



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
January 23, 2024 at 10:00 AM**

10:00 AM - PUBLIC MEETING

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Galusha called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Galusha and Commissioner Andreatta were present in person. Commissioner Sporleder was present on-line.

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion to approve the Agenda with the following change: Under Appointments, the order is switched and the Public Trustees Quarterly Report and Tax Cancellation appointment comes first. Made by Commissioner Andreatta. Seconded by Commissioner Sporleder.

Voting Yes: Chairman Galusha, Commissioner Andreatta, Commissioner Sporleder.

Motion Passes.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Made by Commissioner Sporleder. Seconded by Commissioner Andreatta.

Discussion: Regarding Item O - The Department of Human Services Salary Restructuring - Chairman Galusha stated that there are two things to know: 1) That the money involved is 80% State money and that 2) Restructuring includes laying off of three people that will not be replaced. The total of restructuring is less money than replacing those three (3) people and less money overall in that department.

Voting Yes: Chairman Galusha, Commissioner Andreatta, Commissioner Sporleder.

Motion passes.

CONSENT AGENDA 1/23/2024

- a. Meeting Minutes from January 4, 2024. January 2, 2024
- b. Cameron Gonzales Resignation SO
- c. Maurice Cheeks Resignation SO
- d. Celena Valdez Layoff and Severance

- e. Sky Tallman Layoff and Severance
- f. Conor Orr Layoff and Severance
- g. Kevin Archuleta Layoff and Severance
- h. Carlton Croft Layoff and Severance
- i. Natalie Fisher Layoff and Severance
- j. Jeffrey Byland Layoff and Severance
- k. Cheryl Pacheco Layoff and Severance
- l. Promotion Anthony Luginbill
- m. Dustin Hribar Remove Designation Interim Public Works Director
- n. Lester Berry Designate Interim Public Works Director
- o. Department of Human Services Salary Restructuring

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Nick Faris – RN Enterprises & Associates - stated he appreciates the Commissioners and the job they are doing. Mr. Faris also stated that RN Enterprises & Associates wants to engage with the county in 1) Solving the rampant illegal dumping of waste and 2) To show the county how to make the Waste Transfer Station (WTS) “Extremely” profitable. RN Enterprises & Associates can meet all of the county requirements.
- Jim Littlefield – Serving on Huerfano Airport Technical Committee stated 1) That the water in the Pilot’s lounge has been off since Jan 17, 2024 and recommends at least thinking about putting a portable toilet in until that gets fixed; 2) That the Automated Weather Observing System (AWOS) has been out of service for 3 weeks; and 3) That the Courtesy Car has disappeared.

Carl Young, Administrator, stated the Courtesy Car is being serviced and Commissioner Andreatta mentioned for Mr. Littlefield to speak with Dustin Hribar the Airport liaison about all concerns.

5. APPOINTMENTS

- a. Public Trustee Quarterly Report and Tax Cancellation – Report was presented by Debra Reynolds, Public Trustee.

- **Motion to approve the Public Trustee Quarterly Report and Tax Cancellation Report for 2023.** Made by Andreatta. Seconded by Sporleder.

Voting Yes: Chairman Galusha, Commissioner Andreatta, Commissioner Sporleder.

Motion Passes.

- b. Cuchara Mountain Park - Cuchara Foundation and GoCo –

There was participation in the discussion to transfer Cuchara Mountain Park back to Cuchara Foundation, by residents, board members and business leaders. Commissioner Andreatta stated that in her opinion the Park is in better hands with the County, having more

opportunities for funding, and a huge missed opportunity, if it is transferred, to drive economy and tourism. Commissioner Andreatta made a motion to wait until next year for new commissioners to be seated so we can see the vision of the public and the future board. The motion died for lack of Second.

- **Motion made to proceed with staff direction to develop the deed restrictions and the conditions necessary to transfer Cuchara Mountain Park (CMP) back to Cuchara Foundation (CF) before May 1, 2024.** Made by Sporleder, Seconded by Chairman Galusha.

Voting Yes: Chairman Galusha, Commissioner Sporleder

Voting No: Commissioner Andreatta

Motion Passes.

6. LAND USE

a. Recommended Update to Section 7 Matters of State Interest Regulations

Motion to direct Administrator to schedule a Workshop on the proposed changes to Section 7 of the Huerfano County Land Use Code. Made by Andreatta, Seconded by Sporleder.

Voting Yes: Chairman Galusha, Commissioner Andreatta, Commissioner Sporleder.

Motion Passes.

7. ACTION ITEMS

a. Resolution Reappointing Beaver Edmundson to HC Planning Commission

Motion to approve RESOLUTION 24-13 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING LEWIS EDMUNDSON TO THE HUERFANO COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION FOR A TERM EXPIRING ON DECEMBER 31, 2026. Made by Andreatta, Seconded by Sporleder.

Voting Yes: Chairman Galusha, Commissioner Andreatta, Commissioner Sporleder.

Motion Passes.

b. Four Seasons Bar and Grill Liquor License Renewal

Motion to approve the renewal of Four Seasons Bar and Grill Liquor License. Made by Sporleder. Seconded by Andreatta.

Discussion: All in Good Standing.

Voting Yes: Chairman Galusha, Commissioner Andreatta, Commissioner Sporleder.

Motion Passes.

c. **Tiny Inn Liquor License Renewal** –

Motion to approve the renewal of Tiny Inn Liquor License. Made by Andreatta. Seconded by Sporleder.

Discussion: All in Good Standing.

Voting Yes: Chairman Galusha, Commissioner Andreatta, Commissioner Sporleder.

Motion Passes.

d. **Dog Bar and Grill Liquor License Renewal** –

Motion to approve the renewal of Dog Bar and Grill Liquor License. Made by Sporleder. Seconded by Andreatta.

Discussion: All in Good Standing.

Voting Yes: Chairman Galusha, Commissioner Andreatta, Commissioner Sporleder.

Motion Passes.

e. **Walsenburg Golf Course Liquor License Renewal** –

Motion to approve the renewal of Walsenburg Golf Course Liquor License. Made by Andreatta. Seconded by Sporleder.

Discussion: All in Good Standing.

Voting Yes: Chairman Galusha, Commissioner Andreatta, Commissioner Sporleder.

Motion Passes.

f. **Ehlers Public Finance Arbitrage Consulting Agreement** –

Motion to approve the Arbitrage Consulting Agreement between Huerfano County and Ehlers Public Finance for the amount of \$2,500.00. Made by Andreatta. Seconded by Sporleder.

Discussion: Carl Young, Administrator stated this is a report that has to be done for Judicial Center Bonds for tax purposes.

Voting Yes: Chairman Galusha, Commissioner Andreatta, Commissioner Sporleder

Motion passes.

g. **Northland Securities Professional Services Agreement Financial Planning** –

Motion to approve the Professional Services Agreement between Huerfano County and Northland Securities, Inc, for an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00. Made by Andreatta, Seconded by Sporleder.

Voting Yes: Chairman Galusha, Commissioner Andreatta, Commissioner Sporleder.

Motion Passes.

h. **Letter to Southern Colorado RETAC to Amend La Veta EMS Representatives**

Motion to approve the change to the LaVeta Fire Protection District Emergency Medical Services Representative, as per the letter from Huerfano County Commissioners to Southern

Colorado RETAC (Regional Emergency Medical and Trauma Services Advisory Councils), dated January 23, 2024. Made by Sporleder, Seconded by Andreatta.

Voting Yes: Chairman Galusha, Commissioner Andreatta, Commissioner Sporleder.

Motion Passes.

i. **SPRHC EMS Ambulance License Extension Request**

Motion to approve the SPRHC (Spanish Peaks Regional Health Center) EMS (Emergency Medical Services) Ambulance License Extension Request (From April 27, 2024 to June 30, 2024) due to state requiring all ambulance services to be licensed under the State of Colorado beginning July 1st. Made by Andreatta, Seconded by Sporleder.

Voting Yes: Chairman Galusha, Commissioner Andreatta, Commissioner Sporleder.

Motion Passes.

j. **Public Building Electrification Grant Approval to Accept**

Motion to accept the Public Building Electrification Grant Award. Made by Sporleder, Seconded by Andreatta.

Voting Yes: Chairman Galusha, Commissioner Andreatta, Commissioner Sporleder.

Motion Passes.

k. **WaterSMART Grant Approval to Apply**

Motion to approve the application to the Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Efficiency Program in the amount of \$45,000 with another \$45,000 in County matching funds. Made by Andreatta, Seconded by Galusha.

Voting Yes: Chairman Galusha, Commissioner Andreatta, Commissioner Sporleder.

Motion Passes.

l. **Recommendation for Award Badito Ranch on the River Ag Lease**

Motion to approve the award for the Badito Ranch on the River Agricultural Operations RFP 2023-10 to Jared Coulter. Made by Andreatta, Seconded by Sporleder.

Voting Yes: Chairman Galusha, Commissioner Andreatta, Commissioner Sporleder.

Motion Passes.

m. **Google Workspace Renewal**

Motion to approve Purchase Order 205 to Statewide Internet Portal Authority (SIPA) for Google Workspace Business Licenses in the amount of \$14,317.00. Made by Andreatta, Seconded by Sporleder.

Voting Yes: Chairman Galusha, Commissioner Andreatta, Commissioner Sporleder.

Motion Passes.

n. **Judicial Center Security Grant Purchase Order**

Motion to approve Purchase Order 206 for the Judicial Center Security Grant for Convergint. Made by Sporleder. *No Second. Motion dies for lack of Second.*

Motion to table this until we have the 2024 Underfunded Courthouse Grant paperwork. Made by Andreatta, Seconded by Sporleder.

Discussion: John Galusha requested we wait until we have the executed contract from Underfunded Courts.

Voting Yes: Chairman Galusha, Commissioner Andreatta, Commissioner Sporleder.

Motion Passes to Table this for now.

o. **Recreation Aide Contract Celena Valdez**

Motion to approve the Contract for Services Agreement for Youth and Adult Sports Coordinator Contractor between Huerfano County and Celena Valdez for \$17.00 dollars an hour, for period of January 7, 2024 until February 17, 2024. Made by Andreatta, Seconded by Sporleder.

Voting Yes: Chairman Galusha, Commissioner Andreatta, Commissioner Sporleder.

Motion Passes.

p. **January 2024 Vendor Run**

Motion to approve the January 2024 Vendor Run for the amount of \$380,116.54. Made by Andreatta, Seconded by Sporleder.

Voting Yes: Chairman Galusha, Commissioner Andreatta, Commissioner Sporleder.

Motion Passes.

q. **Walsenburg Law Enforcement Services Agreement Extension**

Motion to approve the Law Enforcement Services Agreement Extension, discussed and agreed to in the meeting held January 19, 2024, which extends the existing agreement (which would have expired on December 31, 2023) for the first 6 months of 2024; and is agreed to, at a rate of \$67,816.00 per month, allowing for services to continue while legal team prepares the addendum. Made by Andreatta, Seconded by Sporleder.

Voting Yes: Chairman Galusha, Commissioner Andreatta, Commissioner Sporleder.

Motion Passes.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Adpro Christmas Card
- b. CTSI Christmas Holiday Wishes

- c. 2024 Colorado Pay Calc, FLSA, and COMPS
- d. CTSI CAPP Insurance and its Role in Public Officials' Risk Mitigation
- e. CTSI FSAs HRAs and HSAs Updated
- f. Bulk Water Monthly Report December 2023
- g. December 2023 Preliminary Expense Report
- h. GWSD Monthly Report December 2023
- i. GPID Systems Totals Report December 2023
- j. Leave Balance Report CONFIDENTIAL
- k. HC Hospital District Transparency Notice 2024
- l. David Rodgers Resignation from HC FMLD
- m. John Copeland Suggestion for Rio Cucharas Inn Usage
- n. Energy Performance Contracting Project Report January 2024
- o. Navajo Western Water District Transparency Notice 2024
- p. Rick Dunn Resignation from Building Authority
- q. Sandy White Resignation from Planning Commission

9. STAFF REPORTS

- a. **County Administrator** – Carl Young wrote in his Administrator’s Report about:

- Cold Snap Sheltering Operations
- Certifying the Mill Levy
- Marijuana Ordinance 23-01
- Follow-up letter on personnel changes from the 2024 Budget
- Procurement Update
- Current Board Vacancies

Robert Gilbert spoke about the Rural Technical Assistance Program (RTAP) Update.

- b. **County Attorney** – Lisa Powell-DeJong stated there was an Assessor’s Appeal with the BAA last week and it went well.

DHS Office Manager hire - Deah Weller

- **Motion to approve hire of Deah Weller, DHS Office Manager pending the proper drug tests and paperwork, for the purpose of speeding along the start date of possibly January 31, 2024.** Made by Andreatta, Seconded by Sporleder.

Voting Yes: Chairman Galusha, Commissioner Andreatta, Commissioner Sporleder.

Motion Passes.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Galusha called to adjourn the Regular BOCC Meeting at 11:22am.

Meeting adjourned 11:22AM.

Erica Vigil, County Clerk & Recorder
Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

COMMISSIONERS:

John Galusha, Chairman

Arica Andreatta

Karl Sporleder