



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

December 12, 2023 at 10:00 AM

10:00 AM - PUBLIC MEETING

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Galusha called for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Galusha, Commissioner Andreatta, and Commissioner Sporleder were present.

2. AGENDA APPROVAL –

Motion to Approve the Agenda as presented. Made by Commissioner Andreatta, Seconded by Commissioner Sporleder.

Voting Yes: Chairman Galusha, Commissioner Andreatta, Commissioner Sporleder

Motion passes

3. CONSENT AGENDA –

No Consent Agenda.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT –

- a. Paul Rieker - Adverse Childhood Experience – Mr. Rieker spoke about the urgency and necessity in teaching children to read, who have had adverse childhood experiences.
- b. Dee Maes-Sandoval – Asked, in reference to the Employee Meeting held on November 30, 2023, if the Commissioners had a strategy for the lay-offs and if they had looked into another health insurance provider to find more savings.

5. APPOINTMENTS –

- a. Honoring Elders and Youngers - Sandy Dolak –
The three Elders who were honored this week were Sam Scerbo, Silvia Scerbo and Paul Harris from La Veta.
The two Youngers were Lula and Willa Gripka, La Veta Residents, 13 and 10 years old respectively. Everyone received a Certificate of Appreciation and a sweatshirt.

6. **LAND USE**

a. Conditional Use Permit (Cup) 15-010 Walsenburg Cannabis Quarterly Update –

Since the last Update of July 25, 2023 the most significant thing that took place was the property was vandalized Sunday morning December 10th. The Sheriff’s office investigators and the current property owner, David Lesser, have estimated the losses and damage to be between \$150,000 and \$200,000. David Lesser will continue quarterly updates.

7. **ACTION ITEMS –**

a. Resolution Reappointing Sarah Jardis to the Tourism Board –

Motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 23-46 REAPPOINTING SARAH JARDIS TO THE TOURISM BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2026. Made by Andreatta, Seconded by Sporleder.

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

Motion Passes

b. Resolution Reappointing Mary Norby to the Huerfano County Building Authority Board -

Motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 23-47 REAPPOINTING MARY NORBY TO THE HUERFANO COUNTY BUILDING AUTHORITY FOR A TERM EXPIRING ON DECEMBER 31, 2026. Made by Sporleder, Seconded by Andreatta.

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

Motion Passes

c. Resolution to Set the Employer/Employee Health Dental and Vision Insurance Split beginning January 1, 2024 –

Motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 23-48 FIXING THE EMPLOYER’S CONTRIBUTION FOR HEALTH, DENTAL, AND VISION BENEFITS FOR 2024 AND BEYOND. Made by Andreatta, Seconded by Sporleder.

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

Motion Passes.

d. Resolution to Accept A Warranty Deed for South Lake Road –

Motion to accept RESOLUTION NO. 23-49 ACCEPTING A SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED FROM RIVER RUN AT SPANISH PEAKS SUBDIVISION HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION FOR SOUTH LAKE ROAD. Made by Sporleder, Seconded by Andreatta.

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

Motion Passes.

- e. **A Resolution to Authorize the Sale of the Thorne Ranch to Macho Bravo, LLC** – Motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 23-50 APPROVING THE SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE THORNE RANCH TO MACHO BRAVO, LLC. Made by Sporleder, Seconded by Andreatta.

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

Motion Passes.

- f. **BOCC – Spanish Peaks Church - Waiver of Liability** – Motion to approve the Waiver of Liability between Huerfano County and Spanish Peaks Church, located at 311 South Main Street, La Veta, Colorado, 81055 and signed by Huerfano County Chairman John Galusha. Made by Andreatta, Seconded by Sporleder.

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

Motion Passes.

- g. **2024 Steering Committee Proxies Form** – Motion to approve the designations as *2024 CCI Steering Committee Proxies*: Carl Young Huerfano County Administrator, for all Steering Committees except Health and Human Services, and Heather Wellman Director of Human Services, as Proxy for Health and Human Services Committee. Made by Sporleder, Seconded by Andreatta.

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

Motion Passes.

- h. **Emergency Management Communications Center Equature Renewal** – Motion to approve the Equature MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT from 2/20/2024 to 2/19/2025 for Huerfano Emergency Communications Dispatch Center, in the amount of \$4,879.40. Made by Andreatta, Seconded by Sporleder.

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

Motion Passes.

- i. **2024 Holiday Schedule** – **Motion to approve the 2024 HOLIDAYS OBSERVED Schedule. Made by Sporleder, Seconded by Andreatta.**

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

Motion Passes.

Motion to approve the addition of a second Personal PTO day in 2024, for all employees, as a bonus. Made by Andreatta, Seconded by Sporleder.

Discussion: Chairman Galusha suggested this addition of the extra day.

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

Motion Passes.

j. **Public Building Electrification Grant Approval to Apply** –

Motion to approve the application for the Colorado Energy Office Public Building Electrification Grant in the amount of \$720,750.00 with an additional \$240,250 in match from the County. Made by Andreatta, Seconded by Sporleder.

Discussion: John Galusha stated the match funds come from other grant monies.

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

Motion Passes.

k. **2024 Underfunded Courthouse Grant Approval to Accept** –

Motion to approve the application to the Underfunded Courthouse program in the amount of \$55,969 with a total project cost of \$114,438 and to authorize the Chair to sign the grant paperwork. Made by Sporleder, Seconded by Andreatta.

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

Motion Passes.

l. **LFPD Ambulance Service License Renewal** –

Motion to approve the La Veta Fire Protection District Ambulance Service License Renewal for 2024, for three ambulances. Made by Andreatta, Seconded by Sporleder.

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

Motion Passes.

m. **Change Order 07 Courthouse Trane Tracer SC+ Controller** –

Motion to approve the Change Order 7 to replace the Courthouse Trane Unit Controller on the HVAC system, in the amount of \$24,315. Made by Andreatta, Seconded by Sporleder.

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

Motion Passes.

n. **CodeRed OnSolve Renewal** –

Motion to approve the Annual Renewal for CodeRed services totaling \$9,922.50. Made by Andreatta, Seconded by Sporleder.

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

Motion Passes.

o. **SECOR Opioid Response Services Grant Agreement** –

Motion to approve the Small Dollar Amount Grant Agreement between Huerfano County and Pueblo County on behalf of the Southeast Colorado Opioid Response Settlement Region 19. Made by Andreatta, Seconded by Sporleder.

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

Motion Passes.

p. **Roscoe Engineering Gardner Main Street Invoice** –

Motion to approve paying \$19,752.50 (½ the invoice amount of 39,505.00), to Roscoe Engineering LLC, Purchase Order 197, for work completed after Gardner Main Street Grant expired. Made by Andreatta, Seconded by Sporleder.

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

Motion Passes.

q. **2023 Huerfano County Housing Needs Assessment** –

Motion to accept the updated Housing Needs Assessment. Made by Andreatta, Seconded by Sporleder.

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

Motion Passes.

r. **Elliott Bulk Water Permit Application** –

Motion to approve the Bulk Water Permit Application 23-0012 for Brittany & Daniel Elliott for parcel #2032038. Made by Sporleder, Seconded by Andreatta.

Voting Yes: Chairman Galusha, Commissioner Andreatta, Commissioner Sporleder

Motion Passes.

s. **Meisinger Bulk Water Permit Application** –

Motion to approve the Bulk Water Permit Application 23-0010 for Gail Meisinger for parcel #33094. Made by Andreatta, Seconded by Sporleder.

Voting Yes: Chairman Galusha, Commissioner Andreatta, Commissioner Sporleder

Motion Passes.

t. **Alberty Bulk Water Permit Application** –

Motion to approve the Bulk Water Permit Application 23-0011 for Wade Alberty for parcel #147222. Made by Sporleder, Seconded by Andreatta.

Voting Yes: Chairman Galusha, Commissioner Andreatta, Commissioner Sporleder

Motion Passes.

u. **Nicole Sudderth Bulk Water Permit Application** –

No Action taken.

v. **Walsenburg Sand & Gravel Gardner Helipad Invoice** –

Motion to approve Purchase Order 193 to Walsenburg Sand & Gravel, for the Gardner Helipad, in the amount of \$40,002.16. Motion by Andreatta, Seconded by Sporleder.

Discussion: This is paid from the grant for the Gardner Helipad Project.

Voting Yes: Chairman Galusha, Commissioner Andreatta, Commissioner Sporleder

Motion Passes.

w. **CTSI Legal Deductible Purchase Order** –

Motion to approve Purchase Order 199, to County Technical Services, Inc (CTSI), for the Fouch v Newman et al Deductible, in the amount of \$40,000.00. Made by Andreatta, Seconded by Sporleder.

Voting Yes: Chairman Galusha, Commissioner Andreatta, Commissioner Sporleder

Motion Passes.

x. **Dotter Abstract Purchase Order Fiesta Park Research** –

Motion to approve Purchase Order 198 to Dotter Abstract for Fiesta Park Research, in The amount of #2,250.00. Made by Sporleder, Seconded by Andreatta.

Voting Yes: Chairman Galusha, Commissioner Andreatta, Commissioner Sporleder

Motion Passes.

8. STAFF REPORTS

- a. County Administrator Carl Young gave a report on some updates and some upcoming activities.
- b. County Attorney Lisa Powell-DeJong stated there was a need for an Executive Session.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. State Board of Equalization - Notice of Public Hearing
- b. CTSI CONFIDENTIAL CAPP Monthly Report
- c. CTSI Technical Update Proper Handling of Trash
- d. Form Works - Fox Theatre Field Observation Report #2
- e. MacDougall & Woldridge Legal Fee Increase Letter

- f. RACCAB Board Member & Appointment Requests
- g. Courthouse Masonry Field Report 5
- h. SPHCF 2023 Annual Charity Golf Tournament Donation Receipt

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose:

- a. To discuss the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer, or sale of real, personal, or other property interest under C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(a). **Thorne Ranch**
and
- b. For discussion of a personnel matter under C.R.S. §24-6-402(2)(f) and not involving: any specific employees who have requested discussion of the matter in open session; any member of this body or any elected official; the appointment of any person to fill an office of this body or of an elected official; or personnel policies that do not require the discussion of matters personal to particular employees. **Meeting with Jeff Byland - 1PM.**

Motion made by Andreatta, Seconded by Sporleder

Discussion: No Action will be made during or after the Executive Session.

Voting Yes: Chairman Galusha, Commissioner Andreatta, Commissioner Sporleder

Motion Passes.

RECESS BOCC MEETING AT 11:17AM

Chairman Galusha called to Recess the Regular BOCC Meeting at 11:17am.

START OF EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 11:30 AM

RECESS EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 12:00 PM

RECONVENE EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 1:00 PM

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 1:45 PM

RECONVENE REGULAR BOCC MEETING AT 1:45 PM

ADJOURN REGULAR BOCC MEETING AT 1:45 PM

Chairman Galusha called to adjourn the Regular BOCC Meeting at 1:45pm.

Meeting adjourned 1:45 PM.

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

COMMISSIONERS:

John Galusha, Chairman

Arica Andreatta

Karl Sporleder