

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

Danny Willcox

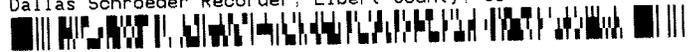
Larry D. Ross

With a quorum present I call to order this meeting of the Elbert County Board of County Commissioners, convening this 7th day of December, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

INVOCATION: Pastor Jim Kimbriel, Harvest Bible Church

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:



AGENDA:

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. Vouchers/Warrants/Mylar signing
- b. Approval of Minutes: 11/16/16 & 11/22/16
- c. Approval of CDS Vouchers

AWARDS & RECOGNITION:

Elbert County Extension Office – Sheila Kelley

Sheila Kelley, Director of Elbert County CSU Extension, gave their annual thanks to the Commissioners and others that make 4H successful in the county. This year 4H was successful at the County and State levels. Elbert County placed 3 into the National Level. They were: Jacob Grouse (National Congress Representative), Hailey Sigmon (Top Shooting Sports Delegate), and Courtney Montgomery (National Rabbit Judge). Ms. Kelley introduced the three 4H National attendees.

Jacob Grouse stated he competed in stand-alone archery and showed at both the local and state level. This is his 2nd year in 4H and qualified for the National in Georgia. He said the experience in Georgia was fantastic.

Hailey Sigmon stated she has competed in the shooting sports for 7 years and is also on a team that shoots at the Olympic training center in Colorado Springs. She outlined all the awards she has won and shared she has scholarship offers from five different NCAA Rifle teams and her goal is to compete in the Olympics. She said it all started with Elbert County 4H.

Courtney Montgomery shared that she is in her 6th year in 4H. She enjoys the rabbit judging and plans to tryout to be an ARBA judge so she can travel the world. She judged in California this past fall.

The three presented a wreath to each of the Commissioners.

All three commissioners thanked Ms. Kelley, and the participants.

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.

Commissioner Rowland asked County Manager, Ed Ehmann, to give an update on the Water Study.

Mr. Ehmann reported that the study was behind, due to the delay in getting started. Two RFIs have been submitted and staff is working on those. There has been limited response from stakeholder letters up to this point. Information is flowing back and forth and Mr. Ehmann reported that there are no red flags or any red flags in the foreseeable future.

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.

Victoria Thalimer, 1227 Oranado Rd, Elizabeth

Ms. Thalimer thanked the outgoing Commissioners and Commissioner Willcox for their service. She would like to see some BOCC meetings occur in the evening. She is concerned about high density housing, roads, schools and public safety and hopes the Commissioners take this in to account before approving developments in the County.

Mark Wells, 40700 Ranch Rd, Elizabeth

Mr. Wells requested to postpone New Business C as his attorney is out of town and unable to make the meeting.

Marlene Groves, 33300 Ridge Rd

Ms. Groves shared the many accomplishments of a K9 Bloodhound named Radar. He is now the number one uniform service dog in America. Radar has traveled to many locations to help in cold cases and has worked with the FBI. She said this is an awesome dog representing Elbert County and she knows because she was the breeder.

OLD BUSINESS:

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



a. Resolution Setting the Annual Salary of the District Attorney for the Eighteenth Judicial District

Commissioner Rowland moved to approve the Resolution Setting the Annual Salary of the District Attorney for the Eighteenth Judicial District.
Commissioner Ross 2nd.

Commissioners Rowland and Ross spoke highly of the D.A., noting he took a smaller salary when he started four years ago and the increase in salary is negligible to Elbert County as Douglas and Arapahoe bear most of the cost.

Ed Ehmman, County Manager, stated this was all part of the initial plan presented when the D.A. came into office.

ALL IN FAVOR

b. Resolution concerning Full-time Employee Positions in the Office of the District Attorney for the Eighteenth Judicial District

Commissioner Willcox moved to approve the Resolution concerning Full-time Employee Positions in the Office of the District Attorney for the Eighteenth Judicial District.
Commissioner Rowland 2nd.

Ed Ehmman, County Manager, stated this resolution allows the DA to staff the office as he sees fit.

ALL IN FAVOR

c. Public Hearing on Coyote Meadow Rezoning Application and Minor Residential Development (MRD) Application, RZ-16-0015 and MD -16-0016 (CDS Director Kyle Fenner)

Commissioner Ross moved to continue the Public Hearing on Coyote Meadow Rezoning Application and Minor Residential Development (MRD) Application, RZ-16-0015 and MD -16-0016 to December 21st, 2016.
Commissioner Willcox 2nd.

There was an extensive discussion involving all three Commissioners, Kyle Fenner (CDS Director) and Wade Gateley (County Attorney)

Commissioner Rowland – NAY
Commissioner Willcox – AYE
Commissioner Ross – AYE

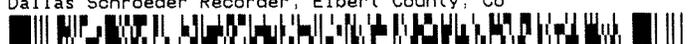
d. Approval of Minutes: 11/18/15, 4/13/16, 4/18/16, 7/12/16

Commissioner Ross moved to approve this minutes listed on the Agenda.
Commissioner Rowland 2nd.

Public Comment

Rick Brown Forest Ridge, Kiowa

Mr. Brown stated he was concerned about the delay in the minutes being presented. His specific concern was that since the Clerk was part of the group that there is an attempt to whitewash the events of November 18, 2015.



Commissioner Rowland stated that there were many reasons for the delay, both internally and externally and the November 18th minutes have been prepared for quite some time but had been continually removed from past Agendas.

ALL IN FAVOR

e. Assessor's Report on Changes in Valuation

Michael Ohkana, Elbert County Assessor's Office made a brief report on the changes in valuation over the past three months. The net change is mostly due to mathematical and formula corrections. This report is just a notification to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Ross moved for a recess until 10:15 AM.

Commissioner Rowland 2nd.

ALL IN FAVOR

Back in Session at 10:22 AM

Commissioner Rowland moved to enter Executive Session to discuss the proposed acquisition of Real Property.

Commissioner Ross 2nd.

ALL IN FAVOR

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Proposed Acquisition of Real Property

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Back in Session at 11:20 AM

f. Decision Regarding Proposed Acquisition of Real Property

Commissioner Rowland moved to authorize the County Manager to amend and execute the "Letter of Intent to Purchase the Property at 440 Comanche Street Agreement" between Elbert County and Bank of the West. Commissioner Willcox 2nd.

Rick Pettitt, Elbert County Treasurer, spoke to the fact that we need additional space, the proposed building couldn't be built for what the price is and with the re-finance of the bond, there is \$500,000 that can only be used for capital improvements. This would provide the needed extra space and with no new bonds needing to be issued.

Dallas Schroeder, Elbert County Clerk and Recorder, stated that he was in agreement with everything Mr. Pettitt said and provided examples the necessity for more space in the Clerks office, particularly in the Motor Vehicle Department and the Elections Department.

Commissioner Rowland stated the building provided the County the ability to address many issues.

Commissioner Ross was concerned about the additional costs such as an elevator, cabling costs and didn't feel there had been enough due diligence completed on fire and life safety issues. He didn't understand the urgency and would prefer to defer to the incoming board.

Commissioner Willcox explained this letter of intent will allow for all the due diligence and to evaluate if the building fits our needs. He pointed out the County has 60 days to terminate with no penalty if an issue comes up.

Commissioner Rowland – AYE
Commissioner Willcox – AYE
Commissioner Ross – NAY

LAND USE:

ATTORNEY TO THE BOCC:

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Ross moved to Adjourn.

Commissioner Willcox 2nd.

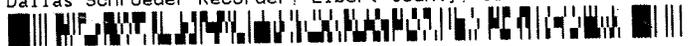
ALL IN FAVOR

Adjourned at 11:37 AM

WORK/STUDY SESSION – Tentatively Scheduled to begin around 11 AM

Presentation and Discussion regarding Independence Conceptual Plan

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ATTEST: Dallas Schroeder

County Clerk

BY: 



Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

