

ELBERT COUNTY, COLORADO
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting Held in the BOCC Meeting Room

November 17, 2021 at 9:00 AM

A. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: CHAPLAIN JIM KEEN

B. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The regular Board of County Commissioners was called to order at 9:02 AM. Deputy Clerk Amanda Moore performed roll call 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 Rick Pettitt seconded the motion.

Yes - Chris Richardson, Grant Thayer, Rick Pettitt

No - None

D. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Approval of Consent Agenda as presented

Commissioner Rick Pettitt made a motion to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Grant Thayer seconded the motion.

Yes - Chris Richardson, Grant Thayer, Rick Pettitt

No - None

1. Approval of CDS Mylars as needed
2. Approval of Vouchers as needed
3. Acknowledgement of CDS Pipeline Report
4. Acknowledgement of Receipt of Variance Reports
5. Liquor License Renewal for Singing Wine and Liquor LLC

E. ELECTED OFFICIALS/DEPARTMENT HEADS/STAFF REPORTS

County Clerk Dallas Schroeder provided an update on the recent election. Mr. Schroeder stated that the 1st round of audit was completed on Monday and that canvass must be completed by the 23rd. Mr. Schroeder said that for the coordinated election, Elbert County had a 44.9% voter turnout. Mr. Schroeder thanked the election judges for all of their help and for doing an amazing job.

Public Works Director Rory Hale provided an update on the paving of CR 178, 174 and 13 and inspection. Mr. Hale said the paving contractor did a great job and there were few punch list items. Mr. Hale explained the initial acceptance, warranty time and final acceptance timelines.

F. CITIZEN PUBLIC COMMENT (See Note 1)

Maggie Witherbee, 44447 Homestead Rd. Elizabeth. Ms. Witherbee stated that this COVID narrative has been going on for 20 months. Ms. Witherbee explained that the PCR test is not a diagnostic test but it is being used to detect positive results. Ms. Witherbee would like us to look at our children and the vaccine. Ms. Witherbee explained that our children are not dying from covid, but they are from the vaccine. Ms. Witherbee is very concerned about our children and feels we all need to get together to make decisions on how we move forward.

Tim Adair, 3436 Antelope Ridge, Parker. Mr. Adair asked a few questions regarding shutdowns and mandates. Mr. Adair also asked why oral covid treatments are being disregarded.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. 2021 Year End and 2022 Appointments

County Manager Sam Albrecht spoke about the annual organizational resolution. Mr. Albrecht stated that he will have a draft resolution for the Board to review at the first meeting in December.

Public Comment:
None

2. County Veterans Service Officer Annual Report

Veteran's Service Officer Ric Morgan provided an update on services provided to Veteran's in Elbert County for the year.

Public Comment:
None

3. Discussion on Kiowa Creek Parcel Transfer

County Attorney Bart Greer provided a background on the county parcel behind the carwash in Kiowa. Mr. Greer spoke about the sale of this parcel and how it would help release the county's liability on these parcels. Mr. Greer requested that this item be heard as action at the next meeting if there were no objections.

Commissioner Pettitt stated that he was glad that the County was finally moving on with these parcels.

Commissioner Thayer agrees with Commissioner Pettitt and stated that the land is unbuildable.

Commissioner Richardson Thanked Mr. Greer for his work on this matter.

Public Comment:

None

4. Discussion on Rezone of New Public Works Facility Parcels

County Manager Sam Albrecht explained that he is requesting a county-initiated rezone for the new Public Works parcels so they can move forward with the project.

Commissioner Richardson stated that they can move forward with the rezone and Commissioners Thayer and Pettitt agreed.

Public Comment:

None

5. Discussion on a Resolution regarding opposing vaccine mandates and vaccine "passports"

Commissioner Richardson presented the resolution regarding opposing vaccine mandates.

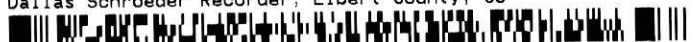
Commissioner Richardson stated that people are looking for different employment due to mandates and that this resolution looks out for individual rights to make their own medical decisions in Elbert County. Commissioner Richardson stated that the government exists to protect individuals' rights.

Commissioner Pettitt stated that it should be up to the individual if they get the vaccine.

Commissioner Thayer stated that they all agree that individuals can make their own decisions and that we all have our reasons for doing what we do or don't do.

Public Comment:

Maggie Witherbee, 44447 Homestead Rd. Elizabeth. Ms. Witherbee stated that Elbert County Stands Up appreciated that Commissioner Richardson attended their meeting and that their concerns are being listened to. Ms. Witherbee expressed that this was a great 1st step, and she would like to meet with the commissioners to discuss vaccines.





Ursula Hummel, 11340 Copper Canyon, Kiowa. Ms. Hummel thanked the Commissioners for considering this resolution. Ms. Hummel stated that the vaccine mandates and passports are evil.

Bob Hummel, 11340 Copper Canyon, Kiowa. Mr. Hummel expressed that he felt the constitution was created by a perfect group of people. Mr. Hummel stated that the underlining part of the constitution is to protect citizens' rights. Mr. Hummel stated that there is nowhere in the constitution that says our rights can be taken away by a health department and that our rights supersede the state and federal governments.

Tim Adair, 3436 Antelope Ridge, Parker, Mr. Adair thanked the Commissioners for making our rights a priority.

Assessor Susan Murphy stated that there was concern from the employees when these mandates were first coming down. Ms. Murphy stated that the staff is thankful for the commissioners' values and respect of their rights.

This item was moved to action.

Motion: To Approve the Resolution Opposing Vaccine Mandates and Vaccine "Passports".

Commissioner Grant Thayer made a motion to Approve the Resolution Opposing Vaccine Mandates and Vaccine "Passports". Commissioner Rick Pettitt seconded the motion.

Yes - Chris Richardson, Grant Thayer, Rick Pettitt

No - None

H. ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration of October 27, 2021

Minutes Motion: Approval of October 27, 2021

Minutes

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

Yes - Chris Richardson, Grant Thayer, Rick Pettitt

No – None

2. Consideration of November 10, 2021 Special BOCC Minutes

Motion: Approval of November 10, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Rick Pettitt 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, Rick Pettitt

No – None



3. Discussion and Possible Approval of Redistricting Map

County Clerk Dallas Schroeder provided a background on the redistricting process and the two final maps presented to the Commissioners.

There was a brief discussion on the pros and cons of each map.

Public Comment:

None

Motion: To Approve the Three Municipalities Redistricting Map

Commissioner Grant Thayer made a motion to Approve the Three Municipalities Redistricting Map Commissioner Rick Pettitt seconded the motion.

Yes - Chris Richardson, Grant Thayer, Rick Pettitt

No – None

I. BOARD PLANNING

1. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

a. Kiowa Parcel Transfer

b. Draft Organizational Resolution

J. LAND USE HEARINGS 1:00 P.M. – No Land Use Hearings

K. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To Adjourn

Commissioner Rick Pettitt made a motion to Adjourn. Commissioner Grant Thayer seconded the motion.

Yes - Chris Richardson, Grant Thayer, Rick Pettitt

No - None

The meeting Adjourned at 10:17 AM.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ELBERT COUNTY, COLORADO

CHRIS RICHARDSON, Chair, COMMISSIONER District 1

RICK PETTITT, COMMISSIONER District 2

GRANT THAYER, Vice-Chair, COMMISSIONER District 3

ATTEST: Amanda Moore

Deputy Clerk

BY:

Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners; Amanda Moore