weld County Clerk to the Board

Scott K. James, Pro-Tem

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk to the Board

EXCUSED DATE OF APPROVAL
Perry L. Buck

Mike Freeman

Lori Saine