



ELBERT COUNTY, COLORADO
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
Regular Meeting Held in the BOCC Meeting Room
February 8, 2023 at 9:00 AM

A. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: PASTOR JOHN SMITH

Pastor John Smith provided the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The regular Board of County Commissioners meeting was called to order at 9:03 AM. Deputy Clerk Amanda Moore called the roll and all Commissioners were present.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Approval of Agenda with the change of Action item from H6 to H1.

Commissioner Grant Thayer made a motion to Approve the Agenda with the change of Action item H6 to H1. Commissioner Dallas Schroeder seconded the motion.

Yes - Chris Richardson, Grant Thayer, Dallas Schroeder

No - None

D. CONSENT AGENDA

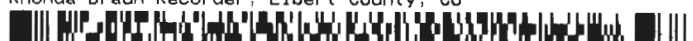
Motion: Approval of Consent Agenda as presented

Commissioner Dallas Schroeder made a motion to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Grant Thayer seconded the motion.

Yes - Chris Richardson, Grant Thayer, Dallas Schroeder

No - None

1. Approval of CDS Mylars as needed
2. Approval of Vouchers as needed
3. Acknowledgement of CDS Pipeline Report
4. Liquor License Renewal for South 40 Bar & Grill
5. Ratification of Awarded Grant from The Secretary of State for Elections
6. Ratification of Letter of Support from Morgan Community College Foundation



E. ELECTED OFFICIALS/DEPARTMENT HEADS/STAFF REPORTS

Commissioner Richardson introduced the new County Manager, Shawn Fletcher.

County Manager Shawn Fletcher stated that he looks forward to working with everyone.

F. CITIZEN PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Update from Darlene Carpio, a representative from U.S. Congressman Buck's Office

Darlene Carpio, a representative from U.S. Congressman Buck's office provided an update on the priorities of his office for 2023. Mrs. Carpio has served on his staff for 3 years.

2. Annual Pines & Plains Library District Report - Director Susan Byrne

Pines and Plains Library Director, Susan Byrne introduced herself and stated that she has 20 years of experience working in libraries. Ms. Byrne provided the annual library report.

Commissioner Schroeder asked if there were policies in place for certain movies, presentations and books that cross the line for children.

Ms. Byrne stated that they in fact have policies in place to evaluate outside presentations for children's books, outside presentations and materials based on community standards. Each book is vetted individually.

3. Economic Development Annual Report for 2022

Community and Economic Development Director Marc Dettenrieder presented his annual report which focused on the studies done in 2022.

Economic Development Coordinator Eric Larson stated that 2022 post COVID/Census was not the best year for data.

4. Discussion on 2023 Budget Goals

Commissioner Schroeder stated that the budget process never stops. Commissioner Schroeder explained that the budget steering committee has met and they are going over last year's goals to see what worked and what changes need to be made.

A brief recess was called at 9:50 AM to prepare the Audit presentation and returned at 9:52 AM.



H. ACTION ITEMS

1. 2021 Final Audit of County Finances

Commissioner Richardson explained the reasons for the long audit process and introduced Matthew Marino from Rubin Brown.

Matthew Marino presented the final audit and explained the 2022 standards to implement. Mr. Marino explained the single audit done for the funds received from the Federal Government and the areas that need improvement.

Commissioner Richardson thanked Tiffany in Finance for all of her hard work through a very tough process and staffing changes.

Public Comment: None

Motion: To Accept the 2021 Final Audit Report

Commissioner Grant Thayer made a motion to Accept the 2021 Final Audit Report. Commissioner Dallas Schroeder seconded the motion.

Yes - Chris Richardson, Grant Thayer, Dallas Schroeder

No - None

(The Audit is available to view on the County website)

2. Consideration of January 25, 2023 Minutes

Motion: Approval of January 25, 2023 Minutes

Commissioner Dallas Schroeder made a motion to Approve the Minutes as presented and dispense with the reading. Commissioner Grant Thayer seconded the motion.

Yes - Chris Richardson, Grant Thayer, Dallas Schroeder

No - None

3. Consideration of Appointment to Library Board

There was no discussion or public comment.

Motion: To Approve the Library Board Member Nomination

Commissioner Grant Thayer made a motion to Approve the Library Board Member Nomination. Commissioner Dallas Schroeder seconded the motion.

Yes - Chris Richardson, Grant Thayer, Dallas Schroeder

No - None



4. Consider the Appointment of Shawn Fletcher as the Chief Budget Officer

There was no discussion or public comment.

Motion: To Appoint Shawn Fletcher as Budget Officer

Commissioner Dallas Schroeder made a motion to Appoint Shawn Fletcher as Budget Officer .
Commissioner Grant Thayer seconded the motion.

Yes - Chris Richardson, Grant Thayer, Dallas Schroeder
No - None

5. Consideration on Resolution Appointing Referee(s) for the 2023 County Board of Equalization

Commissioners discussed the reason for appointing a referee for the Board of Equalization.

No Public Comment

Motion: To Approve the Resolution Appointing a Referee for the 2023 County Board of Equalization.

Commissioner Grant Thayer made a motion to Approve the Resolution Appointing a Referee for the 2023 County Board of Equalization . Commissioner Dallas Schroeder seconded the motion.

Yes - Chris Richardson, Grant Thayer, Dallas Schroeder
No - None

6. Consideration of Updated Resolution Authorizing the County Clerk to Enter into IGA's and MOU's for the 2023 Elections

Commissioner Schroeder explained the update to provide the Clerk Authorization for any and all 2023 Elections and Awarded Grants.

No public comment

Motion: To Approve the Resolution Authorizing the County Clerk to Enter into IGA's and MOU's for the 2023 Election year and Awarded Grants.

Commissioner Dallas Schroeder made a motion to Approve the Resolution Authorizing the County Clerk to Enter into IGA's and MOU's for the 2023 Election year and Awarded Grants . Commissioner Grant Thayer seconded the motion.

Yes - Chris Richardson, Grant Thayer, Dallas Schroeder
No - None



I. BOARD PLANNING

1. Agenda Items for Next Meeting
 1. Facilities Update
 2. OEM Update
 3. Budget Goals
 4. HHS Agreement with Lincoln County

Commissioner Richardson called a recess at 10:26 AM to return at 1:00 PM for the Land Use Hearings.

J. LAND USE HEARINGS 1:00 P.M.

The Land Use Hearings were called to order at 1:00 PM. Deputy Clerk Amanda Moore called the roll and all Commissioners were present.

1. Spring Valley Ranch Filing No. 9

Commissioner Richardson explained the hearing had been continued for the final SIA and public comment was closed.

Commissioner Thayer recused himself from this item as he was absent when it was presented at the last meeting.

Motion: To Open a Public Hearing for Spring Valley Ranch #9

Commissioner Schroeder made a motion to Open a Public Hearing for Spring Valley Ranch #9 .
Commissioner Richardson seconded the motion.

Yes - Chris Richardson, Dallas Schroeder

No - None

Public Hearing Opened at 1:02 PM.

County Attorney Bart Greer stated that the SIA has been completed and approved by all parties.

Applicant/Representative CJ Kirst asked for clarification regarding the building permits for model homes.
Mr. Kirst stated that they agree with the agreement and conditions.

Motion: To Approve Spring Valley Ranch #9

Commissioner Dallas Schroeder made a motion to Approve Spring Valley Ranch #9. Commissioner Chris Richardson seconded the motion.

Yes - Chris Richardson, Dallas Schroeder

No - None



Motion: To Close a Public Hearing for Spring Valley Ranch #9

Commissioner Schroeder made a motion to close a Public Hearing for Spring Valley Ranch #9 .
Commissioner Richardson seconded the motion.

Yes - Chris Richardson, Dallas Schroeder

No - None

Public Hearing Closed at 1:07 PM.

2. Independence Amend 3 Metropolitan Districts and Create 3 New Metropolitan Districts

Commissioner Richardson explained that this item is to set a hearing date for it to be heard by the Board.

CDS Director Greg Thompson recommended March 8th at 1:00 PM.

Motion: To set a hearing for Independence Amend 3 Metropolitan Districts and Create 3 New Metropolitan Districts on March 8, 2023 at 1:00 PM.

Commissioner Grant Thayer made a motion to set a hearing for Independence Amend 3 Metropolitan Districts and Create 3 New Metropolitan Districts on March 8, 2023 at 1:00 PM . Commissioner Dallas Schroeder seconded the motion.

Yes - Chris Richardson, Grant Thayer, Dallas Schroeder

No - None

3. Consideration of Simla Annexation Impact Report Waiver Request (Big Sandy Estates Addition)

CDS Director Greg Thompson presented the request for waiver of the Annexation Impact Report for Big Sandy Estates Addition in the Town of Simla.

County Attorney Bart Greer explained that this request can be approved by the Board of County Commissioners but does not confirm that the Town has talked to Fire or Special Districts.

Commissioner Richardson stated that he understands the town intends on approving the annexation at their next meeting.

County Attorney Bart Greer feels it is important to complete an updated IGA with the Town soon.

No Public Comment

Motion: To Approve the waiver for the Annexation Impact Report

Commissioner Dallas Schroeder made a motion to Approve the waiver for the Annexation Impact Report.
Commissioner Grant Thayer seconded the motion.

Yes - Chris Richardson, Grant Thayer, Dallas Schroeder

No – None



K. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To Adjourn

Commissioner Grant Thayer made a motion to Adjourn. Commissioner Dallas Schroeder seconded the motion.

Yes - Chris Richardson, Grant Thayer, Dallas Schroeder

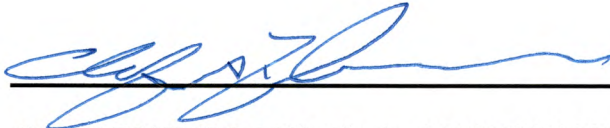
No - None

The meeting Adjourned at 1:18 PM.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ELBERT COUNTY, COLORADO



CHRIS RICHARDSON, Chair, COMMISSIONER District 1



DALLAS SCHROEDER, COMMISSIONER District 2



GRANT THAYER, Vice-Chair, COMMISSIONER District 3

ATTEST: Amanda Moore

Deputy Clerk

BY: 

Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

