

PHILLIPS COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING

March 31, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 by Chairman Joe Kinnie and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present were County Commissioners Harlan Stern and Don Lock, County Administrator Randy Schafer and County Clerk Beth Zilla.

Stern made a motion, seconded by Lock, to approve the minutes from the March 14, 2017 as submitted. Motion carried.

The board met with the local newspapers for their monthly briefing.

The board met with Beatrice Rivera to discuss her upcoming event that is to be held at the Phillips County Event Center. The board approved serving alcohol if Rivera provides the required alcohol deposit and the required liquor liability insurance coverage

The board reviewed some timesheets that reflect comp time recorded by different departments.

Lock made a motion, seconded by Stern, that county employees will not be able to use leave time (sick, vacation and/or comp) to exceed their regularly scheduled work week. Motion carried.

The board discussed county payroll exempt positions under the Fair Labor Standards Act guidelines. This discussion was tabled for additional information.

The board met with Cathy Shull, Executive Director of Progressive 15 and Nancy Burges, NE Colorado Representative to Progressive 15. Shull discussed HB 17-1242, a transportation bill. The bill proposes to place an issue on the November ballot to raise the state sales tax from 2.9% to 3.52% to generate revenue for transportation.

Stern made a motion, seconded by Lock, to adopted the following resolution supporting the need for a statewide transportation funding increase.

**Resolution No. 03-31-17-01**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE NEED FOR A STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING INCREASE.**

**WHEREAS**, Colorado's population has grown by more than 2 million people since 1991, the last time Colorado's gas tax was increased; and

**WHEREAS**, Colorado's 5.4 million residents are now driving 50 billion miles per year in total on Colorado's roads, bridges and highways; and

**WHEREAS**, Coloradans rely now on more fuel-efficient vehicles and use far less gasoline than in 1991, which is now severely crippling our state's gas-tax based funding system; and

**WHEREAS**, according to an Inside Energy analysis, after adjusting for inflation, Colorado's highway department is taking in 30 percent less money from gas taxes now than it did in 2000; and

**WHEREAS**, Colorado has dozens of critical transportation projects waiting for funding along the Front Range, Eastern Plains, Western Slope and San Luis Valley; and

**WHEREAS**, Colorado depends on a strong highway and transportation network to safely deliver goods to market and workers to their jobs and to attract economic investment; and

**WHEREAS**, a well-functioning, modern transportation network allows Colorado to maintain a regional, national and global competitive economic position; and

**WHEREAS**, Colorado's transportation network provides important economic and access benefits to individuals, small and large businesses, schools, emergency and safety providers, and tourists and travelers—while improved reliability, quality and access benefits every region across Colorado, including urban, suburban, rural and mountain communities; and

**WHEREAS**, infrastructure investment and construction jobs fuel our state's economy. According to national economic studies, every \$1 billion invested in nonresidential construction creates and sustains more than 28,000 jobs and another \$1.1 billion in personal earnings; and

**WHEREAS**, Colorado leaders should focus on investing in these critical infrastructure projects while the state's economy is strong and revenue is available to make significant improvements and advancements in Colorado's statewide transportation system; and

**WHEREAS**, our state needs a sustainable, long-term transportation-funding mechanism that allows Colorado to invest in its infrastructure, especially in strong or struggling economic times, without juggling competing political and policy mandates; and

**WHEREAS**, policymakers at all levels should be discussing how to transition transportation funding from the current gas-tax based system, which will never provide adequate funding as fuel efficiency and the aging highway system clash, to other methods.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PHILLIPS COUNTY THAT IT SUPPORTS SOLUTIONS FOR STATE-WIDE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING THAT:**

Section 1. Provides permanent, reliable, and robust transportation funding for use as determined by the Colorado Transportation Commission pursuant to its statewide transportation planning process; and

Section 2. Establishes funding sufficient to seriously and aggressively address Colorado's current and future transportation needs; and

Section 3. Allows for both maintaining and expanding the existing system to meet the needs of a growing state; and

Section 4. Is added to the Highway Users Tax Fund (HUTF) including formula shares for municipalities and counties, and is protected from future legislative actions that re-direct the resources to other uses.

Section 5. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

Section 6. If any portion or provision of this resolution shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such portion or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution, the intention being that the same are severable.

Motion carried.

Lock made a motion, seconded by Stern, to approve 1) a license to operate an ambulance service to the East Phillips County Ambulance Service from April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018 and 2) a license to operate an ambulance service to the Haxtun Ambulance Service from April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018. Motion carried.

The board reviewed a request from Northeastern Junior College for support of the Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative for 2017.

Lock made a motion, seconded by Stern, to send a letter of support for the program. Motion carried.

The board recently appointed Jeff Firme as the Haxtun Fire representative on the Communications Board. Haxtun Fire has requested that Firme be replaced by Tom Bullard. The board approved the request and appointed Bullard to a two-year term.

The board met with Melissa Memorial Hospital Foundation (MMHF) representative Nancy Colglazier. MMHF will be holding a fundraiser at the Event Center and they are requesting permission to sell alcohol at the event. The board approved the use if MMHF obtains a special event permit from the City of Holyoke, provides the required alcohol deposit and the required liquor liability insurance coverage.

Stern made a motion, seconded by Lock, to waive the stage setup fee for MMHF event. Motion carried.

The board approved a request from Zilla to close her office on Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> Motor Vehicle training.

The board met with the Department of Human Services (DHS) Director Penny Verhoeff for regular monthly business. The minutes for this portion of the meeting are maintained by DHS.

The board reviewed the following Phillips County Event Center Rentals:

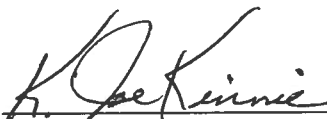
- MMH Foundation survey
- MMH Foundation
- Misty and Ozzy Torres
- Shawn Sullivan, DuPont Pioneer
- Kristi Ham
- High Plains Radio
- Teonna McCabe

The board reviewed the following monthly reports:


- Veterans Service Officer
- Expenditure
- Revenue
- Road and Bridge revenue and expense
- Cash transactions through February
- Cash flow

The meeting adjourned at 2:27 pm.

Submitted by Beth Zilla  
Phillips County Clerk

  
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Beth Zilla, County Clerk