

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WELD COUNTY, COLORADO WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2024

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, April 24, 2024, 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 Kevin D. Ross, Chair  
Commissioner Perry L. Buck, Pro-Tem  
Commissioner Mike Freeman  
Commissioner Scott K. James  
Commissioner Lori Saine

Also present:

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

**MINUTES:** There being no corrections to the Minutes of the Board of County Commissioners meeting of April 10, 2024, as printed, Commissioner Saine moved to approve. Commissioner Buck seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**READ ORDINANCE BY AUDIO:** Commissioner James moved to read Emergency Code Ordinance #260-A by audio. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Buck and it carried unanimously.

**AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA:** Commissioner Saine moved to remove the 15-minute time limit and majority vote provisions under 'Public Comment'. There being no second, the motion failed. There were no additional amendments to the Agenda.

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

#### **PROCLAMATIONS:**

1) ROOSEVELT ROUGHRIDERS DAY, CLASS 5A GIRLS BASKETBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP – APRIL 24, 2024: Chair Ross read the proclamation for the record, recognizing Roosevelt High School's girls basketball team and their second consecutive state championship. Chad Walker, Athletic Director, thanked the Board for their support and for recognizing the hard work and dedication of the team. Upon request of Chair Ross, the team introduced themselves for the record. Each Commissioner, in turn, extended their congratulations, encouraged the team members to carry the same energy and discipline into the future with everything they do in their lives, and expressed gratitude to the parents and families for their support. *(Clerk's Note: The group gathered for a photo opportunity.)*

**WARRANTS:**

1) GENERAL WARRANTS – APRIL 23, 2024: Commissioner James moved to approve the General Warrants, as printed. Commissioner Saine seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**BIDS:**

1) PRESENT BID #B2400069, F5 MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT – DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: Toby Taylor, Purchasing Department, stated two (2) bids were received and stated staff will make a recommendation on May 8, 2024.

2) PRESENT BID #B2400070, FORTINET MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT – DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: Mr. Taylor stated five (5) bids were received and stated staff will make a recommendation on May 8, 2024.

3) PRESENT BID #B2400081, DELL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND QUEST AD MIGRATOR – DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: Mr. Taylor stated two (2) bids were received and stated staff will make a recommendation on May 8, 2024.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1) CONSIDER CONTRACT ID #8032 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR NOCO WORKS PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN – COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF NORTHERN COLORADO: Jamie Ulrich, Director of the Department of Human Services, stated the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) clarifies the respective roles and responsibilities in regards to The Weld Trust program award and administrative services for the NoCo Works program. Commissioner Saine moved to approve said memorandum of understanding and authorize the Chair to sign. The motion was seconded by Commissioner James and it carried unanimously.

2) CONSIDER CONTRACT ID #8033 INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR PROVISION OF TOILET INSTALLATION SERVICES FOR ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS AND AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN – CITY OF GREELEY: Ms. Ulrich stated the agreement allows the Weld County Youth Conservation Corps to provide toilet installation for eligible residents identified by the City of Greeley that currently do not meet the gallons per minute threshold. Commissioner Freeman moved to approve said agreement and authorize the Chair to sign. Seconded by Commissioner James, the motion carried unanimously.

3) CONSIDER CONTRACT ID #8037 INDIVIDUAL PROVIDER CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF FOSTER CARE SERVICES IN A FOSTER CARE HOME AND AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN – JOHN AND SANDY HILDEBRAND: Ms. Ulrich stated the contract is for a new provisional kinship foster care home located in Loveland, Colorado. Commissioner Buck moved to approve said contract and authorize the Chair to sign. The motion, which was seconded by Commissioner James, carried unanimously.

4) CONSIDER CONTRACT ID #8039 INDIVIDUAL PROVIDER CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF FOSTER CARE SERVICES IN A FOSTER CARE HOME AND AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN – ALEXANDER AND LINDSEY SQUARE: Ms. Ulrich stated the contract is for a new certified foster care provider located in Ault, Colorado. Commissioner Freeman moved to approve said contract and authorize the Chair to sign. The motion was seconded by Commissioner James and it carried unanimously.

5) CONSIDER CONTRACT ID #8040 INDIVIDUAL PROVIDER CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF FOSTER CARE SERVICES IN A FOSTER CARE HOME AND AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN – CARMEN SILL: Ms. Ulrich stated the contract is for a new certified foster home located in Milliken, Colorado. Commissioner Saine moved to approve said contract and authorize the Chair to sign. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Buck and it carried unanimously.

6) CONSIDER CONTRACT ID #8041 INDIVIDUAL PROVIDER CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF FOSTER CARE SERVICES IN A FOSTER CARE HOME AND AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN – ANDREW AND ELLERY ZEITLOW: Ms. Ulrich stated the contract is for a new certified foster care provider located in Wichita, Kansas. Commissioner James moved to approve said contract and authorize the Chair to sign. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Buck and it carried unanimously.

7) CONSIDER CONTRACT ID #8047 INDIVIDUAL PROVIDER CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF FOSTER CARE SERVICES IN A FOSTER CARE HOME AND AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN – ANDREW WILSON AND BIANCA ROMERO: Ms. Ulrich stated the contract is for a certified kinship foster care provider located in Fort Collins, Colorado. Commissioner Freeman moved to approve said contract and authorize the Chair to sign. The motion was seconded by Commissioner James and it carried unanimously.

8) CONSIDER CONTRACT ID #8050 CASE MANAGEMENT AGENCY (CMA) SERVICE AGREEMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS, AND AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN – BONNIE EASON, DBA BONNIE BE BODYWORK, LLC: Ms. Ulrich stated the provider offers services for clients through the department's Case Management Agency (CMA). Commissioner Saine moved to approve said agreement and authorize the Chair to sign. Seconded by Commissioner James, the motion carried unanimously.

9) CONSIDER TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF CR 33 BETWEEN CRS 84 AND 86: Amy Mutchie, Department of Public Works, presented the request, on behalf of C&H Excavation, for a temporary closure to begin May 6, 2024, through May 30, 2024, for road improvements required by the Town of Ault for the Highland Industrial Park for the portion of County Road (CR) 33 that has been annexed into their jurisdiction. She stated the detour route is paved and message boards will be placed in advance of said closure. Commissioner Freeman moved to approve said temporary closure. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Buck and it carried unanimously. *(Clerk's Note: Chair Ross inadvertently read the title of this item as #1 instead of #9.)*

10) CONSIDER CONTRACT ID #8013 PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR PHOTOGRAPHY AT 2024 WELD COUNTY FAIR AND AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN – FLYING M PHOTOGRAPHY, LLC: Mikayla Gabel, Weld County Fair Coordinator for the CSU Extension Office of Weld County, stated the agreement is for photography services to be provided at the 2024 Weld County Fair and staff recommends approval. Commissioner Buck moved to approve said agreement and authorize the Chair to sign. The motion was seconded by Commissioner James and it carried unanimously.

11) CONSIDER CONTRACT ID #8015 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR VETTE FEST AT 2024 WELD COUNTY FAIR AND AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SIGN – CORVETTES WEST CAR CLUB CHAPTER: Ms. Gabel stated the agreement is for the annual corvette car show at the 2024 Weld County Fair and staff recommends approval. Commissioner Freeman moved to approve said agreement and authorize the Chair to sign. Seconded by Commissioner James, the motion carried unanimously.

12) CONSIDER RESOLUTION RE: EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT FOR FULLY FUNDING WELD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND 19TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE 2024 REQUEST, IMMEDIATELY PER SHERIFF'S AND DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S REQUEST: Commissioner Saine moved to approve said Resolution, stating it is imparitive to have a fully functioning Sheriff's Office, and to approve the Sheriff's requested budgetary increase in the amount of \$1,162,275.00. Due to the lack of a second, the motion failed. Chair Ross read an email marked as Exhibit "A" from Michael Rourke, 19th Judicial District Attorney, for the record, stating he does not have a budgetary request currently and has not had a request denied by the current Board of County Commissioners. Commissioner Saine stated the 19th Judicial District Attorney's Office was granted supplemental funding.

13) CONSIDER RESOLUTION RE: EXPRESSION OF OPPOSITION TO HOUSE BILL, HB 24-1460, ENTITLED "CONCERNING MEASURES TO STRENGTHEN RESPONSES TO LAW ENFORCEMENT MISCONDUCT," AND COMMITMENT TO, AND SUPPORT FOR, WELD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE DEPUTIES: Steve Reams, Weld County Sheriff, stated the state legislature has created an environment that hinders law enforcement state-wide, most recently in 2020 through Senate Bill, SB 217, and the following year with House Bill, HB 21-1250, and expressed his concerns of proposed House Bill, HB 24-1460. He indicated the extreme and aggressive nature of this bill will further continue discord in the law enforcement community. He thanked the Board for their continued support, expressed gratitude for the Board's consideration of this Resolution, and urged other Counties to testify in opposition. Bruce Barker, County Attorney, discussed HB 24-1460. Chair Ross expressed his concerns regarding this proposed legislative bill. Commissioner Buck stated she testified against this bill and was appalled stakeholders were not included in the drafting of this bill. Commissioner Freeman moved to approve said Resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Saine. Commissioner Freeman expressed his concerns regarding the intentions of this bill. There being no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously. *(Clerk's Note: The title of this item of business was corrected post meeting.)*

14) CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF CHERYL PATTELLI AS WELD COUNTY CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER (CFO) AND DIRECTOR OF FINANCE: Commissioner James moved to approve said Resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Buck. Chair Ross expressed his appreciation and excitement for Ms. Pattelli taking on the added duties as the Director of Finance. There being no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

15) CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF JILL K. SCOTT AS WELD COUNTY CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER (CHRO) AND DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION: Commissioner James complimented Ms. Scott for her professionalism, vision, and imparting a difference in the culture of Weld County, and moved to approve said Resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Freeman. Commissioner Saine stated she would like the Board to hire a County Manager. Commissioner Buck and Chair Ross congratulated Ms. Scott and expressed their confidence in her role. Upon a roll call vote of four (4) to one (1), the motion carried with Commissioner Saine opposed.

16) CONSIDER REORGANIZATION OF PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE: Commissioner Freeman moved to approve said Resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner James, and upon a roll call vote of four (4) to one (1), the motion carried with Commissioner Saine opposed.

17) CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF CERTIFYING OFFICIAL FOR ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEWS OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDED PROJECTS: Elizabeth Relford, CDBG Program Manager, clarified the Board approved a similar Resolution last year and she is now requesting to update the appointment to replace Ryan Rose with Cheryl Pattelli, as the alternate Fiscal Agent for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Commissioner Freeman moved to approve said Resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner James, and upon a roll call vote of four (4) to one (1), the motion carried with Commissioner Saine opposed.

18) EMERGENCY ORDINANCE #260-A, IN THE MATTER OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE YEAR 2024: Jennifer Oftelie, Budget Manager, Cheryl Pattelli, Chief Financial Officer/Director of Finance, and Jill Scott, CHRO/Director of the Department of Human Resources/Director of Administration, presented Emergency Ordinance #260-A for the first of two (2) supplemental appropriations for funds in 2024, which is being presented slightly earlier in the year than usual. Ms. Oftelie explained the Ordinance obligates dollars that the Board has agreed upon prior in the year and detailed various line items from projects that began in 2023 and have not been completed. In response to Commissioner Saine, Ms. Oftelie confirmed the 19th Judicial District Attorney's budgetary request. There was no public comment offered concerning this matter. Commissioner Saine moved to amend

Emergency Ordinance #260-A to obligate an additional \$519,275.00 of General Fund monies to ensure the Sheriff's Office is fully funded. Sheriff Reams shared information concerning struggles with staffing and retention, needs of the agency, and legislative changes that have negatively affected law enforcement. He elaborated his concerns are not only with sworn deputies but also extends to the civilian staff who support law enforcement officers. Sheriff Reams indicated he provided a cost analysis proposal at the request of the Board in March 2024, which a portion was agreed upon for additional funding for staff who are sworn officers, but not the additional funding for civilian staff. Sheriff Reams reiterated his request for the Board to approve the remaining balance of his proposal and thanked the Board for the opportunity to convey his concerns. Due to the lack of a second, the motion failed. Commissioner Buck indicated she spoke with Sheriff Reams to gain a better understanding and acknowledged how critical this issue has become for staff and citizens, while summarizing the approved requests incorporated herein. Commissioner Buck confirmed this does not address non-sworn and administrative staff, whose positions will be evaluated through the compensation study. Commissioner Buck and Sheriff Reams thanked each other for the collaboration, and Commissioner Buck moved to amend Emergency Ordinance #260-A to increase the Sheriff's Office budget as detailed. In response to Commissioner Saine, Ms. Patelli stated the amended budgetary allotment amounts to \$425,773.00 and explained the funding comes from both the Sheriff's salary expense line items, as well as the fund balance from the General Fund. The motion was seconded by Commissioner James. After further discussion and a roll call vote of five (5) out of five (5) affirmative, the motion carried. Furthermore, Commissioner Buck moved to approve Emergency Ordinance 260-A, as amended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Saine and it carried unanimously. Chair Ross commended staff for their collaboration and cooperation with the efforts, as discussed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- 1) Steve Teets, City of Greeley resident, offered his comments to the Board with responses from Chair Ross and Ms. Relford.
- 2) Steve Reams, Weld County Sheriff, offered his comments to the Board.
- 3) Janet Ewing, Town of Eaton resident, offered her comments to the Board.

**RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:** The Resolutions were presented and signed as listed on the Consent Agenda. Ordinance #260-A was approved on an emergency basis, as amended.

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 9:56 a.m.

These Minutes were approved on the 8th day of May, 2024.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
WELD COUNTY, COLORADO

ATTEST:

Weld County Clerk to the Board

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

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Kevin D. Ross, Chair

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