

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WELD COUNTY, COLORADO WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 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, July 12, 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

**MINUTES:** Commissioner Ross moved to approve the Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners meeting of June 28, 2023, as printed. Commissioner Buck seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**CERTIFICATION OF HEARINGS:** Commissioner Ross moved to approve the Certification of Hearings conducted on June 28, 2023, as follows: 1) USR23-0009 – Antonio and Eve Rios, 2) USR23-0010 – Devon Weinstein, and 3) USR23-0012 – Jeffrey and Rachel Rummer, c/o Colorado Railbike Adventures, LLC, c/o Robert Rummer. Commissioner Saine seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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

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

#### **PRESENTATIONS:**

1) RECOGNITION OF SERVICES, SHERIFF'S OFFICE – HOPE SUBIA: Chair Freeman read the certificate for the record. Steve Reams, Weld County Sheriff, shared Ms. Subia's work history and progression through the ranks during her 25 years with the Weld County Sheriff's Office. He stated she most recently obtained the title of Visitation Supervisor for the Weld County Jail, and has performed her duties with grace and dignity. He stated the two of them have worked alongside each other for their entire careers and she will be greatly missed. Ms. Subia stated she has loved her job, but noted it is not a job for everyone and takes dedication. She thanked her family and those who helped her reach her highest potential during her career. The Board thanked Ms. Subia for her service to humanity, her tireless service to Weld County, and state she is a testament of a job well done when spoken of so highly by Sheriff Reams and her peers. They thanked her family for their support throughout her years as a

dedicated employee, and wished her luck on her retirement. *(Clerk's Note: The group gathered for a photo opportunity.)*

**WARRANTS:**

1) GENERAL WARRANTS – JULY 11, 2023: Commissioner Buck moved to approve the General Warrants, as printed. Commissioner James seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

**BIDS:**

1) APPROVE BID #B2300132, COURTHOUSE ANNEX/MARLBOROUGH SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENT – FACILITIES DEPARTMENT: Rose Everett, Purchasing Department, stated staff recommends selecting the lowest bidder who met specifications, Dream Builders, Inc., for a total amount of \$48,800.00. Commissioner Buck moved to approve said bid. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Saine, and it carried unanimously.

2) PRESENT BID #B2300138, SECURITY CAMERA INSTALLATION – FACILITIES DEPARTMENT: Ms. Everett stated six (6) bids were received and staff will make a recommendation on July 26, 2023.

3) PRESENT BID #B2300139, COMMAND UNIT (QTY 1) – FLEET SERVICES AND SHERIFF'S OFFICE: Ms. Everett stated three (3) bids were received and staff will make a recommendation on July 26, 2023.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1) CONSIDER ASSESSED VALUATION OF ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY AND MASTER PROTEST LOG – REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY: Brenda Dones, Weld County Assessor, presented the 2023 Abstract of Assessment, a listing of Real, Personal, and Oil and Gas accounts. She explained 2023 was a reappraisal year, and the aggregate of the changes resulted in an overall adjustment in the taxable value from \$18.76 Billion in 2022, to \$25.24 Billion in 2023, which is a thirty-four percent (34%) increase in value. Ms. Dones relayed the 2023 County value is subject to change, pending property tax appeals, and summarized the appeal quantities and adjustment percentages. Lastly, she reported on the number of accounts protested at the Assessor level, a listing of the accounts that did not report a personal property declaration, and listing of drilling rigs that were valued by Weld County, but apportioned to other counties. Ms. Dones confirmed the County Board of Equalization hearings will begin on July 17, 2023, and conclude August 2, 2023, with final acceptance on August 4, 2023, with final assessment for various taxing authorities. Commissioner James moved to approve and accept said property valuation and protest log. Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. The Board thanked Ms. Dones and the Assessor's Office for their tremendous work. There being no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

2) CONSIDER CONTRACT ID #7174 FISCAL AGENT AGREEMENT FOR WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY ACT (WIOA) GRANT FUNDS, AND AUTHORIZE CHAIR AND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO SIGN: Jamie Ulrich, Director of the Department of Human Services, stated this agreement outlines the scope of service and responsibility of the Weld County Controller, who has been designated as the Fiscal Agent for Employment Services of Weld County. Commissioner Buck moved to approve said agreement and authorize the Chair to sign. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ross, and it carried unanimously.

3) CONSIDER CONTRACT ID #7175 INDIVIDUAL PROVIDER CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF FOSTER CARE SERVICES IN A FOSTER CARE HOME AND AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN – CAMERON AND ALICIA RAUSCH: Ms. Ulrich stated this is a new certified kinship foster care home located in Milliken, Colorado. Commissioner Buck moved to approve said contract and authorize the Chair to sign. Seconded by Commissioner James, the motion carried unanimously. *(Clerk's Note: Chair Freeman called this item of business as item #2, but the correct substance was discussed.)*

4) CONSIDER CONTRACT ID #7190 AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR NATIONAL TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT CURRICULUM (NTDC) FOR FOSTER AND KINSHIP FAMILY PRE-SERVICE TRAINING INTERPRETER SERVICES AND AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN – RUBYANN MARKWORTH: Ms. Ulrich stated this agreement provides interpreter services for Spanish-speaking foster and kinship families who are in the process of becoming certified. Commissioner Ross moved to approve said agreement and authorize the Chair to sign. The motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Buck, carried unanimously.

5) CONSIDER EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF CR 44 BETWEEN CR 33 AND U.S. HWY 85: Amy Mutchie, Department of Public Works, presented this request to extend the temporary closure of County Road (CR) 44, between CR 33 and U.S. Highway (HWY) 85, on behalf of Jalisco International, Inc., due to weather delays. She stated this closure is for roadway and intersection improvements for a flyover project for the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), through July 31, 2023. Commissioner Buck moved to approve said extension of this temporary closure. The motion was seconded by Commissioner James, and it carried unanimously.

**PLANNING:**

1) CONSIDER CONTRACT ID #7185 AGREEMENT FOR PLACEMENT OF TEMPORARY WIND MONITORING TOWERS, AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN, AND ACCEPT FORM OF COLLATERAL – CHALK BLUFFS WIND, LLC: Diana Aungst, Department of Planning Services, stated staff received a request from the the applicant to approve three (3) 197-foot-tall meteorological towers to remain in place for seven (7) years. She stated collateral is required as part of this agreement, in the amount of \$21,000.00, which was provided in the form of a check, #3255, issued by Wells Fargo Bank. Ms. Aungst stated staff reviewed the agreement and deemed it acceptable, and explained the collateral is for the decommissioning of the towers and remediation of the land should the applicant not satisfactorily complete said actions. She displayed images of what the towers look like, aerial maps and images of the proposed site, and the letter obtained from the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) stating there were no concerns. In response to Commissioner Buck, Ms. Aungst stated per the applicant, her understanding is the towers are just under the 200-foot height limit which is why the letter from the DOD was required. Jim Martell, Representative of Enyo Renewable Resources, agreed with the terms presented, and in response to Commissioner James, explained these towers will monitor wind speeds to determine if this site will be suitable for a future wind farm as part of the renewable resource initiative for the state. Commissioner James moved to approve said agreement, authorize the Chair to sign, and accept said collateral. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ross, and it carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- 1) Steve Teets, Greeley resident, offered his comments to the Board.
- 2) 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 9:30 a.m.

These Minutes were approved on the 26th day of July, 2023.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
WELD COUNTY, COLORADO

ATTEST:

Weld County Clerk to the Board

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk to the Board

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Mike Freeman, Chair

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Perry L. Buck, Pro-Tem

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Scott K. James

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Kevin D. Ross

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EXCUSED DATE OF APPROVAL  
Lori Saine