

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WELD COUNTY, COLORADO MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2022

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 15, 2022, 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 Scott K. James, Chair
Commissioner Mike Freeman, Pro-Tem
Commissioner Perry L. Buck
Commissioner Steve Moreno
Commissioner Lori Saine

Also present:

County Attorney, Bruce Barker
Acting Clerk to the Board, Houston Aragon
Chief Financial Officer, Cheryl Pattelli

MINUTES: Commissioner Moreno moved to approve the Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners meeting of August 1, 2022, as printed. Commissioner Buck seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT: Alan Halley, Kersey resident, spoke regarding his concern of the 2022 Weld County Fair drug testing policy. He stated he supports having the drug testing and understands why it is necessary, however, he disapproves of the process in which it took place. Mr. Halley explained the process was very poorly conducted, there was no chain of custody, and no consent from the exhibitors or parents. He further stated the level of competition is extremely high, thus there are high expectations, including those on the Weld County Fair Board. He addressed the abuse of power by Christie Gable, and the need for accountability of the actions of the Weld County Fair Board. In response, Commissioner Freeman stated the Board of County Commissioners met with the Weld County Fair Board Members on Monday afternoon, prior to the Weld County Fair Board meeting that evening. Commissioner Freeman stated they had conversations with the Board members where they admitted their fault in the procedures and assured the issues that took place would not happen in the future. He further mentioned there are now three (3) vacancies on the Weld County Fair Board, and they are seeking quality candidates.

Jodi Stone, Eaton resident, concurred the second blood sampling felt like a violation, and stated there are huge consequences for the exhibitors should a positive test result happen. She further stated the Board must be held to a higher standard, and put the concerns of the competitors first in respect of all the hard work invested.

Sarah Pfannebecker, LaSalle resident, submitted Exhibit A, and described the treatment received by the Fair Board, while under the suspicion of surgically altering their Grand Reserve Steer and have since filed a formal complaint. She elaborated that two (2) Fair Board members and a veterinarian took their steer, without their knowledge or consent, to shave parts of the chest before auction, and after they were

cleared of any surgical alterations, Ms. Pfannebecker quoted Ms. Gable, "we all know your family is dirty." She requested a lifetime ban for Ms. Gabel in regard to her statement and blatant misuse of her authority. Justin Pfannebecker, son, spoke on this situation as the exhibitor, and stated initially he thought it was a bad joke and felt singled-out and bullied, even after proof of no wrongdoing.

Commissioner Saine expressed her apologetic stance and stated there is an acknowledgement of the severe lack of leadership on the Weld County Fair Board, and there will be massive improvements. Commissioner Buck stated her sentiments and apologies for the lack of professionalism and treatment they had received, acknowledged the need for improvement, and offered her congratulations.

Landon Cogburn, LaSalle resident, spoke on his support of needing a change within the Fair Board and stated the abuse of power from Ms. Gabel is enraging, as his family received similar treatment two (2) years ago. He stated he will be running for the Fair Board to ensure that this treatment never happens again, as he referenced 'Agriculture Matters'.

Chair James extended an apology, as the treatment they received was not right. He stated he appreciates the quality of competition, asserted the importance of following the rules and policies, and confirmed there will be adjustments to those policies for future Weld County Fair exhibitors so they will never experience anything like that again. Commissioner Moreno concurred with the sentiments that had been stated, and will make sure they are appointing the right people to uphold the highest standards in his final months as a Commissioner. Commissioner Freeman commented the 4H and Future Farmers of America (FFA) youth are the new up and coming leaders of this County, State, and Country. He stated he was proud of hosting the only Fair in the State during COVID-19 in 2020, and the Commissioners will do everything in their power to make the process right moving forward.

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

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

COMMISSIONER COORDINATOR REPORTS: Commissioner Buck stated despite the situation discussed above, the Weld County Fair was successful. She further stated she will be attending a river ride-along with Tina Booton, Department of Public Works, to learn more about noxious weeds. Commissioner Freeman stated, once again, the support of the Agricultural community in Weld County is unmatched, reaching a record-breaking \$1.57 Million in Fair auction proceeds. Commissioner Moreno congratulated those who did well and participated in the Weld County Fair, and also stated he completed his Noxious Weed Inspection in a kayak along the Poudre River. He further stated it was an amazing responsibility to spot and manage weeds before they affect agriculture. Commissioner Saine stated she too is looking forward to her river tour. Chair James stated on August 10, 2022, he met with the Weld County Humane Society to come to an agreement for a more reasonable cost for animal welfare. He also attended the Highway 85 Coalition meeting hosted by Adams County, and heard progress reports on the Union Pacific Railroad.

WARRANTS:

1) GENERAL WARRANTS – AUGUST 12, 2022: Commissioner Buck moved to approve the General Warrants, as printed. Commissioner Saine seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

BIDS:

1) APPROVE BID #B2200106, ASSESSOR AND TREASURER OFFICE BUILDING (1400 NORTH 17TH AVE, GREELEY) HEATING, VENTILATION, AND AIR CONDITIONING (HVAC) AND ENTRY DOOR CHANGES – FACILITIES DEPARTMENT: Christie Peters, Purchasing Department, stated staff recommends selecting the lowest bidder who met specifications, TCC Corporation, for a total amount of \$88,789.00. Commissioner Moreno moved to approve said bid. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Buck, and it carried unanimously.

2) APPROVE BID #B2200107, GENERATOR MAINTENANCE AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS – FACILITIES DEPARTMENT: Ms. Peters stated staff recommends selecting the lowest bidder who met specifications, Colorado Standby, LLC, for the amount of \$14,600.00, for the annual maintenance, and \$9,300.00, for bi-annual load bank testing. Commissioner Freeman moved to approve said bid. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Buck, and it carried unanimously.

3) PRESENT BID #B2200111, LAW ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ROOF TOP UNIT REPLACEMENT – FACILITIES DEPARTMENT: Ms. Peters stated two (2) bids were received and staff will make a recommendation on August 29, 2022.

4) PRESENT BID #B2200114, JAIL 1 WEST ROOF TOP UNIT REPLACEMENT – FACILITIES DEPARTMENT: Ms. Peters stated 25 vendors downloaded specifications, and three (3) attended the mandatory meeting; however, only one (1) bid was received, and staff will make a recommendation on August 29, 2022.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) CONSIDER TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF CR 71 BETWEEN CRS 14 AND 16: Amy Mutchie, Department of Public Works, stated this closure will begin on August 16, 2022, and go through August 19, 2022, for the replacement of an irrigation culvert, with water to be used for dust mitigation on gravel portions of the detour route. Commissioner Moreno moved to approve said temporary closure. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Saine, and it carried unanimously.

2) CONSIDER EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF CR 22 BETWEEN CRS 31 AND 41: Ms. Mutchie stated the Department of Public Works is requesting a two (2) week extension for the road construction and paving on County Road (CR) 22 between CRs 31 and 37, to go through August 26, 2022, due to asphalt supply delay due to plant shutdown. She explained as of Friday, August 12, 2022, the Department of Public Works secured a secondary asphalt supplier, which allowed for the completion of the closure between CRs 37 and 41, except for shouldering, which does not impact traffic. Ms. Mutchie further stated the Department is expecting weather to impact construction for a few days, but still expect to complete the the project with construction of the last lane between CRs 31 and 37. Commissioner Freeman moved to approve said extension of temporary closure. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Buck, and it carried unanimously.

3) CONSIDER DECLARATION OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZE DISPOSAL – ANDERSEN SALES AND SALVAGE: Cheryl Pattelli, Chief Financial Officer, stated Donnie Patch, Undersheriff, requested Fleet Services dispose of trailer 15690007, a 1979 TEPE class eight (8) trailer, and confirmed the Sheriff's Office will not be purchasing a replacement. Commissioner Moreno moved to approve said equipment as surplus property, and authorize disposal. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Buck, 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 9:32 a.m.

These Minutes were approved on the 29th day of August, 2022.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
WELD COUNTY, COLORADO

ATTEST:

Weld County Clerk to the Board

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk to the Board

Scott K. James, Chair

Mike Freeman, Pro-Tem

Perry L. Buck

EXCUSED DATE OF APPROVAL
Steve Moreno

Lori Saine