



ELBERT COUNTY, COLORADO
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
Regular Meeting Held in the BOCC Meeting Room
October 11, 2023 at 9:00 AM

A. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: PASTOR ANDERSON

Pastor Anderson 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 9:02 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 CDS Pipeline Report
4. Acknowledgment of the Elbert County Noxious Weed Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
5. Approval of the Sun Bear Estates Subdivision Improvement Agreement

E. ELECTED OFFICIALS/DEPARTMENT HEADS/STAFF REPORTS

None



F. CITIZEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Molly Stuchlik, 18952 Wedemeyer Rd, Kiowa - Ms. Stuchlik stated that she attended the Xcel Open House meeting and explained what was presented. Ms. Stuchlik explained that Xcel has stated that the route is considered preferred and not proposed.

Deb Gray, 16000 Hwy 86, Kiowa - Ms. Gray stated that she attended the Xcel Open House as well and mentioned that the meeting ended an hour earlier than advertised.

Chuck Hughes, 19753 Wedemeyer Rd, Kiowa - Mr. Hughes attended the Xcel Open House and was not impressed by the representatives at the meeting. Mr. Hughes objects to the route and feels there are better route options. Mr. Hughes suggested the Commissioners fight the project.

Kerry Jibblits, 19656 Wedemeyer Rd, Kiowa - Ms. Jibblits stated that 75 citizens showed up to the Xcel Open House meeting and all of those were against this project. Ms. Jibblits felt upset that the representatives were telling the citizens that the project was a done deal and they were only having the meeting because the County told them to. Ms. Jibblits stated that Xcel told the citizens that eminent domain could be used if necessary.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Presentation of Final 2022 Budget Audit

Matthew Marino with Ruben Brown presented the Final 2022 Budget Audit. Mr. Marino explained that there was only one recommendation in the audit, but there is already a process in place to address it. Mr. Marino went over the process, reports and financial statements and stated that the audit was very good.

No other discussion or comments.

2. Update on Development of the Draft 2024 Budget

Finance Manager Tiffany Hermes presented the 2024 Draft Budget.

Commissioner Dalles Schroeder thanked Sherry Hewlett for handling the county's money so well and always looking for ways to make more in interest for the county.

Commissioner Chris Richardson spoke regarding the healthy fund balance in the budget and being able to help employees and citizens in the future.

Ms. Hermes thanked her team for all of their hard work on the audit and budget process.

3. Discussion regarding Elbert County Emergency Operations Plan Update - Shane Pynes

Office of Emergency Management Director Shane Pynes presented the revised emergency operations plan. Mr. Pynes stated that he has made revisions to make sure the plan is up to date and works with all aspects of the county's needs. Mr. Pynes explained that he had provided the plan to everyone involved and is waiting for comments.

Commissioner Richardson asked when the comments were due. Mr. Pynes would like to have comments back in the next few weeks so that the plan is ready for approval at the November meeting.

4. Discussion on an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Assessment, Collection, and Remittance of Emergency Services Impact Fees.

Elizabeth Fire Protection District Division Chief Kara Gerczynski presented the IGA and explained HB1088 that allowed Fire Districts to collect impact fees. Ms. Gerczynski stated that based on a recent study, this IGA will update the impact fees. Ms. Gerczynski stated that the new impact fee schedule is attached and they are seeking approval from the Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioner Thayer asked for clarification on the collection of fees.

Ms. Gerczynski stated that the collection of fees is done at the time of building permits.

Commissioner Richardson asked that this IGA be placed on the next agenda for approval.

County Attorney Bart Greer explained that he has reviewed the IGA and is comfortable with it being placed on the consent agenda for approval.

No public comment

H. ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration of Approval on Unbudgeted Engineering Costs related to County Road 166 and Scope of Work

Commissioner Richardson explained the background of the engineering costs and scope of work for County Road 166. Commissioner Richardson stated that the formal approval will allow for work to start next year.

No other discussion and no public comment.

Motion: To Approve the Unbudgeted Engineering Costs related to County Road 166 and the Scope of Work.

Commissioner Grant Thayer made a motion to Approve the Unbudgeted Engineering Costs related to County Road 166 and the Scope of Work. Commissioner Dallas Schroeder seconded the motion.

Yes - Chris Richardson, Grant Thayer, Dallas Schroeder

No - None

2. Consideration of September 27, 2023 Minutes

Motion: Approval of September 27, 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 September 28, 2023 Minutes

Motion: Approval of September 28, 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

I. BOARD PLANNING

1. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

a. IGA for Emergency Services

b. IGA 18th Judicial District/23rd District

c. Board of Health

d. 3rd Quarter Trustee Report

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

No Land Use Hearing

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 9:54 AM



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ELBERT COUNTY, COLORADO

Absent

CHRIS RICHARDSON, Chair, COMMISSIONER District 1

Dallas Schroeder

DALLAS SCHROEDER, COMMISSIONER District 2

Grant Thayer

GRANT THAYER, Vice-Chair, COMMISSIONER District 3

ATTEST: Amanda Moore

Deputy Clerk

BY:

Amanda W Moore

Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners