



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

A. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: PASTOR BOB MEYER

Pastor Bob Meyer preformed 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 9:07 AM. Deputy Clerk Amanda Moore preformed 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

E. ELECTED OFFICIALS/DEPARTMENT HEADS/STAFF REPORTS

County Manager Sam Albrecht announced the kick off of the Budget Steering Committee and provided details on the committee's goals and responsibilities.

Facilities Manager Bobby Chevarria stated that the total budget for this project is \$12,000,000 and we have spent \$582,682 on the land purchase, engineering and architectural fees. We have also made a bond payment of \$329,744. The total project expenditures are calculated at \$912,427. Mr. Chevarria provided an overview of the project timeline.



F. CITIZEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Wilson, 23723 CR 125, Simla. Mr. Wilson voiced his opposition to the Xcel Power Lines and asked the Commissioners to reject them or move them 8 miles east.

Robert Poletiek, 34406 CR 73, Kiowa. Mr. Poletiek stated that he attended the Xcel meeting and is concerned that the information taken at the meeting will be used against the citizens in the application process.

Chuck Hughes, 19753 Wedemeyer, Kiowa. Mr. Hughes shared his concerns over the Xcel Power Lines and proposed access under the lines for public use. Mr. Hughes asked about the commissioners' voting process and suggested a required unanimous vote to approve an application like this.

Maggie Witherbee, 44447 Homestead Rd. Ms. Witherbee with Elbert County Stands Up would like to invite everyone to their 2022 COVID Summit on March 13th at 2pm at the Pine Valley Church in Elizabeth. The meeting will be based around protecting children against getting the vaccine.

The Commissioners briefly discussed the Power Lines and that there is no formal application at this time.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. 2021 Annual Library Report and Trustee Bylaws

Ruben Figueroa presented the annual library report that was attached to the packet. There was a brief discussion regarding reserve funds and plans for their use.

Robert Thomasson read the recommendation of Sheila Zuschek for the vacant Board position.

Commissioner Richardson stated that the approval of the recommendation will be placed on the next agenda.

Commissioner Thayer would like to see a balance sheet on the finances.

Public Comment: None

2. Revision to Open Space Agreement for Property Adjacent to Spring Valley Ranch

County Attorney Bart Greer explained that he has been working on identifying county-owned properties that can be used for open space throughout the County. Mr. Greer explained the restrictions regarding this property and how he is working on expanding the County's ability to allow it for public use. Mr. Greer is working on the final language for this and will likely bring it to the Board for review at the next meeting.

Public Comment:
None

3. PUD and PUD Amendment Regulations Update

County Attorney Bart Greer stated that these updates are in an effort to simplify the process and language of PUD's. This item will be scheduled as a public hearing at a planning commission meeting before it is brought to the BOCC for approval.

Public Comment:
None



H. ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration of February 23, 2022 Minutes

Motion: Approval of February 23, 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

2. Resolution Recognizing the Many Past And Current Contributions of Elbert County Cattleman and other Livestock Producers and Supporting the Local Ranching Industry

County Manager Sam Albrecht read the resolution aloud and included a verbal statement to support the resolution by eating beef on March 18th, 2022.

Commissioner Thayer supports this resolution and stated that the Elizabeth Locker Plant is planning a 'Meat In Day' in April.

Public Comment:

None

Motion: To Approve the Resolution Recognizing the Many Past and Current Contributions of Elbert County Cattleman and other Livestock Producers and Supporting the Ranching Industry.

Commissioner Rick Pettitt made a motion to Approve Resolution Recognizing the Many Past and Current Contributions of Elbert County Cattleman and other Livestock Producers and Supporting the Ranching Industry.
. Commissioner Grant Thayer seconded the motion.

Yes - Chris Richardson, Grant Thayer, Rick Pettitt

No - None

I. BOARD PLANNING

1. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- a. annual CDS report
- b. Budget goals
- c. Trustee Appointment

J. LAND USE HEARINGS 1:00 P.M. NO LAND USE HEARING 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

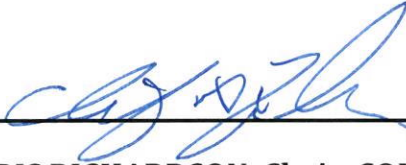
No - None

The meeting Adjourned at 10:11 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

