



ELBERT COUNTY, COLORADO
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
Regular Meeting Held in the BOCC Meeting Room
March 22, 2023 at 9:00 AM

A. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: CHAPLAIN JIM KEEN

Chaplain Jim Keen provided the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners was called to order at 9:02 AM. Deputy Clerk Amanda Moore called the roll and all commissioners were present.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Approval of Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Grant Thayer made a motion to Approve the Agenda as presented. 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 Receipt of Variance Reports
4. Ratification of Opposition Letters for Upcoming House Bills regarding Guns
5. Ratification of Attorney Letter to Xcel





E. ELECTED OFFICIALS/DEPARTMENT HEADS/STAFF REPORTS

County Treasurer Sherry Hewlett stated that she knows that there are concerns over the recent bank failures. Ms. Hewlett explained what banks the County money is in and the insurance to cover those funds. Ms. Hewlett feels secure with the banks that the funds are deposited into.

Facilities Manager Bobby Chevarria provided an update on the Public Works Facility and other projects throughout the county. Mr. Chevarria stated that the Public Works Facility's structure is complete. Walls and roof will be done shortly. The goal for April will be to dry-in the building and start framing the Administration offices. Mr. Chevarria explained that they are going out for bid on the admin building parking lot, HVAC system for the admin building and a small shop for the fairgrounds. The Fairgrounds project should be completed in the next couple of months.

Finance Manager Tiffany Hermes recommended an early payoff of the Foxwood Ranches and Foxwood Estates Bonds. This would save the tax payers money on interest.

Commissioner Richardson asked that this be brought to the Board for approval at the June 11th meeting to allow time for proper public notice.

Commissioner Thayer asked if there were fund balances to cover the payoff.

Ms. Hermes stated that there were.

County Manager Shawn Fletcher stated that the Audit for 2022 is going to begin starting May 22nd and should be completed by the end of July.

F. CITIZEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Keri Jiblits - 19656 Wedemeyer Rd. Kiowa - Ms. Jiblits thanked the Commissioners and Attorney for sending the letter to Xcel regarding the trespassing. Ms. Jiblits stated that there are signs being created to post on citizens' property specific to Xcel Trespassing. Ms. Jiblits asked if the Commissioners had received a response or application from Xcel.

Commissioner Richardson stated that they have not received a response or an application yet.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

No discussion items

H. ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration of March 8, 2023 Minutes

Motion: Approval of March 8, 2023 Minutes

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

Yes - Chris Richardson, Grant Thayer, Dallas Schroeder

No – None

2. Consideration of March 9, 2023 Minutes

Motion: Approval of March 9, 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 March 13, 2023 Minutes

Motion: Approval of March 13, 2023 Minutes

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

Yes - Chris Richardson, Grant Thayer, Dallas Schroeder

No – None

**4. Consideration of Approval Office of Emergency Management Hazard Mitigation Plan - OEM
Director Shane Pynes**

Commissioner Richardson stated that there had not been any submitted recommended changes to the plan since it was presented at the last meeting.

Commissioner Schroeder questioned the underlined climate change assumption, but has spoken with Mr. Pynes about it.

Public Comment: None

Motion: To Approve the Office of Emergency Management Hazard Mitigation Plan

Commissioner Dallas Schroeder made a motion to Approve the Office of Emergency Management Hazard Mitigation Plan. Commissioner Grant Thayer seconded the motion.

Yes - Chris Richardson, Grant Thayer, Dallas Schroeder

No – None

**5. Authorizing County Manager to Enter into Parcel Conveyance to Rattlesnake Fire Protection
District**

County Attorney Bart Greer provided a background on the request for approval to convey a parcel to the Rattlesnake Fire Protection District. Mr. Greer prepared a quit claim deed to transfer the property and is requesting the Board to authorize the County Manager to sign it.

Public Comment: None

Motion: To Authorize County Manager Shawn Fletcher to Transfer a Parcel to Rattlesnake Fire Protection District.



Commissioner Grant Thayer made a motion to Authorize County Manager Shawn Fletcher to Transfer a Parcel to Rattlesnake Fire Protection. Commissioner Dallas Schroeder seconded the motion.

Yes - Chris Richardson, Grant Thayer, Dallas Schroeder

No - None

I. BOARD PLANNING

1. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- a. Pay-off of Foxwood Bonds
- b. Liquor License Public Hearing
- c. Support Letter for Town of Kiowa - CDOT

Commissioner Richardson stated that there are no land use items to be heard this afternoon.

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

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 9:33 AM



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