

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WELD COUNTY, COLORADO MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2023

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, March 6, 2023, 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 Mike Freeman, Chair
Commissioner Perry L. Buck, Pro-Tem
Commissioner Scott K. James
Commissioner Kevin D. Ross
Commissioner Lori Saine

Also present:

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

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

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

COMMISSIONER COORDINATOR REPORTS: Commissioner Saine reported she is working on processes to improve services to the public. Commissioner Ross reported the fuel facility is up and running, but there may be a small leak in the compressed natural gas line that will need to be repaired soon, and the construction of the Ault Grader Shed is underway. He stated he attended transportation meetings last Thursday, alongside Commissioner James, who gave greater details of the outcomes. Commissioner James followed up, and reported the I-25 Coalition received direction from the executive team at the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), for the application of a mega grant to fully fund the Segment 5 portion. He further reported the Highway 34 Coalition received funding to begin a Transportation Management Organization (TMO). Commissioner James reported the Northern Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (NFRMPO) released a study conducted for proposed bus services from Northern Colorado to Cheyenne, Wyoming, and he attended the State Highway Transportation Advisory Committee, with nothing to report from that meeting. Commissioner Buck recognized Commissioners James and Ross for attending the transportation meetings, and being engaged. She stated she took a four (4) hour tour of the properties which are show cause cases concerning land use violations, and thanked staff for taking their time to educate them. Commissioner Buck further reported she attended the sold-out City of Evans' Chamber of Commerce event, the Home and Garden Show held at Island Grove, and the City of Greeley's Town Hall meeting with Representative Young, and Councilman Tommy Butler, concerning the direction of the Hope Apartments located in Greeley, Colorado. Chair Freeman stated he sat in a Roundtable Discussion concerning Regionalism for Leadership in Northern Colorado, alongside Mayor Gates, a Commissioner for Larimer County, and a Council member for the City of Fort Collins.

PRESENTATIONS:

1) LIFE SAVING AWARDS, SHERIFF'S OFFICE – DAVID CLARKE, SPENCER ROUGIER, NATHAN BURKE (*RESCHEDULED FROM 2/27/2023*): Chair Freeman invited those being recognized to come to the front of the room. Sergeant Larry Neugebauer, Weld County Sheriff Office, introduced Deputies Burke, and Rougier, who took measures to save the life of an overdose victim while on-duty, and commended them for responding to real life emergencies in the service of the citizens of Weld County. He stated such stories happen on a daily basis and often go unrecognized. Each Commissioner, in turn, thanked the deputies for answering the call of duty to serve with their humble and heroic spirits. (*Clerks Note: Deputy Clarke was credited, but was unable to attend.*)

WARRANTS:

1) GENERAL WARRANTS – MARCH 1, and 3, 2023: Commissioner Ross moved to approve the General Warrants, as printed. Commissioner James seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

BIDS:

1) APPROVE BID #B2200179, NON-PROJECT SUBSURFACE UTILITY ENGINEERING SERVICES – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: Christie Peters, Purchasing Department, stated staff conducted a Quality Based Selection (QBS) process to select a consultant to perform on-call subsurface utility engineering (SUE) investigations for roadway projects, and based their review, staff recommended selecting the highest ranking bidder, T2 Utility Engineers, for no more than the total budgeted amount of \$350,000.00. Ms. Peters noted the QBS process does not account for cost during the selection phase, since cost is negotiated after the project award, but prior to signing the contract. Commissioner Ross moved to approve said bid. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Buck, and it carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) CONSIDER APPLICATION FOR COLORADO ELECTION SECURITY ACT (CESA) GRANT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZE CLERK AND RECORDER TO SUBMIT ELECTRONICALLY: Rudy Santos, Chief Deputy Clerk and Recorder, stated the Colorado Election Security Act recently awarded \$24,500.00 to Weld County, and notified staff that not all the funding was spent, so this application is for the second round of funding toward security cameras for ballot drop-off sites to ensure a secure election process. Commissioner Ross moved to approve said application, and authorized the Clerk and Recorder's Office to submit electronically. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Buck, and it carried unanimously.

2) CONSIDER DESIGNATION OF CERTAIN BROKERS AND DEALERS FOR HANDLING INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS OF WELD COUNTY FUNDS: Cheryl Pattelli, Chief Financial Officer, stated the revision of this list is to include the brokers and dealers used by the County's financial advisor. Commissioner Ross moved to approve said designation of certain brokers and dealers. The motion was seconded by Commissioner James, and it carried unanimously.

3) CONSIDER REVISIONS TO WELD COUNTY INVESTMENT POLICY: Ms. Pattelli stated staff recommends revisions to the County's investment policy to enhance clarity, increase return potential, improve risk management, and incorporate best practices. Commissioner Ross moved to approve said revisions to the Weld County Investment Policy. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Buck. In response to Commissioner James, Ms. Pattelli confirmed there have not been any policies developed surrounding Environmental Social Governance (ESG). Commissioner James requested a roll call vote. In response to Commissioner Ross, Commissioner James explained that he deems it unconscionable to do business with any organization that has ESG policies against companies which have made Weld County prosperous, and called for verbiage that addresses this issue. In rebuttal, Commissioner Ross explained that if there is a limit on the investment portfolio, it will limit the potential earnings on behalf of the County, and he is not in favor of limiting companies and deems it best to allow all company investments and leave discretion to the Board. After discussion to schedule a secondary work session,

and upon a roll call vote of three (3) to two (2), the motion passed, with Commissioners James and Saine opposed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1) Edwin Grant, Greeley resident, offered his comments to the Board.

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 9:22 a.m.

These Minutes were approved on the 20th day of March, 2023.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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ATTEST:

Weld County Clerk to the Board

Mike Freeman, Chair

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk to the Board

Perry L. Buck, Pro-Tem

Scott K. James

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