



ELBERT COUNTY, COLORADO
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting Held in the BOCC Meeting Room
 August 9th, 2017 at 9:00 A.M.

WE VALUE

- *Honesty, integrity and respect for the rights of all individuals*
- *Quality service to all*
- *Respect for our culture and history*
- *Clear communication and transparency*
- *Efficiency & fiscal responsibility*
- *Recognition of employee and citizen contributions*
- *Partnerships and collaborations*
- *Planning for the future*
- *Cooperative leadership and professional development*

VISION: Elbert County is recognized by our citizens and employees as the best place to live, work, and conduct business in Colorado; led in a responsive, effective, transparent, and professional manner.

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL 9:01 AM Commissioner Thayer – Here, Commissioner Richardson – Here, Commissioner Willcox - Here

B. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Pastor Roger Miller, Elbert Christian Church

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Approval of Agenda, adding Item 3 under Action Item; Proclamation on National Health Center Week

	Moved	2nd	Comments
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. Dotsun Meadows Liquor License Renewal
4. Accept contract bid for Chip Seal of Elbert Road
5. Acceptance of Spring Valley Area E into the Initial Warranty Period
6. Approval of Definition Clarification – Agricultural Recreation

Motion: Approval of Consent Agenda

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Thayer	x		
Willcox			
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Richardson	x		
Thayer	x		
Willcox	x		

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E. ELECTED OFFICIALS/DEPARTMENT HEADS/STAFF REPORTS

Commissioner Willcox introduced the new Public Works Directs; Rory Stark.

F. OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT (See Note 1)

Marlene Groves, 33300 Ridge Road

Ms. Groves commented on the success of the fair noting it was a great example of the community coming together to support kids. She would like to see more of that spirit in the rest of the year.

Art Evans, 40800 Madrid

Mr. Evans stated the he and his wife are no longer on the Kiowa Conservation District Board, but encouraged the commissioners to try to get the district some money.

Ann Koontz, 37215 Rusty Spur, Agate

Ms. Koontz stated she was representing Viaero Wireless and she would like to be able to show the County what they can do with their cell phone options. She believes Viaero can save the County money. Her boss from Viaero was present also.

Tom Peterson, 1366 Conifer Trail

Mr. Peterson noted the Commissioners have now been in office 200 days and thanked them for their hard work and professional relationships with each other. He said he appreciated the development of strategic planning.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS: (See Note 2)

1. Update on 2017 Coordinated Election (Dallas Schroeder, Clerk & Recorder)

Dallas Schroeder, Elbert County Clerk and Recorder, gave a brief report on the 2017 Election. Currently 10 school districts and one park and rec district have indicated they may coordinate with the County. Today (Aug 8) is the first day school board candidates can circulate petitions. Petitions are due September 1. Ballot certification is September 8. That will be when the clerk's Office will be able to confirm the number of special districts coordinating with the County. As of now, there are no State or County issues.

Public Comment

Linda Krausert, 44683 Lariat Trail

Ms. Krausert distributed potential ballot language to allow for a 3rd term for the Sheriffs and Treasurers office. She noted this is not a removal of term limits, but just an option to allow an third term. She stated she had spoken with many people who found the last time term limits were on the ballot to be confusing. She asked the Commissioners to place this issues on the ballot.

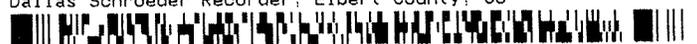
Paul Nasrallah, 18502 Wedemeyer

Mr. Naisath stated he agreed with Ms. Krausert and would like to see these items on the ballot. He also asked for it be voted on today.

Marlene Groves, 33300 Ridge Rd.

Ms. Groves asked for clarification and to see the language. She was opposed to a vote being taken in the meeting.

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All three commissioners stated they were not ready to act on placing the issues on the ballot.

2. Review of BOE Actions (Mike Akana, Assessor's Office)

Mr. Akana presented for the Assessor's Office. He have a summary overview of last week.

383 appeals in 2017 tax year. 200 denied. 183 adjusted. 72 appealed to CBOE 60 to hearing; 35 denied; 25 partially adjusted.

Commissioner Richardson stated it was their first time. Assessor's job to look at properties and he commended them for their work on the entire county. They generally adjusted around 50% of the appeals. He thought they had explained the process to the petitioners.

Commissioner Willcox stated they spent a lot of time helping the petitioner understand the process and in particular on the time adjusted sales process. He thanked the Assessor's office for helping them understand

Commissioner Thayer – This is an interesting process. He commented that the hearings are hard. He said that since some of the people are friends and it makes it tough. He hoped that everyone thought they were fair. They listened and they goal was for the assessment to be fair.

Public Comment

Mary Roper, 37178 Pheasant Run

Ms. Roper asked if there was a record of the hearings.

Commissioner Willcox stated there was an issue with the recording, but minutes were taken.

3. 2018 Budget Process Update (Rick Pettitt, Chief Budget Officer)

Rick Pettitt, Chief Budget Officer and treasurer

He stated there was a meeting yesterday with department heads and elected officials. The discussion was around what needed to be reduced to have expenses not exceed income. There will be another meeting next week so the budget will be balanced at the Budget meeting on the 24th. Everyone is re-evaluating their budgets.

Commissioner Thayer stated that the expectation was for every department to participate.

Mr. Pettitt stated he was comfortable on the income side of things. We are using conservative revenue numbers.

Marlene Groves, 33300 Ridge Road.

She applauded the work on the Budget and disappointed that there is no decision on a Citizens Advisory Board. She asked the Commissioners for a thumbs up or thumbs down on the advisory board.

Commissioner Willcox stated they are not ready to develop, define, or establish a Citizens' Advisory Committee.

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Commissioner Thayer agreed with Commissioner Willcox. There is no County Manager, and Treasurer is acting Budget Office. He thought bringing outsiders in was premature. He wants to look more at strategic planning.

Commissioner Richardson noted there was only two people in the audience last year. The budget was online 30 days before required. Only 17 people looked and half were County Employees. He thought the Commissioners need to learn and you do not know an organization until you are part of it.

4. Potential Need of Compliance Officer (BOCC)

Bart Greer, County Attorney, stated he was asked to look into the procedures and the priority in the budget hierarchy. There would have to be an administrative decision made as far as oversight, and the regulations need to be updated and adopted and so there are regulations to be checked. There would be a summons or citation that would be levied for non-compliance.

Mr. Pettitt talked about the possibility of adding a dual role of part-time compliance and building inspector. He didn't think there was any reason to add a compliance officer until the regulations are changed.

Mr. Thayer stated we need this person. They have been advised that the new regulations should be ready to go in six months.

Commissioner Richardson stated that they recognize private property rights but their needs to be a mechanism for protecting property values and also address health and safety issues.

H. ACTION ITEMS: (See Note 3)

1. Approval of July 20, 2017 Minutes

Motion: Approval of July 20, 2017 Minutes

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Richardson		x	
Thayer	x		
Willcox			
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Richardson	x		
Thayer	x		
Willcox	x		

2. Approval of Update to ORR Policy (Bart Greer, County Attorney)

Bart Greer, County Attorney presented the proposed new ORR Policy. This change is needed due to a change in the Colorado Revised Statutes. This will allow for electronic requests and for payment via credit card.

Motion: Approval of Update to ORR Policy

	Moved	2nd	Comments
Richardson	x		
Thayer		x	

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Willcox			
	AYE	NAY	
Richardson	x		
Thayer	x		
Willcox	x		

3. Proclamation of National health Center Week

Commissioner Richardson read the proclamation.

Motion: Approval of the Proclamation of National Health Center Week, August 13-19.

	Moved	2nd	Comments
Richardson	x		
Thayer		x	
Willcox			
	AYE	NAY	
Richardson	x		
Thayer	x		
Willcox	x		

I. BOARD PLANNING

1. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- a. Approval of 8/9/17 minutes
- b. Discussion on term Limits for Treasurer and Sheriff
- c. Update on Budget
- d. Update on Subdivision Regulations
- e. Master Plan Update

2. Workshops/Study Sessions

3. Pending Hearings

- a. New Liquor License Hearing for Murphy Oil USA, INC.

Commissioner Richardson moved to continue meeting until 1:00 pm

Commissioner Thayer 2nd.

ALL IN FAVOR

J. LAND USE HEARINGS 1:00 P.M. (See Note 4)

1. Independence Hearing (To be Continued to September 5)

Back in Session at 1:02 PM

Commissioner Richardson moved to enter scheduled land use hearings.

Commissioner Thayer 2nd

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Commissioner Richardson stated, We have received the recommendation from the Planning Commission pursuant to C.R.S. 32-1-202 that the service plans for the following proposed special districts be set for public hearing before the Board of County Commissioners:

1. **Case # SR-17-0020 THE INDEPENDENCE WATER & SANITATION DISTRICT;**
2. **Case # SR-17-0021, THE INDEPENDENCE OVERLAY METROPOLITAN DISTRICT;**
3. **Case # SR-17-0022, THE INDEPENDENCE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 1;**
4. **Case # SR-17-0023, THE INDEPENDENCE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 2;**
5. **Case # SR-17-0024, THE INDEPENDENCE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 3; and**
6. **Case # SR-17-0025, THE INDEPENDENCE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 4**

The applicant for the District has requested that the public hearing occur at a special meeting of the Board. In accordance with applicable County regulations and C.R.S. 32-1-202, I move to set the public hearing on the service plans to occur at a special Board meeting on September 5, 2017 at 6:00 PM at the Elbert County Fairgrounds, with the public hearings to be continued to September 6, 2017 at 6:00 PM and to be further continued to September 7, 2017 at 10:00 AM, if deemed necessary by the Board.”

Commissioner Thayer 2nd

ALL IN FAVOR

Commissioner Richardson moved to continue this Public Hearing to September 5th at 6 PM at the Elbert County Fairgrounds.

Commissioner Thayer 2nd.

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ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Richardson moved to adjourn at 1:06 pm

Commissioner Thayer 2nd

ALL IN FAVOR

NOTES ON PUBLIC COMMENT:

Note 1: General Public Comment - This portion of the agenda is reserved for citizens who wish to comment to the BOCC on items of county interest that are not scheduled for Discussion or Action. This time will not be used to make political speeches nor will personal attacks be tolerated. Individuals will be limited to one opportunity to speak for a period of up to three minutes during this portion of the agenda.

Note 2: Discussion Items - This portion of the agenda is intended to introduce items that may require future board action. It allows for shaping of final decisions, and allows for public input to ensure all aspects of the issue are fully considered before decisions are made. After each item, the chair will offer time for public comment limited to three minutes per person.

Note 3: Action Items - This portion of the agenda is intended for items requiring a board decision. Prior to taking action, the chair will offer time for any final public input, limited to three minutes per person, prior to a vote.

Note 4: Land Use Hearings - Hearings for Land Use Items will be held at 1:00pm on meeting days. If all other agenda items are completed earlier, the chair will recess until this scheduled time. If previous agenda items are not complete by 1:00pm, the land use hearings will be opened and completed before proceeding to any remaining agenda items. Land use hearings will follow the following sequence:

- Open Land Use Hearing
- Staff Presents Application and Recommendation of Planning Commission
- Applicant Presents
- Public Input on Application (three minutes per person)
- BOCC Questions and Discussion
- BOCC Decision
- Close Land Use Hearing

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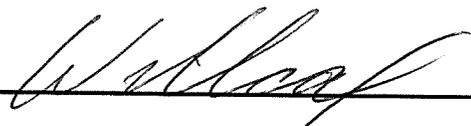
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CHRIS RICHARDSON, Vice-Chair, COMMISSIONER District 1



DANNY WILLCOX, Chair, COMMISSIONER District 2



GRANT THAYER, COMMISSIONER District 3

ATTEST: Dallas Schroeder

County Clerk

BY: 

Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

