



**ELBERT COUNTY, COLORADO**  
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES**  
Regular Meeting Held in the BOCC Meeting Room  
February 9, 2022 at 9:00 AM

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

Pastor Farthing performed 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 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. Health and Human Services Annual Merit System Certification

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

Public Works Director Rory Hale discussed upcoming timber bridge replacements in the County which will result in road closures. The timber bridge replacements will start February 21st and go through June 22nd. The bridge replacements are all in the far eastern portion of the county and maps can be found on the website.





## **F. CITIZEN PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kerry Jiblits, 19656 Wedemeyer, Kiowa. Ms. Jiblits explained that she is actively working against the high voltage lines going through the bijou basin and asked the commissioners to deny the request.

Jill Adair, 19724 Wedemeyer, Kiowa. Ms. Adair spoke of the wetlands and wildlife in the bijou basin area. Ms. Adair asked the commissioners to save this area and keep the high voltage lines out of that area.

Chuck Hughes, 19753 Wedemeyer, Kiowa. Mr. Hughes stated that he does not want to live by high voltage lines and wind turbines. Mr. Hughes spoke about solar energy being a better alternative.

## **G. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **1. PUD and PUD Amendment Regulation Updates**

County Attorney Bart Greer discussed some specific changes that will need to be made to the PUD and PUD Amendment regulations. Mr. Greer stated that this would clarify language and keep everything uniform within the regulations. Mr. Greer stated that he would present the Board with the updates by the next meeting.

Commissioner Richardson said that the updates should go before the planning commission as a hearing and then it can be brought to the Commissioners.

There was a brief discussion on the process the updates should go through.

Public Comment: None

### **2. Update on Elbert County Road & Bridge Shop**

Facilities Director Bobby Chevarria provided an update on the new Public Works Facility. Mr. Chevarria stated that they are in the process of completing the rezone of the property. Mr. Chevarria stated that SDI was awarded the contract for the project and Buildings by Design was awarded the facility building. Mr. Chevarria stated that there is a delay in building supplies for the pre-engineered building.

Commissioner Thayer asked if the Town of Kiowa was providing water and sewer.

Mr. Chevarria stated that the Town has verbally said they would and they are still working on finalizing.

Public Comment: None

### **3. Transfer of Open Space to Elizabeth Park and Recreation District**

County Manager Sam Albrecht explained that the county owns a property within the Elizabeth in the Pines subdivision. Mr. Albrecht stated that they are in talks with the Elizabeth parks and Recreation District about the transfer of the property to them. Mr. Albrecht said that a community meeting was held and about 40 to 50 residents were in attendance. Mr. Albrecht stated that the resident/community input ranged from "absolutely not" to "it would be nice to see improvements made to the property". Mr. Albrecht said that the Elizabeth Parks and Recreation District will be holding a Board meeting to discuss if they would like to take on this property.



Public Comment:

Craig Blackham, 4721 Deer Trail, Elizabeth. Mr. Blackham would prefer the property be transferred to the HOA instead of Parks and Rec. Mr. Blackham stated that the area has a lot of wildlife and he is worried that Parks and Rec will use this property to expand their area and future development.

Jim Carlson, 4576 Park Ln, Elizabeth. Mr. Carlson, as President of the HOA, feels this is an advisable move. Mr. Carlson said HOA's dwindle with time and agrees with the transfer to Parks and Rec.

Teresa Carter, 4617 Deer Trail, Elizabeth. Ms. Carter is concerned that they are not getting the full picture on future plans for the property.

Mark Johnson, 33632 Robin Ct, Elizabeth. Mr. Johnson said the neighborhood is lovely as it is and he does not want to see increased traffic on the already horrible roads.

Commissioner Thayer explained that there would be no action taken today and explained that a Special District would be an option for the subdivision.

Commissioner Richardson explained that there is no hurry on this and it can be discussed more.

Commissioner Thayer stated that no matter which way it goes, he wants to see a plan.

Commissioner Pettitt feels there is a need for the plan to know how this property will be used in the future.

#### **4. Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding 23rd Judicial Study**

County Manager Sam Albrecht explained the purpose of the agreement. Mr. Albrecht stated that this study will figure out the effects of the split and financial responsibilities. Mr. Albrecht stated that the study would be paid for by Douglas County.

There was a brief discussion regarding the planning process, schedule and costs moving forward.

Public Comment: None

#### **5. Economic Development Annual Report**

Economic Development Manager Marc Dettenrieder provided an annual report on the Economic Development Department. Mr. Dettenrieder explained the resources available and the information available on the website. The full report can be viewed on the economic development website.

Commissioner Thayer would like to see more employment opportunities for the younger generation in the community.

Commissioner Richardson feels the County lacks self-sufficiency. Commissioner Richardson stated that we have a lot of educated residents that work and spend money outside of the County and it would be nice to be able provide that for them here.

Public Comment: None



## **H. ACTION ITEMS**

### **1. Consideration of January 26, 2022 Minutes**

Motion: Approval of January 26, 2022 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

## **I. BOARD PLANNING**

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

- a. Updates from representatives from Senator Hickenlooper and House Representative Buck's Office
- b. Centennial Mental Health Update
- c. 23rd District IGA

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

No Land Use Hearings scheduled

## **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**

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

  
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**RICK PETTITT, COMMISSIONER District 2**

  
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**GRANT THAYER, Vice-Chair, COMMISSIONER District 3**

**ATTEST: Amanda Moore**

**Deputy Clerk**

**BY:**   
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**Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners; Amanda Moore**