

February 3, 2015

At a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioner, Washington County Colorado, held at the Courthouse in Akron CO on the 3rd day of February 2015, there were present:

Terry G. Hart, chairman	present
David Foy, commissioner	present
Lea Ann Laybourn, commissioner	present
Garland Wahl, clerk of the board	present
Peter 'Larry' Vana, county attorney	present

Invocation was given by Father Michael Bodzioch, Saint Joseph Catholic Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by those present.

It was moved by Commissioner Foy and duly seconded by Commissioner Laybourn to approve the **Agenda with additions**. On roll call vote, all votes being yes, the motion passed.

It was moved by Commissioner Laybourn and duly seconded by Commissioner Foy to approve the **Schedule of Bills for the County** from the General, Road and Bridge, Health and Human Services, Health Care, TV Translator, Landfill, Capital Expenditure, and Justice Center, payables for February 3, 2015 with a value of \$124,038.35. On roll call vote, all votes being yes, the motion passed.

It was moved by Commissioner Foy and duly seconded by Commissioner Laybourn to approve the **Schedule of Bills for the Nursing Home** for February 3, 2015 with a value of \$18,282.11. On roll call vote, all votes being yes, the motion passed.

It was moved by Commissioner Laybourn and duly seconded by Commissioner Foy to approve the **Schedule of Bills for Pioneer Haven** for February 3, 2015 with a value of \$376.85. On roll call vote, all votes being yes, the motion passed.

Brenda Rhea, **Nursing Home Administration**, reported there are 29 residents today. Parts for the boiler will be here this week. The sewer people may be here the end of this week. Rhea informed the families of the residents at the Nursing Home that they will only transport for doctor appoints to Sterling, Fort Morgan, Yuma, Brush.

Rhea and Angie Morgan attended a REAC inspection class for Pioneer Haven. Air conditioners can be put in the windows of the living rooms or kitchens at Pioneer Haven just not in the bedrooms.

It was moved by Commissioner Foy and duly seconded by Commissioner Laybourn to **go into Executive Session** to discuss a Human Services **personnel matter (24-6-402(4)(f) (I) & (II)** at 10:00 a.m. On roll call vote, all votes being yes, the motion passed.

It was moved by Commissioner Laybourn and duly seconded by Commissioner Foy to conclude the **Executive Session** at 10:32 a.m. On roll call vote, all votes being yes, the motion passed.

It was moved by Commissioner Foy and duly seconded by Commissioner Laybourn that based upon information from the Finance Director; the appointed **Human Services Director** continues to be on medical leave and had sufficient benefits through March to satisfy the County payroll requirements. Based upon this information, this Board will follow protocol regarding further action in relation to this matter and allow him to receive his Washington County benefits. On roll call vote, all votes being yes, the motion passed.

Discussion was held regarding a February 2nd email from **Human Services** relating to interim leadership for the office. After discussion the Board found the protocol acceptable and directed the County Attorney to notify Human Services of their acceptance as set forth within said email.

Sheriff Jon Stivers, Under Sheriff Ken Kimsey, Emergency Manager Mike McCaleb discussed the meeting they had after the resignation of Walt Hardesty as the **W-Y Combined Communication (911) Director**. Present also was the Yuma County Sheriff Chad Day. They discussed setting procedures for hiring a new Director. The Washington-Yuma Counties Emergency Telephone Service Authority Board handles the money from the surcharge. The W-Y Combined Communications Board hires the Director. Law Enforcement and Emergency Management manage operations and not the money.

Commissioner Foy stated that an IGA would have to be rewritten. We also need to apply for an increase in the surcharge and would have to go through the Public Utilities Commission. We'd like to ask the assistant county attorney, Madeline Meacham to look into this for us and if she is not available talk to Ken Fellman who has represented Adams County in matters with the PUC. We have a meeting with Mr. Kendrick from Burlington on February 9, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in Yuma. The next board meeting will be in Akron on February 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Sheriff Stivers stated they need to hold off on their new communications system until the county decides what we are going to do about communications because it may not work with another system. Morgan County has a state of the art system. They are very professional. Commissioner Laybourn asked Stivers to see what Morgan County can offer us. We have 158 inmates today.

Sheriff Stivers asked if he could meet with Commissioner Hart to discuss building issues. The floors are sinking, the garbage disposal in the kitchen went out and a heater went out that needs an ignition. We can't get anyone to bid on replacing the windows at the Justice Center. The "muffin muncher" needs to have something done to it right away. We will be meeting with Health Care Partners on March 3, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. and would like the commissioners to attend. Sheriff Stivers, Under Sheriff Ken Kimsey and Captain Willeke will be visiting other facilities to see if we can house their overflow of inmates.

Treasurer, Debra Cooper presented the Semi-Annual Report for review and signatures.

It was moved by Commissioner Foy and duly seconded by Commissioner Laybourn to authorize the chairman to sign the **Semi- Annual Financial Report** presented by the County Treasurer, Debi Cooper. On roll call vote, all votes being yes, the motion passed.

Commissioner Hart reported on two things that took place at the **Town Council meeting** February 2, 2015.

- The first reading on vacating the alley between Eagle and Fremont was read at the meeting.
- Matt Brown, Vocational Agricultural teacher asked about converting 1.5 acres into an agricultural property that could be used for town kids that don't have a place to house the animals for their school projects. These would be market animals and there would be different units of animals.

Chris Packer, County Administrator Report:

- CHS would like to have the county waive the fee at the Event Center. They are having a fund raiser for Harvest for Hunger. The proceeds go to Washington County Connections and Rocky Mountain Food Bank. Commissioners said the only no charge events are 4-H, FFA and county events.
- I have a Capital Expenditure Request for Road and Bridge District #3 for 2 770G JD machine and a pickup. Commissioners want to get more information -tabled for one week.
- Vacation of the alley on Eagle paperwork will be emailed to us from Annette Bowin. There is a small triangle on the property that the Town of Akron attorney, Dennis Brandenburg said he would fix on the survey
- I'd like to start on the hail damage RFP for the county. I'd like to see one person get the job. We will request that the contractor be bonded and have a letter of credit. Commissioner Hart said Spelts Roofing, Holyoke requested to be contacted when were ready to put an ad in the paper. Packer said we couldn't do that. We need to get a written process for bid processes and stick with it. We can put it on our website, in the newspapers and maybe on the radio.
- Commissioner Hart asked if we should talk to Jeff Jensen about building issues at the Justice Center.
- I received a letter that the mud volleyball event at the fair has an offer to be privately sponsored. Packer gave the letter to the county attorney.

Larry Vana, County Attorney, read the letter about a private sponsor for the **mud volleyball at the fair** and stated that the county does put on the fair and the events are run through the fair board that reports to the board of county commissioners. There should be a waiver written. Vana suggested calling Alan Baer to see if we could get a one day policy for injuries. Packer asked who writes the waiver.

It was moved by Commissioner Foy and duly seconded by Commissioner Laybourn to allow the chairman to sign the letter to the Town of Akron granting permission for a **Special Events Liquor License** at the Washington County Events Center for a Fund Raiser Dinner to be held March 11, 2015 for CHS, Inc. and M&M Co-op. On roll call vote, all votes being yes, the motion passed.

Val Foutz, **Zoning Official** presentation:

It was moved by Commissioner Laybourn and duly seconded by Commissioner Foy to ratify the signature of on the **Special Transport Permit – Not Drilling Rig (TP15-05)** for **O D Cargo LLC** to travel down county roads. On roll call vote, all votes being yes, the motion passed.

It was moved by Commissioner Foy and duly seconded by Commissioner Laybourn to ratify the signature of on the **Special Transport Permit – Not Drilling Rig (TP15-06)** for **Perkins Specialized Transportation Contracting** to travel down county roads. On roll call vote, all votes being yes, the motion passed.

Another Pipeline may be going through the County.

Dan Kafka, **Y-W Electric Association, Inc., SCADA/Telecom Supervisor** met with the commissioners to see if Y-W Electric Association, Inc. could get permission to do a study to put two dishes and a flat panel antenna on the Gulley TV Translator Tower. They would see that the tower is properly researched to handle the additional load. Kafka stated the dish is not much of a load. The flat panel antennas are self-contained and adaptive to broadband. The flat panels will have separate wiring. Y-W Electric will provide a small building. Y-W wants high speed Ethernet so that in the near future they will be able to read every meter remotely, get irrigation wells come up electronically and upgrade radios to digital for the safety of the linemen. Kafka said he has talked with RF Systems, Inc. Determined rate is \$10 per foot of dish per month which figures out to be \$180 per month. Commissioner Foy said they would look at the agreement with the landowner on the Gulley Tower and take care of landowner end of this study. Commissioner Foy said the Commissioners would write a letter to Y-W Electric Association, Inc. stating the commissioners have given their permission to start a study on the Gulley Tower

Packer briefed the commissioners on the detailed report of fair expenditures. The report does not show the money brought in. Packer said the Fair Board would have to request that overage spent on the 2014 Fair be deducted from the 2015 Fair Budget.

The following **Fair Board members** met with the Commissioners: Trent Twiss, Phil Sims, and Allan Basler. Val Kipp, Fair Bookkeeper was also present. The fair board member presented for review the report prepared by Kipp. The Fair Board wasn't aware they were over budget and stated all it would have taken was a call from Chris Packer and the overage would have been taken care of through the checking account. The checking account was given \$31,000 and there is still a balance in it. The other expenses for the Fair were paid by the County. Packer said they could spend \$94,000 but spent \$102,000.

Sims asked if the carnival committee could rent big kids rides. Commissioner Hart said he would work on that.

There was discussion about the copy machine at the Event Center. There is no service contract on it so when it breaks down it will go away.

There was discussion on the sound system and it was suggested that Artisan in Sterling be contacted.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Garland Wahl
Garland Wahl, Clerk of the Board

Terry G. Hart
Terry G. Hart, Chairman Board of County Commissioners