

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WELD COUNTY, COLORADO WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 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, November 1, 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
Clerk to the Board, Esther Gesick
Controller, Chris D'Ovidio

MINUTES: Commissioner James moved to approve the minutes of October 18, 2023, as printed, and Commissioner Ross seconded the motion. Commissioner Saine requested a review of item #7 of the minutes to clarify the summary notes and the true intent of the County Attorney's testimony. Following discussion, Chair Freeman moved consideration of the Minutes to the end of the Agenda, with a motion pending, to allow Mr. Barker time to review the statements and propose possible revisions.

CERTIFICATION OF HEARINGS: Commissioner Buck moved to approve the Certification of Hearings conducted on October 18, 2023, as follows: 1) COZ23-0003 – PV East, LLC, 2) USR23-0030 – Louis and Gina Fabrizius, c/o CBEP Solar 30, LLC, and 3) USR23-0031 – Louis and Gina Fabrizius, and Stanley and Carolyn Heinze, c/o CBEP Solar 32, LLC. Commissioner Ross seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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.

PROCLAMATIONS:

1) **WELD COUNTY ADOPTION DAY – NOVEMBER 17, 2023:** Chair Freeman read the proclamation for the record. Jamie Ulrich, Director of the Department of Human Services, thanked the Board for the recognition and highlighting the staff who work nonstop for children looking for a forever home. She reported ten (10) adoptions will take place at the Weld County Courthouse on November 17, 2023, with 396 Children in Colorado who are legally free and awaiting permanency. She stated the anticipation of forty (40) adoptions scheduled to take place by the end of 2023 through Weld County, with forty-two (42) additional children who are legally available for adoption and just waiting for their forever family process

to be completed, and ten (10) legally free children are not currently with families, but hope to make matches very soon. Ms. Ulrich expressed challenges faced in the adoption process with the placement of older kids, and reported statistically, after age of twelve (12), the ability to find an adoptive family diminishes, and they are really focusing on the needs of teens now more than ever. She introduced staff team members who were in attendance for the record. Each Commissioner, in turn, expressed the ups and downs with adoption, stated there is nothing better than taking care of children who need forever homes, and they are fortunate to witness the beauty of seeing a family come together. They recognized and thanked staff who work as a team to provide a marked difference in a child's stability, provide foster children a chance to thrive in a family, and for changing lives. *(Clerk's Note: The group gathered for a photo opportunity.)*

WARRANTS:

1) GENERAL WARRANTS – OCTOBER 31, 2023: Commissioner Ross moved to approve the General Warrants, as printed. Commissioner Buck seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

2) COMMISSIONER WARRANTS (PERRY L. BUCK) – OCTOBER 31, 2023: Commissioner Ross moved to approve the Commissioner Warrants, as printed. Seconded by Commissioner James, and upon a roll call vote of four (4) to one (1), the motion carried, with Commissioner Buck recused.

BIDS:

1) APPROVE BID #B2300186, NORTH JAIL HOT WATER GENERATOR AND WALL REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT – FACILITIES DEPARTMENT: Carolyn Geisert, Purchasing Department, stated staff recommends selecting the lowest bidder who met specifications, Classic Contractors, Inc., for a total amount of \$501,126.00. Commissioner James moved to approve said bid. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ross, and it carried unanimously.

2) APPROVE BID #B2300191, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS WEEDS BUILDING INSULATION REPLACEMENT – FACILITIES DEPARTMENT: Ms. Geisert stated staff recommends selecting the lowest bidder who met specifications, DS Constructors, LLC, for a total amount of \$71,732.00. Commissioner Ross moved to approve said bid. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Buck, and it carried unanimously.

3) PRESENT BID #B2300196, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS USER FEE STUDY PROJECT – DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION: Rose Everett, Purchasing Department, stated two (2) bids were received and staff will make a recommendation at a date to be determined.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) CONSIDER CONTRACT ID #7535 COMMUNITY SERVICE FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES AND AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN – NOCO HUMANE, FKA LARIMER HUMANE SOCIETY, AND HUMANE SOCIETY OF WELD COUNTY: Sonja Kohlgraf, Sheriff's Office, stated this agreement with NOCO Humane allows for the management of housing of animals picked up by Animal Control Officers with the Weld County Sheriff's Office (WCSO). She stated this agreement expires December 31, 2024, with an option for automatic one (1) year renewals. In response to Commissioner Saine, Undersheriff Donnie Patch, explained \$240.00 is the cost for housing an animal up to the time the animal is reclaimed by its owners, and \$400.00 if not reclaimed. Commissioner Ross moved to approve said agreement and authorize the Chair to sign. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Buck, and it carried unanimously.

2) CONSIDER CONTRACT ID #7462 AGREEMENT FOR PROVISION OF ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION SOLUTIONS AND AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN – EVERDRIVEN TECHNOLOGIES, LLC: Jamie Ulrich, Director of the Department of Human Services, stated this agreement provides transportation of foster youth to get to and from school in a safe and reliable manner. Commissioner James 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 #7563 INDIVIDUAL PROVIDER CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF FOSTER CARE SERVICES IN A FOSTER CARE HOME AND AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN – DALLAS WILLIAMS AND KRISSTINE VEIT-WILLIAMS: Ms. Ulrich stated this is a new foster care home located in Milliken, Colorado. Commissioner Ross moved to approve said contract and authorize the Chair to sign. The motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Saine, carried unanimously.

4) CONSIDER CONTRACT ID #7564 INDIVIDUAL PROVIDER CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF FOSTER CARE SERVICES IN A FOSTER CARE HOME AND AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN – JODI KIEFER AND KRISTEN BUSHAW: Ms. Ulrich stated this is a new kinship foster care home located in Broomfield, Colorado. Commissioner Ross moved to approve said contract and authorize the Chair to sign. The motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Buck, carried unanimously.

5) CONSIDER CONTRACT ID #7568 PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR VARIOUS CORE AND NON- CORE CHILD WELFARE SERVICES AND AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN – THE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER: Ms. Ulrich stated this agreement provides professional life skills services. Commissioner Ross moved to approve said agreement and authorize the Chair to sign. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Saine, and it carried unanimously.

6) CONSIDER CONTRACT ID #7570 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) GRANT AGREEMENT FOR CASE MANAGEMENT AGENCIES (CMA) RETENTION SIGN-ON BONUS PROJECT PHASE THREE (3), AND AUTHORIZE CHAIR AND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO SIGN AND SUBMIT ELECTRONICALLY: Ms. Ulrich stated this agreement will provide Phase Three (3) of the retention grant to incentivize employees to remain during the transition period. In response to Commissioner Saine, Ms. Ulrich stated the submitted Request for Proposal (RFP) was awarded to the Case Management Agency (CMA) who oversees all the children's programs. Commissioner Ross moved to approve said agreement and authorize the Chair to sign. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Buck, and it carried unanimously.

7) CONSIDER APPOINTMENTS OF WELD COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICERS: Commissioner James moved to approve said appointments. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ross, and it carried unanimously.

8) CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF WELD COUNTY ASSISTANT VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER: Commissioner Buck moved to approve said appointment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner James, who further clarified Gwendolyn Jenkins, Assistant Veterans Service Officer (VSO), transitioned to the Department of Human Services, and she is now certified through the state to process veteran's applications, and two (2) gentlemen were hired as VSO, and appointed in the previous business item to serve the veterans in Weld County with various needs. There being no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

9) CONSIDER CONTRACT ID #7532 AWARD LETTER AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT (STBG) PROJECT FUNDS FOR CRS 54 AND 13 INTERSECTION ROUNDABOUT PROJECT AND AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN AND SUBMIT ELECTRONICALLY: Clay Kimmi, Department of Public Works, stated the County has been awarded Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds for the County Roads (CRs) 54 and 13 Intersection Roundabout Project, for the amount of \$1,714,469.00. He explained the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) portion of the costs are in the amount of \$1,419,409.00, alongside Larimer County's local match contribution in the amount of \$30,000.00, and Weld County's local match contribution in the amount of \$265,060.00. Commissioner Ross moved to approve said agreement and authorize the Chair to sign and submit electronically. Commissioner Buck seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

10) TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF CR 44 BETWEEN CR 35 AND U.S. HWY 85: Kevin Hettinger, Department of Public Works, presented a request for closure on behalf of Jalisco International, Inc., which will begin on November 6, 2023, and go through December 8, 2023, for final completion of tie-ins of Niobrara Boulevard for the CDOT roadway improvements project. Commissioner James moved to approve said temporary closure. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Buck, and it carried unanimously.

PLANNING:

1) CONSIDER DECOMMISSIONING AND RECLAMATION PLAN, AND ACCEPT COLLATERAL FOR ZONING PERMIT FOR SOLAR ENERGY FACILITY, ZPSF23-0002, LESS THAN FIVE (5) ACRES – SUNSHARE, LLC, C/O BEAU SCOTT: Diana Aungst, Department of Planning Services, stated the Zoning Permit for Solar Energy Facility, ZPSF23-0002, was approved by staff on July 6, 2023, and Condition of Approval (COA) #3.D requires a Decommissioning and Reclamation Plan, which staff determined is complete. She stated the applicant has submitted a Surety Bond for the amount of \$13,800.00, which addresses the stated COA, and staff recommends acceptance. Commissioner Ross moved to approve said plan and accept the collateral. The motion was seconded by Commissioner James, and it carried unanimously.

MINUTES: After review, Mr. Barker confirmed Commissioner Saine's previous statements, and indicated the verbiage should say, "Trying to assist local governments to solve the exorbitant rise in property tax values through existing means, rather than the State dictating, to the Assessor's Office, how they will have to conduct appraisals." Commissioner James moved to amend his motion to approve the minutes, with the revision as presented by Attorney Barker. Commissioner Ross seconded the amended motion to accept the changes. There being no further edits, the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1) Steve Teets, Greeley resident, offered his comments to the Board.

2) Steve Doerschlag, Eaton 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 9:43 a.m.

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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ATTEST:

Weld County Clerk to the Board

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk to the Board

Mike Freeman, Chair

Perry L. Buck, Pro-Tem

Scott K. James

Kevin D. Ross

Lori Saine