



ELBERT COUNTY, COLORADO
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
Regular Meeting Held in the BOCC Meeting Room
April 26, 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 Commissioner Richardson and Commissioner Thayer were present. Commissioner Dallas Schroeder was absent.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Approval of Agenda as presented.

Commissioner Grant Thayer made a motion to Approve the Agenda as presented. Commissioner Chris Richardson seconded the motion.

Yes - Chris Richardson, Grant Thayer

No - None

D. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Approval of Consent Agenda as presented

Commissioner Grant Thayer made a motion to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Chris Richardson seconded the motion.

Yes - Chris Richardson, Grant Thayer

No - None

1. Approval of CDS Mylars as needed
2. Approval of Vouchers as needed
3. Acknowledgement of Receipt of Variance Reports
4. 1st Quarter 2023 Public Trustee Report
5. Acknowledgement of the Noxious Weed Advisory Board March 15, 2023 Meeting Minutes





E. ELECTED OFFICIALS/DEPARTMENT HEADS/STAFF REPORTS

County Treasurer Sherry Hewlett stated that the release of deeds of trust numbers has been down this year. Ms. Hewlett stated that foreclosure numbers are steady and she is not seeing any increase in the amounts. Ms. Hewlett stated that full payment of property taxes is due by April 30th but will be accepted until May 1st without penalty.

Emergency Management Director Shane Pynes provided a Simla Fire Update. Mr. Pynes stated that 853 acres in total were burned, no structures were lost and multiple agencies responded. Mr. Pynes stated that they held an after-action review meeting to go over things that worked and possible changes that need to be made.

Commissioner Thayer asked if fire breaks helped save houses.

Public Works Director Monte Hankins stated that there were 6 loaders and 2 water tankers on the scene. Mr. Hankins said that they did cut fire lines around structures and the entire fire line.

F. CITIZEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Don Gray - 16000 Hwy 86, Kiowa. Mr. Gray is concerned over the continued harassment residents are experiencing from the Xcel employees and contractors regarding the power lines and proposed route. Mr. Gray stated that not one resident is in favor of this project.

Commissioner Richardson called a recess from 9:20 AM to 9:22 to set up the zoom presentation.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Presentation regarding Baby Bear Hugs Organization and the Support they Provide the Community - Executive Director, Jenifer Deam

Baby Bear Hugs Executive Director Jennifer Deam provided a background of how the organization got started back in the 80's. Ms. Deam stated that their program provides services to families who have children ages zero to 3 years old. The services could be in the form of home visitations, educational connections and are all voluntary. Ms. Deam stated that programs are available to help break cycles of abuse and teach nurturing parenting skills, mental and behavioral health and oral health education.

2. Discussion and Update on the Request for Proposal (RFP) for County Master Water Plan

Community and Economic Development Director Marc Dettenrieder provided a brief update on the RFP for the County Master Water Plan. Elbert County received grant funds of \$45,000 and the total cost will be around \$90,000. Mr. Dettenrieder said that a consultant would be hired to help with the plan and with a focus on the 300-year requirement and if the water supply would support future growth. Mr. Dettenrieder also explained that the Master Water Plan will be written in a way that everyone will be able to understand. Mr. Dettenrieder stated that the Planning Commission has looked at the RFP and it is going through internal review presently. The RFP will be sent out in early May and the project will begin in July with completion slated for early January.

Commissioner Thayer asked if the study would be expanded to include the whole county. Mr. Dettenrieder stated that it would.

Commissioner Richardson thanked Marc for all of his work on this.



H. ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration of April 12, 2023 Minutes

Motion: Approval of April 12, 2023 Minutes

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

Yes - Chris Richardson, Grant Thayer

No - None

2. Proclamation Supporting the 2023 Meat In Day

Commissioner Thayer presented the proclamation for the Annual Meat in Day. Commissioner Thayer explained how important agriculture is for our county and that he placed 20,000 acres into a conservation trust so that it could never be developed.

Commissioner Richardson announced that Meat-In day will be on Saturday the 29th at the Elizabeth Locker Plant.

Motion: To Adopt the Proclamation recognizing Meat In Day

Commissioner Grant Thayer made a motion to Adopt the Proclamation recognizing Meat In Day. Commissioner Chris Richardson seconded the motion.

Yes - Chris Richardson, Grant Thayer

No - None

3. Proclamation recognizing National Day of Prayer

Commissioner Richardson presented the Proclamation recognizing National Day of Prayer. Commissioner Richardson announced that on Thursday May 4th at Running Creek Park at 6pm they are gathering for the National Day of Prayer.

Motion: Adopt the Proclamation for National Day of Prayer

Commissioner Grant Thayer made a motion to Adopt the Proclamation for National Day of Prayer. Commissioner Chris Richardson seconded the motion.

Yes - Chris Richardson, Grant Thayer

No – None

4. Proclamation Recognizing Small Business Week

Community and Economic Development Director Marc Dettenrieder presented the Proclamation recognizing Small Business Week.

Robert Kirch, a local small business owner, spoke regarding the importance of small businesses in our community.

Motion: To Adopt the Proclamation recognizing Small Business Week

Commissioner Grant Thayer made a motion to Adopt the Proclamation recognizing Small Business Week. Commissioner Chris Richardson seconded the motion.

Yes - Chris Richardson, Grant Thayer

No - None

5. Consideration of a Resolution Setting Fees Charged by the Elbert County Sheriff's Office Relating to the Service of Process

County Attorney Bart Greer explained the need for the resolution setting fees for reimbursement for services such as extradition. There were no changes from the last meeting.

Public Comment: None

Motion: To Approve the Resolution Setting Fees Charged by the Elbert County Sheriff's Office Relating to the Service of Process

Commissioner Grant Thayer made a motion to Approve the Resolution Setting Fees Charged by the Elbert County Sheriff's Office Relating to the Service of Process. Commissioner Chris Richardson seconded the motion.

Yes - Chris Richardson, Grant Thayer

No - None

6. Consideration of Early Payoff of Foxwood Estates Bond

Finance Manager Tiffany Hermes provided the final savings amount of \$56,000 for taxpayers with the early payoff of the bond.

Public Comment: None

Motion: To Approve the Early Payoff of Foxwood Estates Bond

Commissioner Grant Thayer made a motion to Approve the Early Payoff of Foxwood Estates Bond. Commissioner Chris Richardson seconded the motion.

Yes - Chris Richardson, Grant Thayer

No - None



7. Consideration of Approval of Amendment to the Human Resources Policy

Commissioner Richardson explained that the amendment would recognize the County Manager's authority of the HR Department.

Public Comment: None

Motion: To Approve the Amendment to the Human Resources Policy

Commissioner Grant Thayer made a motion to Approve the Amendment to the Human Resources Policy. Commissioner Chris Richardson seconded the motion.

Yes - Chris Richardson, Grant Thayer

No - None

I. BOARD PLANNING

1. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Special Event Permits for Elizabeth Rodeo Association & Elizabeth Area Chamber

Commissioner Richardson called a recess from 10:21 AM to 11AM for the Board of Health Meeting. There will not be any Land Use Hearings.

J. BOARD OF HEALTH 11:00 A.M.

The Quarterly Board of Health meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM. Deputy Clerk Amanda Moore called the roll and Commissioner Richardson and Commissioner Thayer were present. Commissioner Schroeder was absent.

1. Quarterly Board of Health Report

Public Health Director Dwayne Smith presented the quarterly Board of Health report. Mr. Smith provided a quick update on the closing of the Good Samaritan Society in Simla. Mr. Smith provided a staffing update, stating that there is a Nurse Practitioner vacancy and there are a couple of new positions available as well. Mr. Smith provided status on the clinic operations and announced that there would also be a lab draw site for Quest Diagnostics. Mr. Smith provided the environmental health updates and stated 1st quarter numbers are down, probably due to the weather. Vital records are going up and now can be mailed out of state. Mr.. Smith stated that if you need to report any issues to the Public Health department, you can do that on our website at www.elbertcounty-co-gov/428/report-a-concern

Mr. Smith provided updates on the WIC program resuming, Bids for assessment of Behavioral Health Needs and Services, the Public Health column in Ranchland News and a recent rabies incident. Mr. Smith thanked the finance department for all of their help.

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

No Land Use Scheduled

L. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To Adjourn

Commissioner Grant Thayer made a motion to Adjourn. Commissioner Chris Richardson seconded the motion.

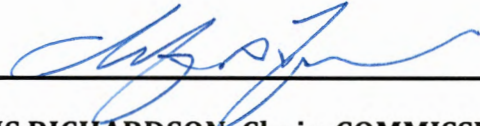
Yes - Chris Richardson, Grant Thayer

No - None

The meeting Adjourned at 11:29 AM

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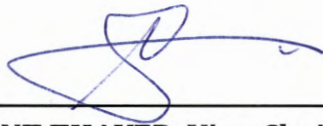
ELBERT COUNTY, COLORADO



CHRIS RICHARDSON, Chair, COMMISSIONER District 1

Absent

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