



ELBERT COUNTY, COLORADO
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
Regular Meeting Held in the BOCC Meeting Room
February 23, 2022 at 9:00 AM

A. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: BRIAN JANES

Pastor Brian Janes 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 9:04 AM. Deputy Clerk Amanda Moore performed roll call and all commissioners were present.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Approval of Agenda as presented with it noted that Senator Hickenlooper's Representative is not present.

Commissioner Grant Thayer made a motion to Approve the Agenda as presented with it noted that Senator Hickenlooper's Representative is not present. 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 Receipt of Variance Reports
4. Appointments for Vacant Positions
5. July-December 2021 Six Month Treasurer's Report



E. ELECTED OFFICIALS/DEPARTMENT HEADS/STAFF REPORTS

County Manager Sam Albrecht introduced Greg Thompson as the new Community and Development Director. Mr. Albrecht announced that the local DOLA representative, Clay Brown, was retiring. Mr. Albrecht stated that the Town Administrators and himself had prepared a letter of thanks and he read it to the Commissioners.

F. CITIZEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Jeff Malwitz, 376 Pine Ridge St, Elizabeth. Mr. Malwitz opposes the Xcel power lines and listed the cons he felt they would bring to the county. Mr. Malwitz feels they will lower property values, harm farm and wildlife animals, create wildfires and that it does not benefit us locally.

CDS Director Greg Thompson stated that there are two Xcel community meetings scheduled. The Elbert County Fairgrounds on March 1st and Big Sandy Schools on March 2nd.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Updates provided by Representatives of Senator Hickenlooper and House Representative Buck's Office

Travis Grant, a representative from House Representative Ken Buck's office, provided an update on what they are working on in 2022. Mr. Grant stated that this year will be a continuation of what they started last year. Mr. Grant said they are continuing to work on the water act, Anti-Trust legislation, Amache National Park Conservation site and infrastructure monies. There was a brief discussion between the Commissioners and Mr. Grant. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Grant for the update.

2. Annual Report from Centennial Mental Health by Executive Director Liz Hickman

Executive Director of Centennial Mental Health, Dr. Liz Hickman provided an annual report to the Commissioners. Dr. Hickman announced that she will be retiring in the fall and they are currently searching for her replacement. Dr. Hickman provided a handout to go over the services provided in the area and explained the additional services they started providing. Dr. Hickman asked for suggestions from the Commissioners if they had any. The Commissioners thanked Dr. Hickman for the update.

3. 2023 Budget Goals

County Manager Sam Albrecht presented the draft budget goals. Mr. Albrecht stated that he will distribute the draft to elected officials and staff to go over and provide feedback.

Commissioner Richardson discussed a budget group being put together.

H. ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration of February 9, 2022 Minutes

Motion: Approval of February 9, 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. Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding 23rd Judicial Study

County Manager Sam Albrecht stated that a few minor changes were made after presenting the IGA at the last meeting. There were no comments and the county is not spending any money. Staff recommends approval.

Public Comment: None

Motion: To Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding 23rd Judicial Study.

Commissioner Rick Pettitt made a motion to Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding 23rd Judicial Study. 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. Discussion on Open Space of 150 acres
- b. Library Annual Report
- c. Public Works Update
- d. Proclamation supporting Ranchers and Livestock
- e. PUD Regulations

Commissioner Richardson called a recess at 9:52 AM to return at 1:00 PM for a Work Study Session.

J. WORK STUDY SESSION 1:00 PM

Commissioner Richardson called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

1. Independence Concept Presentation

Work Study Sessions are not live streamed or recorded. There were no decisions made and no public comment taken.

K. LAND USE HEARINGS - NO LAND USE HEARING

L. ADJOURNMENT

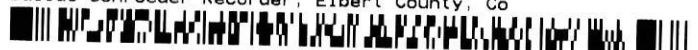
Motion: To Adjourn

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 1:52 PM.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

Letter of Appreciation

TO: Clay Brown



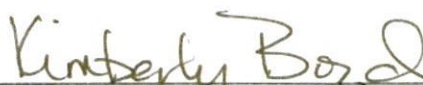
Dear Clay,



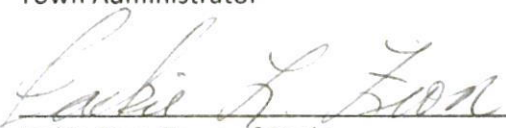
On behalf of Elbert County, the Town of Elizabeth, the Town of Kiowa, and the Town of Simla, we want to thank you for your years of tireless service to our County and our Towns. Your dedication has resulted in significant state grants and awards that have directly improved the lives of our citizens, allowed for proactive planning, and increased cooperation between the local governments of Elbert County.



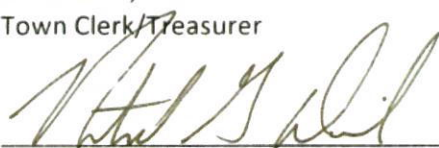
We wish you well in your retirement. We still have some room out here in the County – and we'd love to have you!



Kimberly Boyd, Town of Kiowa
Town Administrator



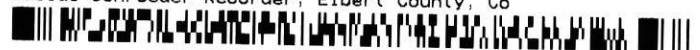
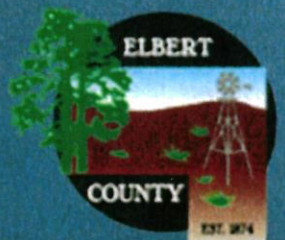
Jackie Zion, Town of Simla
Town Clerk/Treasurer



Patrick Davidson, Town of Elizabeth
Town Administrator



Sam Albrecht, Elbert County
County Manager





CENTENNIAL

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Services at Centennial

TREATMENT SERVICES

Mental Health Treatment Services

- In-Person and Telehealth Options
- Assessment
- Individual, Group and Family Therapy
- Youth Mentoring Program
- Psychiatric Medication
- Psychological Testing
- Play Therapy
- Jail Based Services
- School-based Telehealth Counseling

Substance Use Disorder Treatment

- In-Person and Tele-health Options
- Assessment
- Individual, Family and Group Therapy
- DUI Treatment
- Specialized Women's Services
- Adolescent Treatment
- Medication-Assisted Treatment (Suboxone)
- Sober Living Residences for Men & Women

Support & Linkage to Community Services

- Mental Health Supported Employment
- Housing Vouchers and Referral
- Pharmacy
- Community Navigator
- Benefits Acquisition
- Transitional Housing

INTENSIVE SERVICES

- 24/7 Crisis Response (In-Person, Tele-health)
- Evaluation & Triage
- Crisis Counseling
- Referral to In-patient Treatment
- Referral to Detox Programs
- 24/7 Residential Respite Facility

RECOVERY & SUPPORT

- Peer Specialist
- Journey – Day Treatment Program
- Advocacy
- Warm-Line (Telephone Support)



Centennial is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

PREVENTION SERVICES

Community trainings to reduce risk, increase well-being and build awareness of how to assist self and others in gaining access to care when needed.

Early Intervention

- Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation for children age 0-5 & 0-8

Mental Health/Suicide Prevention

- Mental Health First Aid (Adult, Youth & Teen)
- Hazelden Lifelines
- Sources of Strength
- Applied Suicide Invention Skills Training (ASIST)
- Question/Persuade/Refer
- Riding the Waves
- COMET

Substance Use Disorder Prevention

- Botvin LifeSkills Training
- Too Good For Drugs
- Lunch N' Learn
- Strengthening Families Ages 10-14
- Awareness Campaigns
- Teen Health Fairs

Positive Youth Development

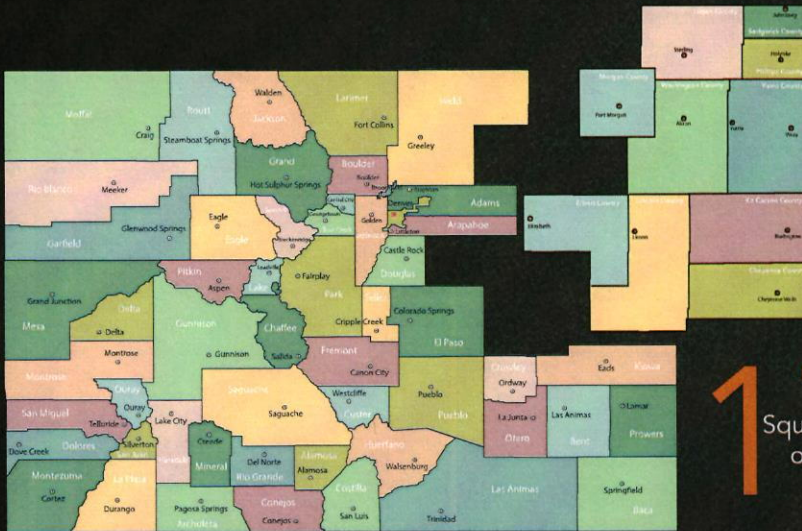


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Our mission is to achieve excellence in the provision of behavioral health services that lead to optimal health and well being.



Centennial has office locations in Akron, Burlington, Cheyenne Wells, Elizabeth, Fort Morgan, Holyoke, Julesburg, Limon, Sterling, Wray & Yuma.

Counties in Centennial's Service Area:
 Sedgwick, Phillips, Logan,
 Morgan, Washington, Yuma,
 Lincoln, Kit Carson, Cheyenne & Elbert

17,647
 Square miles in Centennial's service area,
 or 16% of Colorado's total land mass

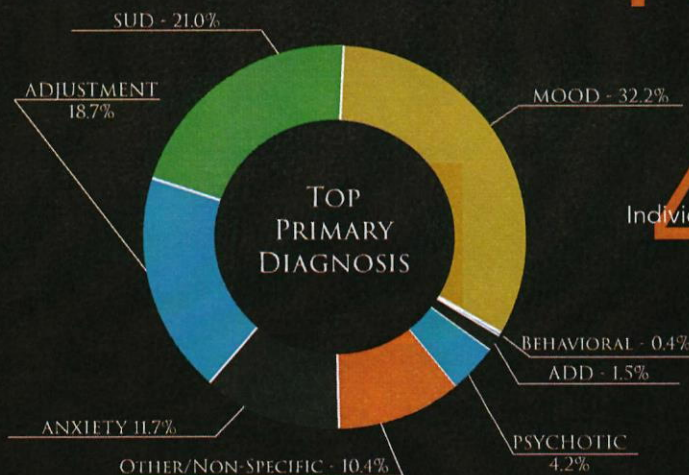
166
 Full-time employees

27
 Part-time employees

5
 Contract employees

63
 Communities in
 Centennial's
 service area

CLIENTS SERVED



16,617
 Total Prevention Encounters
 FY 2020-2021

4,885
 Individuals Centennial served FY 2020-2021

79,966
 Combined mental health and substance abuse
 services provided in FY 2020-2021

36
 School districts in
 Centennial's
 service area

NUMBER OF CLIENTS AND SERVICES

	DUAL		MENTAL HEALTH		SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS		GRAND TOTAL	
	CLIENTS		CLIENTS	SERVICES	CLIENTS	SERVICES	CLIENTS	SERVICES
Child	0		0	4	0	0	0	4
Adolescent	1		4	29	0	0	5	29
Adult	3		19	194	1	2	23	196
Senior	0		3	2	0	0	3	2
Cheyenne Total	4		26	229	1	2	31	231
Child	0		60	927	0	0	60	927
Adolescent	10		73	985	4	140	87	1125
Adult	78		190	3913	57	2013	325	5926
Senior	2		34	396	2	125	38	521
Elbert Total	90		357	6221	63	2278	510	8499
Child	0		56	580	0	0	56	580
Adolescent	4		43	286	1	110	48	396
Adult	48		155	2272	22	512	225	2784
Senior	1		22	178	0	31	23	209
Kit Carson Total	53		276	3316	23	653	352	3969
Child	0		28	403	0	0	28	403
Adolescent	2		25	283	5	131	32	414
Adult	46		113	1611	54	1967	213	3578
Senior	0		12	84	6	240	18	324
Lincoln Total	48		178	2381	65	2338	291	4719
Child	0		118	1305	1	24	119	1329
Adolescent	16		136	1501	4	93	156	1594
Adult	247		555	11532	138	4133	940	15665
Senior	11		94	1414	6	373	111	1787
Logan Total	274		903	15752	149	4623	1326	20375
Child	1		163	3502	4	25	168	3527
Adolescent	16		144	2020	20	284	180	2304
Adult	247		537	13306	234	6329	1018	19635
Senior	6		70	998	3	197	79	1195
Morgan Total	270		914	19826	261	6835	1445	26661
Child	1		12	129	0	1	13	130
Adolescent	0		23	234	3	114	26	348
Adult	17		55	1196	25	630	97	1826
Senior	0		21	140	1	56	22	196
Phillips Total	18		111	1699	29	801	158	2500
Child	0		23	282	0	0	23	282
Adolescent	3		10	126	2	9	15	135
Adult	20		55	1084	19	703	94	1787
Senior	0		12	124	0	15	12	139
Sedgwick Total	23		100	1616	21	727	144	2343
Child	2		38	521	5	7	45	528
Adolescent	2		23	243	4	100	29	343
Adult	43		36	928	59	1577	138	2505
Senior	2		8	63	0	9	10	72
Washington Total	49		105	1755	68	1693	222	3448
Child	0		58	638	0	0	58	638
Adolescent	3		47	405	10	278	60	683
Adult	43		145	2318	66	2799	254	5117
Senior	2		26	393	6	390	34	783
Yuma Total	48		276	3754	82	3467	406	7221
GRAND TOTALS	877		3,246	56,549	762	23,417	4,885	79,966

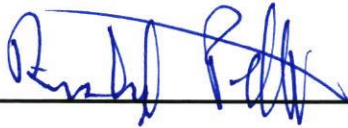


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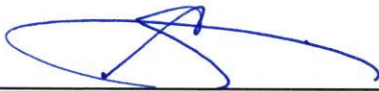
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CHRIS RICHARDSON, Chair, COMMISSIONER District 1



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

