

ELBERT COUNTY, COLORADO BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES

We welcome all of our visitors today, we appreciate your participation. If you need to have personal conversations if you would please step outside, we would appreciate it. Also if you have cell phones, we would ask that you put them on silent during today's meeting.

CALL TO ORDER ROLL CALL:

Robert Rowland

Kelly Dore

Larry D. Ross

With a quorum present I call to order this meeting of the Elbert County Board of County Commissioners, convening this 23rd day of September, 2015 at 9:01 a.m.

INVOCATION: Prayer given by Dallas Schroeder, County Clerk and Recorder

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

AGENDA:

Commissioner Dore moved to add the MOU for Control and Access of Confidential Data for the County Treasurer.

Commissioner Ross 2nd.

ALL IN FAVOR

Commissioner Dore moved to approve the Agenda as amended. Commissioner Ross 2nd.

Commissioner Ross made a brief statement regarding Item F under the Consent Agenda.

ALL IN FAVOR

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CORRESPONDENCE:

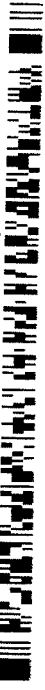
CONSENT AGENDA: The consent agenda consists of matters that occur in the normal course of business between BOCC meetings. These items are summarized and available to citizens, and are approved and enacted at this time by the BOCC in one (1) motion.

- a. Approval of minutes from August 12, 2015
- b. Vouchers/Warrants/Mylar signing
- c. Grant Agreement between the Colorado Department of Public Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and Elbert County for reimbursement of expenses up to a total amount of \$39,800.00. (Brandon Lenderink, Director OEM)
- d. Update to IGA with Douglas County (Exhibit C for decreased 2016 expenses)
- e. Intergovernmental Agreement for Coroner Mutual Aid and Assistance
- f. Letter of Support for proposed legislation controlling in-county destructive rodent pest transfers.
- g. MOU for control and access of confidential data for the County Treasurer

Commissioner Dore moved to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Commissioner Ross 2nd.

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AWARDS & RECOGNITION:

Commissioner Rowland commented and commended the ability of our first responders and their work in the last couple of weeks. He thanked them for working to avoid a serious fire event. Thanks to be passed on the Road and Bridge Department and the Sheriff's Office.

ELECTED OFFICIALS/DEPARTMENT HEADS/STAFF REPORT(S): This is the time when any county elected official, department head or employee may use the podium to report on any matter of interest to the citizens and the BOCC. This is an open format and does not require prior approval or disclosure of the subject matter to be discussed and therefore cannot be added to the agenda at this time, but may be added at a later time for follow up or consideration by the BOCC if appropriate.

a. FEMA Update: Ed Ehmann, County Manager & Brandon Lenderink, Director OEM

Mr. Lenderink reported the focus is now on recovery and public assistance and the emergency work has been closed. All debris is now at Fondis pit. There has been difficulty in finding a contractor to dispose of debris due to location and distance. County is now looking at having the work done in house. A project worksheet totaling \$37399.39 has been submitted to FEMA and we are now working with exact numbers. Mr. Lenderink is sending our weekly updates to all involved and FEMA is very pleased with this action. Mr. Lenderink has become the chair of the Northeast region for emergency management, which involved 10 counties. They can assist with writing recovery plans and are looking ahead for long-term planning.

Commissioner Ross thanked Mr. Lenderink for all his hard work. He was pleased to see Mr. Lenderink in a regional leadership role and was glad he is with Elbert County.

Commissioner Dore commented she attended a meeting with FEMA and emergency officials at a State level and commented the Elbert County has become a leader in this area and thanked Mr. Lenderink for his professionalism.

Commissioner Rowland echoed the comments of his fellow commissioners, and congratulated Mr. Lenderink for being named chair.

b. Discussion of the process for awarding the subcontract for the Elbert County Rural Water Supply Study Grant.

Mr. Ehmann, County Manager, presented the process for awarding the subcontract. The RFPs went out in August. Seven firms responded and after studying the initial documents three firms qualified for the subcontract. Currently these three are scheduled to be interviewed on 9/29/15 by the committee. The BOCC will be updated when appropriate.

Commissioner Ross questioned the need for additional folks to help out on this review process. He felt like all the responsibility was falling on Mr. Ehmann and he was not opposed to helping in the process.

Commissioner Rowland stated that following policies and procedures, this actions of reviewing RFPs falls with the County Manager. Staff will recommend to the BOCC. He clarified that the committee doing the reviews include, Ric Morgan, Sear O'Hearn and Ed Ehmann. Scheduled to be presented to board on 10/14/15.

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PUBLIC COMMENT(s): The public comment is a time when any citizen may bring forth items of interest or concern. During this time each individual will have three minutes to present view(s) on County matters(s). In the interest of time, please have your comments prepared for presentation as each person will be allowed one (1) opportunity to approach the podium. Please keep your comments to a three (3) minute maximum. No formal action will be taken on these items during this time due to open meeting provision; however, the items may be placed on a future posted Agenda if action is required. If you have comments on a regular Agenda item(s), please hold your comments until that item is up for consideration. The public comment portion of the BOCC meeting is not to be used for political or campaign purposes; comments/questions should be limited to matters of current County affairs and business. When you approach the podium please identify yourself and spell your last name and give your address.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: (Public comment may be provided for items as deemed appropriate)

- a. Resolution cancelling \$2,365.25 in uncollectible taxes (Rick Pettitt, Elbert County Treasurer)
Mr. Pettitt requested the cancelling of \$2365.25 in uncollectible taxes. Many are on severed mineral rights. One is on a mobile home that is no longer on the site and one is on personal property on a business that is now out of business. The cost to re-publish and the title work out weighs the benefits to the county to acquire. With the taxes cancelled, he can then take these properties back to tax sale.

Commissioner Dore moved to approve the resolution cancelling the \$21365.25 in uncollectible taxes.
Commissioner Ross 2nd.
Commissioner Ross asked for clarification on the total amount of money involved.

ALL IN FAVOR

- b. Resolution for determination of amount of statutorily-authorized salary increase for future county elected officials, commencing in 2017.
Commissioner Dore moved to approve the resolution for determination of amount of statutorily-authorized salary increase for future county elected officials, commencing in 2017.
Commissioner Ross 2nd.

Commissioner Ross opened the comments on this issue by stating that elected officials have not had a raise since 2007. He stated everyone agreed that salaries must be competitive to attract qualified candidates. He spoke in favor of the resolution as it is in the best interest of Elbert County and was satisfied the financial report showed it was affordable.

Commissioner Dore re-iterated what Commissioner Ross stated and added that they need to do what is right to attract the best and most qualified candidates. She stated this in not a political decision, but is just doing what is right. She noted that Elbert County Commissioners were very unique in the state in their consulting with the other County Officials.

Commissioner Rowland gave the history on the salary bill and how this decision was kicked down from the state to individual counties. He also noted he knew of only one other county who had consulted with the other elected officials in the county like Elbert County has done. He spoke in favor of the resolution.

Commissioner Ross pointed out that that this salary adjustment would be automatically imposed if no action was taken.

Rick Pettit, County Treasurer, spoke on behalf of the rest of the County Elected Officials. He thanked the commissioners for meeting with the other Elected Officials and he knew of only one other county where this had happened. He noted that even if this resolution passes, it will be twelve years in which the salaries have remained the same. He noted all Elected Officials are not here for the money but for their civic duty, but salaries must me somewhat competitive. Anyone who was here just for the paycheck, would not be in these positions in the first place. All Elected Officials are in favor of the resolution.

Ed Ehmann, County Manger, began his presentation by stating that the number one asset of the County is the staff and Elected Officials. Elbert County needs to be an attractive place to work in the marketplace. Staff is currently doing a salary survey with surrounding and like-sized counties. Survey showing Elbert County is competitive in pay until it comes to upper management. He thanked the Commissioners for the open meetings with the other Elected Officials. He then gave a financial presentation on the impact of the proposed salary increase to the budget. His summary was that, even with conservative and sometime flat revenue projections, for this analysis, the increase is justified and the budget will be able to meet the increase.

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c. Resolution approving Planning Commission Bylaws

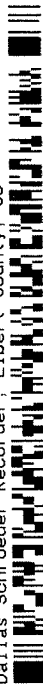
Commissioner Dore moved to approve the resolution approving the Planning Commission Bylaws.
Commissioner Ross 2nd.

Mr. Wade Gateley, County Attorney, stated the Planning Commission approved these Bylaws on 8/18/15. This is a step forward as this had never been done before in Elbert County and explained the real purpose of the resolution was to acknowledge and thank the Planning Commission for their hard work. This event is good for everyone. He recommends acceptance and approval.

Commissioner Rowland clarified that statute required the Planning Commission to have their own bylaws and it hadn't been done for a long time. He said hats off and stellar job to the Planning Commission.

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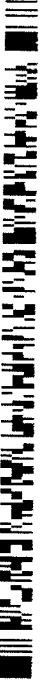


ATTORNEY TO THE BOCC:

ADJOURNMENT

ALL IN FAVOR of adjournment @ 9:50 a.m.

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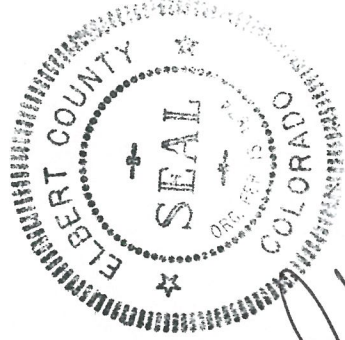
Robert Rowland, Chairman



Kelly Dore, Vice Chair



Larry D. Ross, Commissioner



ATTEST: Dallas Schroeder
County Clerk

BY: 

Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

