



ELBERT COUNTY, COLORADO
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES
Regular Meeting Held in the BOCC Meeting Room
April 26, 2017 at 9:03 A.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

Commissioner Thayer – Here Commissioner Richardson – Here Commissioner Willcox - Here

B. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Pastor Brian Janes, Majestic View Church

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion: Approval of Agenda as presented with the amendments of tabling under Discussion; items 1 & 4 and under Action; items number 4.

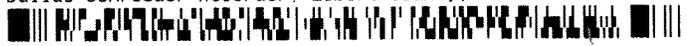
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Richardson	x		
Thayer		x	
Willcox			
	AYE	NAY	
Richardson	x		
Thayer	x		
Willcox	x		

D. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of CDS Mylars as needed
2. Approval of Vouchers as needed
3. Public Trustee’s Report
4. Acknowledgement of the March Variance Reports
5. Approval of Liquor License Renewal and Retail Warehouse Storage for Hi-Test, LTD.

Motion: Approve Consent Agenda a presented

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Richardson		x	
Thayer	x		
Willcox			
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Richardson	x		
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Willcox	x		



E. ELECTED OFFICIALS/DEPARTMENT HEADS/STAFF REPORTS

Billie Mills, Elbert County Assessor, presented some high lights of a joint press release of the seven area County Assessors that was picked up by the Denver Post. New Notice of Evaluations will be mailed out May 1st. Elbert County as a median increase of 30%. Assessments are based on sales figures from 7/1/14 -6/30/16. Ms. Mills then turned the presentation over the Mike Akana, of the Assessor's Office. Mr. Akana shared they are in the final steps of the reassessment file and there are numbers releases on the website. He noted the estimated tax on the website is based on 2016 mill levy rates. Mr. Akana answered some clarifying questions from the Commissioners.

Jerri Spear, HHS Director, reminded everyone that this is the beginning of rabies season. She asked for the public to be vigilant in looking for animals displaying odd behaviors. In Elbert County, skunks, foxes and raccoons are the most likely to be infected with rabies.

F. OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Marlene Groves, 33300 Ridge Rd, complimented the Commissioners on the level of transparency and requested that more draft documents be placed on the website.

Tom Peterson, 1355 Conifer Trail, congratulated the Commissioners on the work that they are doing, and noted their first 100 days in office. He complimented them on their communication and efficiency and thanked them for their hard work.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. ~~Fair Board Update~~
2. Revision/Update of the Zoning Regulations
Kyle Fenner, CDS Director, began her comments by stating the current regulations are very old and that over time only small changes have been made. She requested the BOCC allow CDS to rewrite the regulations.

Commissioner Thayer stated that there has been much discussion on this topic as the current regulations are antiquated. His suggestion was for Baseline to work on the regulations and for them to give a third party presentation to the Commissioners. He suggested that the Commissioners, Ms. Fenner and Mr. Ehmann, County Manager, work on the scope and timing aspect of the project. He said there is a sense of urgency for the scope of work meeting to take place as soon as is practicable.

3. Strategic Plan and County-wide Organizational Adjustments
Commissioner Richardson gave an overview and summary of the meetings that have taken place to work on the Strategic Plan and County-wide Organizational Adjustments and stated there are plans to put the document on the website.
4. ~~Roof Repair code update~~
5. County Manager Contract Review

Motion: Extend County Manager contract to 12/31/18

Commissioner Thayer shared that he was given strong and conflicting opinions of the County Manager before he came into office. Since then, he has become more knowledgeable on the situation and the relationship that the County Manager shares with staff, other departments and the Commissioners. He relayed that several employees have relayed to him that without the County Manger the chaos over the last few years would have been worse. As a show of support for the County Manager the wish to extend the contract with the County Manager to 12/31/18. He will play an integral part of the County moving forward and implementing all the new policies that have been discussed.

Commissioner Richardson stated he couldn't imagine a school district without a superintendent and he can't imagine a county without a County Manager. He said a person doesn't really know an organization until you are in it and his opinion is that it is necessary to keep the group together that has made so much progress. He said the extension is necessary and the right thing to do.

Commissioner Willcox said he has been in office close to 200 days. Before Commissioners Thayer and Richardson came into office, he has never seen or been involved with a more toxic environment that existed at that point. He said the only thing that kept things moving was the County Manager. Commissioner Willcox stated he is in full support of the motion.

Commissioner Richardson also added comments and summarized the terrific job Mr. Ehmann has done with Road and Bridge and his work as the Chief Budget Officer.

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There was applause from the nearly full Hearing Room when the motion passed.

6. Policy on Policy Management

Commissioner Richardson summarized the Policy on Policy Management, which includes drafting and implementing the policy. The draft will be posted online.

7. ORR Policy

Commissioner Willcox stated that they are still waiting on pending legislation to finalize the ORR Policy.

Tom Peterson, 1366 Conifer Trail, asked that the County publicize how many ORR requests are made and who made the requests.



Wade Gateley, County Attorney, stated that they have had that question and that information is available. The County has not published this information in the past.

Mr. Peterson clarified that he would like to see who is asking for the ORR request. Commissioner Thayer stated he saw no reason not to publish that information, it's just not been done in the past.

Marlene Groves, 33300 Ridge Rd, stated she has never made an ORR request but on the flipside, it might discourage people from putting in an ORR if they know it will be on the website. She encouraged the County to not go negative.

Mr. Peterson stated he thought only a handful of people were making the majority of the ORR requests.

8. Consideration of Public Improvement Districts/Local Improvement Districts

Commissioner Willcox gave a brief overview of both Public Improvement Districts and Local Improvement Districts. These districts allow for a group of people in a local area to create a district to improve their area, such as paving roads. This vehicle is used extensively in other counties and Larimer has over 60 such districts. The policy will define the process and clarify the role of the County.

Commissioner Thayer shared that this topic had been discussed with the Sun Country Meadows HOA and is a way for citizens to move forward and help themselves. He asked Ms. Krausert, who attended the meeting as Sun Country Meadows, would like to make a comment.

Linda Krausert, 44683 Lariat Trail, shared that she is the Sun County HOA Treasurer. She has lived there ten years and the roads in Sun Country are bad. She thanked Mr. Ehmann, Commissioners Thayer and Willcox for stepping up and helping explain what can be done. She is supportive of the extension of Mr. Ehmann's contract. She believes they are going to take care of the roads themselves. She complimented on the team effort in working together instead of being divided.

Frank Reeves, 5394 Timber Ridge, stated he liked the idea and the people who benefit from an improvement should be the ones to pay for it.

H. ACTION ITEMS

Motion: Open Public hearing on all the Liquor Licenses

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Richardson	x		
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Willcox			
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Richardson	x		





Thayer	x	
Willcox	x	

1. Public Hearing on Elizabeth Stampede Special Event Permit (Liquor License)

Dallas Schroeder, Clerk and Recorder presented the application and stated that everything was in order.

Motion: Approval of Elizabeth Stampede Special Event Permit

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Richardson	x		
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2. Public Hearing on Cowboy Up in Kiowa Rodeo Special Event Permit (Liquor License)

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3. Public Hearing on Elizabeth Rodeo Association Special Event Permit (Liquor License)

Dallas Schroeder, Clerk and Recorder presented the application and stated that everything was in order.

Motion: Approval of Elizabeth Rodeo Association Special Event Permit



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Thayer	x		
Willcox	x		

Motion: Close Public Hearing

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Richardson	x		
Thayer		x	
Willcox			
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Thayer	x		
Willcox	x		

~~4. Appointments Policy~~

I. LAND USE HEARINGS

J. BOARD PLANNING

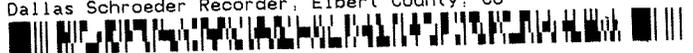
1. Determination of Tentative Agenda for the May 10, 2017 BOCC Regular Meeting
 - a) Approval of 4/12/17 BOCC Meeting Minutes
 - b) Approval of 4/26/17 BOCC Meeting Minutes
 - c) Employee Handbook Update
 - d) Progress of Bank of the West Purchase Contract
 - e) Public Hearing on Celtic Festival Special Event Permit (Liquor License)

2. Land Use Hearings

ADJOURNMENT

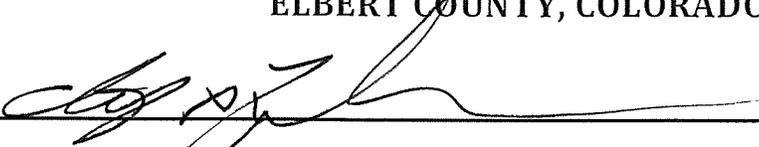
Motion: Adjournment at 10:09 AM

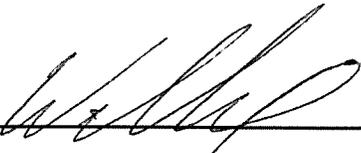
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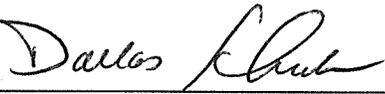

CHRIS RICHARDSON, Vice-Chair, COMMISSIONER District 1


DANNY WILLCOX, Chair, COMMISSIONER District 2


GRANT THAYER, COMMISSIONER District 3

ATTEST: Dallas Schroeder
County Clerk



BY: 
Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

