



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
July 25, 2023 at 10:00 AM**

10:00 AM - PUBLIC MEETING

Chairman Galusha called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Galusha, Commissioner Andreatta and Commissioner Sporleder were present.

AGENDA APPROVAL – Commissioner Andreatta made a motion to approve the July 25, 2023 Agenda as presented.

Motion: Andreatta Second: Sporleder

Discussion: None Resolved: Motion passed by unanimous vote

Sporleder: Yes Andreatta: Yes Chairman Galusha: Yes

CONSENT AGENDA – Commissioner Sporleder made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion: Sporleder Second: Andreatta

Discussion: None Resolved: Motion passed by unanimous vote

Sporleder: Yes Andreatta: Yes Chairman Galusha: Yes

CONSENT AGENDA 07/25/2023

- a. Meeting Minutes June 13, 2023
- b. Meeting Minutes June 27, 2023

10:01 AM - PUBLIC COMMENT

John Costea, La Veta resident; Samuel Gibson, Huerfano County resident; Travis Nelson, Huerfano County resident; Ryan Gies, Huerfano County resident; Levi Woodard, Huerfano County resident and CEO Sonic Bloom; Robert Ellsworth, Huerfano County resident; and Sarah Jardis, Huerfano County resident; all gave positive reviews about the various aspects of the 2023 Sonic Bloom Event.

10:19 AM - APPOINTMENTS

- a. Honoring Elders and Youngers - Sandy Dolak –
Congratulations to Mickey DeAmbrosia and Payton Salas who were celebrated during Honoring Elders & Youngers for their contributions to their communities. Thank you both for everything you do. They both received a Letter of Appreciation and a sweatshirt with the county logo on it.
- b. 4 – H Ambassadors
Kylee Faris, Senior Ambassador, Lula Gripka, Intermediate Ambassador, and Wyatt Faris, Junior Ambassador, were there to thank the Commissioners for supporting them and to give them a special invite to this year’s Fair and to the Livestock sale.
- c. Public Trustee - 2nd Quarterly Report - Debra Reynolds –
Debra Reynolds had to step out so Carl Young presented her report.

Motion to approve the Public Trustee – 2nd Quarterly Report for 2023.

Motion: Sporleder Second: Andreatta

Discussion: None Resolved: Motion passed by unanimous vote

Sporleder: Yes Andreatta: Yes Chairman Galusha: Yes

- d. Huerfano County Fireworks 2023 After Action Report
Brittney Ciarlo, Huerfano County Emergency Manager and Ryan Sablich, Huerfano County Building Inspector and Code Enforcement presented the report. This was the first year that Emergency Management coordinated on a Fourth of July Fireworks show. Two members of the group are taking safety courses to become fully certified to participate next year. The event took a little over an hour from start to finish. Overall everything went well. Area that needs improvement was an option for a bigger location and the possible renting of an electronic igniter.

10:43 AM - LAND USE

- a. Sonic Bloom 2023 After Action Report
Brittney Ciarlo, Emergency Manager, Cheri Chamberlain, Land Use Officer, Building Inspector and Code Enforcement and Ryan Sablich Building Inspector and Code Enforcement presented the report.
Many statistics were given from the report. Some of the things that worked well were improved management plan for roads, routine sound checks, Farmers Market, etc. One of the things that needs improvement would be adequate cell service to accommodate the event.

Shea Wootan, Art and Theatre teacher at the High School, asked the Commissioners to support the arts and entertainment and tourism that is around us. These things can lift a community out of poverty. If we don’t support Sonic Bloom, it would send the wrong message to our community.

Ryan Gies, Huerfano County resident, asked Commissioners to remember how positive the support was here today for Sonic Bloom.

Al Meisman, Huerfano County resident, wants Commissioners to support Sonic Bloom.

Travis Nelson, Huerfano County resident, said Sonic Bloom is good for our county and he encourages Commissioners to put their support behind it.

Jose Baros, Huerfano County resident, attended Sonic Bloom this year to get a better understanding of what he has been opposing all these years.

Levi Woodard, CFO for Sonic Bloom, said he would like to be a good neighbor and attend a neighborhood barbeque.

Carl Young, Huerfano County Administrator, asked Jess Gries, Attorney for Sonic Bloom to consider applying for a Conditional Use Permit instead of a Temporary Event Permit.

b. Public Hearing Conditional Use Permit #15-010 Walsenburg Cannabis Staff Report 2023

Cheri Chamberlain, Public Hearing Officer, Building Inspector and Code Enforcement stated this is continued from the public hearing on May 23, 2023, when Commissioners gave Walsenburg Cannabis and David Lessar an opportunity to move forward to keep the Permit CUP #15-010.

Cheri Chamberlain gave a summary of the conditions of the buildings and property from a recent visit. All in all, it looks like a good site for horticulture. It would take very little to get operational. No broken windows. Mr. Lessar said the original intention was to see this as major cannabis cultivation facilities. The cannabis market has since taken quite a turn. Right now he does have two credible, potential buyer prospects and is trying to move this forward. He appreciates the Commissioners patience in playing this out.

Motion to conditionally continue the Conditional Use Permit #15-010 provided that no marijuana growing operations can occur until such time as an operational plan is presented to the Board of County Commissioners for approval and with quarterly update from David Lessar on building and grounds maintenance, sent to the Land Use staff, to be put on agenda.

Motion: Sporleder Second: Chairman Galusha

Discussion: None Resolved: Motion passed.

Sporleder: Yes Andreatta: Abstain Chairman Galusha: Yes

11:39 AM - ACTION ITEMS

a. Purchase Order 124 – Backflow Parts

Motion to approve Purchase Order #124 to SupplyHouse for backflow parts, for Road & Bridge, as required by City of Walsenburg ordinance, in the amount of \$2,535.31.

Motion: Sporleder Second: Andreatta

Discussion: None Resolved: Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Sporleder: Yes Andreatta: Yes Chairman Galusha: Yes

b. Purchase Order 125 – Red Rock

Motion to approve Purchase Order #125 for Walsenburg Sand and Gravel for paving and patching of Red Rock Road in the amount of \$4,275.00.

Motion: Andreatta Second: Sporleder

Discussion: None Resolved: Motion passed by unanimous vote
Sporleder: Yes Andreatta: Yes Chairman Galusha: Yes

c. Purchase Order 126 – Extrication Services Annual

Motion to approve Purchase Order #126 for annual extrication services provided by the Huerfano County Fire Protection District in the amount of \$6,000.00.

Motion: Sporleder Second: Andreatta
Discussion: None Resolved: Motion passed by unanimous vote
Sporleder: Yes Andreatta: Yes Chairman Galusha: Yes

d. Purchase Order 127 – Wood removal at Waste Transfer Station

Motion to approve Purchase Order # 127 for Maniscalco Bros & Sons Inc for removal of wood at the Waste Transfer Station in the amount of \$7,000.00.

Motion: Andreatta Second: Sporleder
Discussion: None Resolved: Motion passed by unanimous vote
Sporleder: Yes Andreatta: Yes Chairman Galusha: Yes

e. Purchase Order 129 - Dispatch Tower Repair Invoices

Motion to approve Purchase Order #129 to Digitcom Electronics, Inc for Dispatch Tower Repairs, in the amount of \$16,982.10, covering two invoices, one for temporary repair the day of occurrence and the other for the permanent repair amount.

Motion: Andreatta Second: Sporleder
Discussion: Consider to ask 911 Board to help with this expense.
Resolved: Motion passed by unanimous vote
Sporleder: Yes Andreatta: Yes Chairman Galusha: Yes

f. J. Lillard – Water & Sewer Services Agreement

Motion to approve the Jessica Lillard Water & Sewer Services Agreement.

Motion: Sporleder Second: Andreatta
Discussion: None Resolved: Motion passed by unanimous vote
Sporleder: Yes Andreatta: Yes Chairman Galusha: Yes

g. IGA Law Enforcement Services 2023 County Sheriff IGA 1-year proposal w/ 6 months' extension

Motion to approve the InterGovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City Council of the City of Walsenburg and the Board of Huerfano County Commissioners for Law Enforcement Services for calendar year 2023 as presented.

Motion: Andreatta Second: Sporleder
Discussion: None Resolved: Motion passed by unanimous vote

Sporleder: Yes Andreatta: Yes Chairman Galusha: Yes

- h. Request to apply 129 Kansas DOLA EIAF Climate Change Grant.
Motion to approve the application to the DOLA Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance Fund Grant, Climate Resilience Challenge for the 129 Kansas EOC /Dispatch Remodel in the amount of \$3,914,400.00 with an additional \$978,600 in matching funds.**

**Motion: Andreatta Second: Sporleder
Discussion: None Resolved: Motion passed by unanimous vote
Sporleder: Yes Andreatta: Yes Chairman Galusha: Yes**

- i. Request to apply Fox Theatre Main Street LIVE DOLA Grant.
Motion to approve the application to the DOLA Energy and Mineral Impact Assistance Fund Grant, Main Street LIVE set aside for the Fox Theatre Remodel for an amount not to exceed \$1.5M with \$500,000 in matching funds.**

**Motion: Andreatta Second: Sporleder
Discussion: None Resolved: Motion passed by unanimous vote
Sporleder: Yes Andreatta: Yes Chairman Galusha: Yes**

- j. Request to apply DOE BIL Energy Improvement in Rural or Remote Areas Grant
Motion to approve the pre-application to the Department of Energy – Energy Improvements in Rural or Remote Areas program for energy improvements at the Fox Theatre Walsenburg, 129 Kansas, and the County Courthouse in the total amount of \$1,346,630 with no match from Huerfano County.**

**Motion: Andreatta Second: Sporleder
Discussion: None Resolved: Motion passed by unanimous vote
Sporleder: Yes Andreatta: Yes Chairman Galusha: Yes**

- k. Glenn Family Revocable Trust BOE Decision – Schedule No. 163007.
Motion to Deny the petition for the Glenn Family Revocable Trust, Schedule No. 163007.**

**Motion: Andreatta Second: Sporleder
Discussion: None Resolved: Motion passed by unanimous vote
Sporleder: Yes Andreatta: Yes Chairman Galusha: Yes**

- l. Steve & Sally Drew BOE Decision – Schedule No. 17136100.
Motion to Deny the petition for Steve & Sally Drew, Schedule No. 17136100.**

**Motion: Andreatta Second: Sporleder
Discussion: None Resolved: Motion passed by unanimous vote**

Sporleder: Yes

Andreatta: Yes

Chairman Galusha: Yes

12:10 PM - STAFF REPORTS

- a. County Administrator – Carl Young gave updates on several projects.
- b. County Attorney – Lisa Powell-DeJong had nothing to report for now and no need for Executive Session.

12:15 PM - ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Galusha called to adjourn the BOCC meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 PM.

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

COMMISSIONERS:

John Galusha, Chairman

Arica Andreatta

Karl Sporleder