



**ELBERT COUNTY, COLORADO**  
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES**

Regular Meeting Held in the BOCC Meeting Room  
February 14, 2024 at 9:00 AM

**A. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

County Manager Shawn Fletcher 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 9:01 AM. County Clerk Rhonda Braun 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

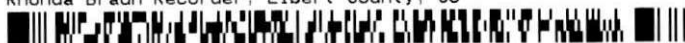
Commissioner Dallas Schroeder made a motion to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Grant Thayer seconded the motion.

Yes - Chris Richardson, Grant Thayer, Dallas Schroeder

No - None

1. Approval of CDS Mylars as needed
2. Approval of Vouchers as needed
3. Acknowledgment of CED Pipeline Report
4. Acknowledgment of the 2024 HUTF Report
5. Approval of the Amended IGA with Lincoln County for CCCAP Services

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Rhonda Braun Recorder, Elbert County, Co



## **E. ELECTED OFFICIALS/DEPARTMENT HEADS/STAFF REPORTS**

### **1. Sesquicentennial Tid-Bit**

Commissioner Richardson read a passage from the minutes taken on February 13, 1874.

## **F. CITIZEN PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kerry Jiblits, 19656 Wedemeyer Rd - Concerns with legislature wanting to override county regulations regardless of 1041 regulations. Ms. Jiblits stated that the Elbert County Environmental Alliance is opposed to this legislation.

Don Gray, 16000 Hy 86 - Mr. Gray asked that the county reach out to the non-profit group Colorado Counties Inc, and get the information out through the state.

Chuck Hughes, 19753 Wedemeyer Rd - Mr. Hughes urged the commission to fight, we need local control and asked how citizens could help in the fight.

David Healy, 2795 Wolf Creek Dr - Mr. Healy provides is support in fighting this legislation.

Commissioner Richardson stated that he attended a zoom meeting with the Senators and CCI will be pushing back.

## **G. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **1. Annual Pines and Plains Library District Report - Director Susan Byrne**

Pines and Plains Library Director Susan Byrne provided the annual report, highlighting their accomplishments and plans to work with a consultant to address community needs. Ms. Byrne stated that their summer reading program participation increased by 67% and that they are saving up their reserves because they are planning to improve services. There was discussion between the commissioners and Ms. Byrne regarding the reserves, salary increases, mill levy reduction and expiring terms. The library board is working on the two board member positions.

No public comment

### **2. Discussion on Possible Contract Services with SAFEBuilt for Building Department Augmentation and Support**

Community and Economic Development Director Marc Dettenrieder provided an overview of the possible contract services with SAFEBuilt. Mr. Dettenrieder stated that the services provided by SAFEBuilt will aid the building department and provide a much-needed software package. This will allow permits to be tracked by customers and will help with compliance. Mr. Dettenrieder explained the costs and inspection process. Mr. Dettenrieder also explained that the building department has been working hard to communicate better with the public regarding responding to emails and phone calls. Mr. Dettenrieder stated that communication is key to success and the public's ability to see what's going on in real time. As needed, additional resources will be added in order to keep communication on track.



Commissioner Schroeder likes the idea of having resources to assist the department and is glad to hear that communication is improving.

Commissioner Richardson feels like the software will help make the process seamless. Commissioner Richardson stated that under the scope of this contract, it does not need to come before the Board, the County Manager has the authority to approve.

No public comment

### **3. Discussion on Finance Policy Updates**

County Attorney Bart Greer stated that staff is working on updating the finance policy with focus on improving processes, legislation and court decisions. Mr. Greer stated that it will lay out the bid process and internal controls. The updated policy has been distributed to the department heads and staff are hopeful that they will bring it for approval at the next meeting. There was a brief discussion regarding streamlining the processes, transparency and being in line with legislation.

No public comment

### **4. Discussion Regarding WellPath Agreement for the Sheriff's Office**

County Attorney Bart Greer explained the process of this contract renewal. Mr. Greer stated that they have been working on this since last spring and the most notable update is that background checks will be required on those providing health care services. Mr. Greer Recommends approval of the wellpath contract at the next meeting.

### **5. Discussion Regarding Methadone Treatment Contract**

County Attorney Bart Greer stated that we currently do not have a service provider for this treatment. Mr. Greer explained that staff is looking for a new provider and will continue to update the BOCC on the process.

No public comment

### **6. Discussion Regarding Fairground Projects**

Facilities Manager Gary Woirhaye provided the commissioners with handouts regarding fairground projects that have been deemed important to take care of this year. Priorities include a parking lot, moving the warm-up arena and fixing a small animal barn. Mr. Woirhaye stated that he has a 45-year background in building maintenance. There was a brief discussion regarding timing, appropriation of funds and possible grants available.

No public comment

## **7. Discussion on BOCC Budget Guidance for 2025**

Commissioner Richardson explained that this is the time to start working on our goals and targets for the 2025 Budget. Commissioner Richardson stated that input will be taken from the Elected Officials and steering committees before issuing final guidance.

No public comment

## **H. ACTION ITEMS**

### **1. Consideration of January 24, 2024 Minutes**

Motion: Approval of January 24, 2024 Minutes

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

Yes - Chris Richardson, Grant Thayer, Dallas Schroeder

No - None

### **2. Possible Approval of a Resolution regarding Supporting Efforts of Texas to Secure the Border**

Commissioner Richardson read the resolution supporting efforts of Texas to secure the border. The commissioners briefly discussed their stand on this matter and protecting the citizens of Elbert county.

No public comment

## **I. BOARD PLANNING**

### **1. Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

- a. Finance Policy
- b. WellPath Agreement
- c. Methadone Treatment
- d. Support or Oppositions letters

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

The Land Use meeting was called to order at 1:01 PM. Deputy Clerk Amanda Moore called the roll and all commissioners were present.

### **1. Board of Adjustment -- Scheller Major Variance -- VA-2023-00042**

Motion: To Open a Public Hearing for Scheller Major Variance VA-2023-00042

Commissioner Grant Thayer made a motion to Open a Public Hearing for Scheller Major Variance VA-2023-00042. Commissioner Dallas Schroeder seconded the motion.

Yes - Chris Richardson, Grant Thayer, Dallas Schroeder

No - None

Public Hearing Opened at 1:03 PM.

Land Use Planner Catherine Armstrong presented an application requesting a major variance to the front and side sections of a property located at 1391 Warren Court, Parker. The variance will allow for construction of a barn on the south side of the property. The site is a 5 acre residential property situated in a cul-de-sac with floodplains on the northwest side of the property. Staff is recommending approval of the variance.

The applicants representative spoke regarding the application and stated that they were willing to put up a snow fence due to the neighbors' concerns.

**Public Comment:**

Liz Hampden, Warren Court, Parker - Ms. Hampden came with concerns over the drifting snow issues but stated that she was able to speak with the applicant and they are willing to do the fence.

Commissioner Thayer stated that they must consider the terrain of the property.

Motion: To Approve the Scheller Major Variance with the conditions listed.

Commissioner Grant Thayer made a motion to Approve the Scheller Major Variance with the conditions listed. Commissioner Dallas Schroeder seconded the motion.

Yes - Chris Richardson, Grant Thayer, Dallas Schroeder

No - None

Motion: To Close a Public Hearing for Scheller Major Variance VA-2023-00042

Commissioner Grant Thayer made a motion to close a Public Hearing for Scheller Major Variance VA-2023-00042 . Commissioner Dallas Schroeder seconded the motion.

Yes - Chris Richardson, Grant Thayer, Dallas Schroeder

No - None

Public Hearing Closed at 1:27 PM.

**2. Spring Valley Ranch Filing 10 Final Plat**

Motion: To Open a Public Hearing for Spring Valley Ranch Filing 10 Final Plat

Commissioner Dallas Schroeder made a motion to Open a Public Hearing for Spring Valley Ranch Filing 10 Final Plat. Commissioner Grant Thayer seconded the motion.

Yes - Chris Richardson, Grant Thayer, Dallas Schroeder

No - None

Public Hearing Opened at 1:28 PM.



Community and Economic Development Director Marc Dettenrieder presented the final plat for Spring Valley Ranch filing 10. A final Plat to Subdivide 186 acres into 323 single family lots located to the northwest of CR 174 & CR 17. Filing 10 is included in the Spring Valley Ranch PUD. Planning area M, zoned for 676 single family lots. Both Filing 5 and filing 10 make up planning area M along with three 35 acre lots. The Planning Commission recommends approval with the conditions listed, specifically the completion of the Subdivision Improvement District.

Applicant Jim Marshall stated that this is the last filing for Spring Valley Ranch. Mr. Marshall accepted the conditions of approval.

Public Comment:

None

Motion: To Approve the Spring Valley Ranch Filing 10 Final Plat with the conditions listed.

Commissioner Dallas Schroeder made a motion to Approve the Spring Valley Ranch Filing 10 Final Plat with the conditions listed. Commissioner Grant Thayer seconded the motion.

Yes - Chris Richardson, Grant Thayer, Dallas Schroeder

No - None

Motion: To Close a Public Hearing for Spring Valley Ranch Filing 10 Final Plat

Commissioner Dallas Schroeder made a motion to Close a Public Hearing for Spring Valley Ranch Filing 10 Final Plat. Commissioner Grant Thayer seconded the motion.

Yes - Chris Richardson, Grant Thayer, Dallas Schroeder

No - None

Public Hearing Closed at 1:41 PM.

#### **K. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: To Adjourn

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

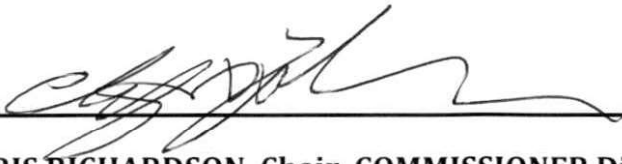
Yes - None

No - None

The meeting Adjourned at 1:42 PM.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**ELBERT COUNTY, COLORADO**

  
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**CHRIS RICHARDSON, Chair, COMMISSIONER District 1**

  
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**DALLAS SCHROEDER, Vice-Chair, COMMISSIONER District 2**

  
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**GRANT THAYER, COMMISSIONER District 3**

**ATTEST: Amanda Moore**

**Deputy Clerk**

BY:   
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**Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners**