

February 10, 2015

At a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioner, Washington County Colorado, held at the Courthouse in Akron CO on the 10th 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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by those present.

It was moved by Commissioner Laybourn and duly seconded by Commissioner Foy to approve the **Agenda with additions**. 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 County** from the General, Road and Bridge, Health and Human Services, Health Care, TV Translator, Landfill, Capital Expenditure, and Justice Center, payables for February 10, 2015 with a value of \$73,423.58. 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 Nursing Home** for February 10, 2015 with a value of \$21,111.42. 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 Pioneer Haven** for February 10, 2015 with a value of \$4418.98. On roll call vote, all votes being yes, the motion passed.

Brenda Rhea, **Nursing Home Administration**, reported there are 27 residents today. The boiler is being worked on. The work on the sewer hasn't started which has worked in our favor because there is only one stairway. Rhea said she cut an aid and the hours of a nurse from 6:00 – 4:00 to 6:00 – 2:00 because of the drop in residents.

**Pioneer Haven** has 20 units and 19 are full. There is a mother - daughter coming to look at the empty unit. We have another person moving out. That unit will need some repairs because of damage done by a scooter. There is a waiting list of people who want to move in.

Commissioner Foy stated that John Harris, son of Ramona Harris had several compliments about the **Washington County Nursing Home**. The fact that a small Nursing Home has a 5 star rating impressed him. He spent four days and nights with his mother and said the staff was outstanding. The care of the patients was great.

It was moved by Commissioner Foy and duly seconded by Commissioner Laybourn to have the Commissioners sign the **Application for Exemption from Audit for Pioneer Haven** that Rhea will be mailed to the State. On roll call vote, all votes being yes, the motion passed.

Commissioners talked (by phone) to Madeline Meacham, Assistant County Attorney about her representing the county In the matter of the **Application of BNSF Railway Company** for authority to alter a Highway-Rail Grade Crossing (DOT NO. 805294N) of CR 59, UPRR MP 76.72 and abolish the Highway-Rail Grade Crossing of CRP 5/10 (DOT NO 805295V) UPRR MP 76.07 on the Union Pacific Railroad Company Julesburg Subdivision at Messex, Colorado. This is PUC Proceeding No. 15A0044R.

The commissioner explained that the Railroad wants to expand the siding to accommodate 120 cars. This is an expansion from 108 cars. There are about 30 citizens affected and only a few property owners. The Commissioners would like to propose that the Railroad build its new siding but have the railroad crossing remain open so it could still be used when the Railroad has nothing parked on the siding. This road crossing withstood the 2013 South Platte Flood, it is safe for school busses to cross, trucks and other large equipment use it.

**Chris Packer, County Administrator Report:**

- Packer showed Commissioner Foy a list of names of those who serve on W-Y Communications Board for Washington and Yuma Counties.
- Clinic Mountain View Biomedical Services LLC Agreement needs to be signed.
- Moral Obligation Agreement (who pays the bill if Nursing Home can't cash flow it) for Nursing Home financing was discussed.
- Ron Martini, Transwest Buick GMC ISUZU, wanted a letter from Commissioner Laybourn showing Road and Bridge District #3s intent to purchase a 2015 one ton, four wheel drive GMC Pickup equipped with a Boss Snow plow for the amount of \$32,685.00. We need to have a motion to ratify the signature of Commissioner Laybourn and the additional amount of request from \$29,942 to \$32,685.
- I have three Requests for Capital Purchase from Road and Bridge District #3.

It was moved by Commissioner Hart and duly seconded by Commissioner Foy to **ratify the signature of Commissioner Laybourn** on the letter to Ron Martini, **Transwest Buick GMC ISUZU** stating that the intent of this letter is to purchase a 2015 four wheel drive, one ton pickup equipped with a Boss snow plow for the amount of \$32,685.00. 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 **Request for Capital Purchase (CE01-2015) for Road and Bridge District #3** to purchase a 2015 one ton, four wheel drive GMC pickup equipped with a Boss snow plow for the amount of \$32,685.00 from Transwest Buick GMC ISUZU. This request super cedes the one signed January 20, 2015 that is now null and void. 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 **Request for Capital Purchase (CE02-2015) for Road and Bridge District #3** to purchase two 2015 John Deere 770G maintainers for \$125,500 after trade-in of two 2010 770GP John Deere maintainers from 4Rivers Equipment. 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 **Request for Capital Purchase (CE03-2015) for Road and Bridge District #3** to purchase a flatbed trailer for \$11,750 and a dump trailer for \$15,700 after trade from MW Equipment LLC. On roll call vote, all votes being yes, the motion passed.

- Training on new phone system schedule will come around. We don't want to train everyone only those that will be transferring calls, etc.
- Jason Lockard had an operator that ran into a sign. That person was written up and given leave without pay. Lockard extended probation on another employee.
- Workforce will pay for a CDL skills tester. The tester has to be willing to invoice and wait for Workforce to pay them.
- Packer pointed out to the commissioners that the silent auction item the commissioners are planning to put up for auction will be done as a citizen not as a Board.
- Rubble from tearing down the old Otis School has been put in a pile waiting to be ground up. It has come to our attention that kids are playing on the rubble. Commissioner Foy suggested that Jason Lockard get pricing for a 6' chain link fence to put around the pile.
- Otis School is done with the tower. The contractor for the school had equipment on it so they had internet during construction. The school informed Plains Cooperative Telephone they should get their equipment off the tower. Jason Lockard, Road and Bridge Districts #1 and #2 Supervisor will lay the tower down and haul off. The school will decide if they want to sell it or donate it to the school.

**Resolution 53-2015** It was moved by Commissioner Foy and duly seconded by Commissioner Laybourn to authorize the Chairman of the Board to execute the **Mountain View Biomedical Services LLC** Agreement by and between said firm and Washington County on behalf of the **Washington County Clinic** and the **Washington County Nursing Home** relating to the provision of medical equipment maintenance at the Clinic and the Nursing Home for calendar year 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$1537.00 pursuant to the terms as contained therein. On roll call vote, all votes being yes, the resolution was adopted.

Packer said he is working a **draft RFP for hail damage repairs**. CTSI wants high impact shingles used on fair grounds buildings, museum and courthouse. VFW building is almost done. It is shingled and new gutters put on. Direct TV was replaced at VFW. Packer I'd like to see work start right after Mother's Day.

Present at the **Elected Officials and Department Heads meeting** were: Commissioners – Terry G. Hart, David Foy, Lea Ann Laybourn; Clerk and Recorder – Garland Wahl; Sheriff – Jon Stivers, Treasurer – Debi Cooper; County Coroner – Cheryl Kraich; County Administrator – Chris Packer; County Attorney – Larry Vana; Road and Bridge Supervisors - Jason Lockard, District #1 and Steve Williams, District #3; Ambulance Director – Tony Wells; Nursing Home Administrator - Brenda Rhea; Facilities Operation Manage – Jim McCracken; and Assistant to the Board of County Commissioner – Val Foutz.

**Cooper:** I will be gone to conference February 16 thru February 19<sup>th</sup>. Julie Slusser had a baby girl – Remi Sue. We are 7.4% collected on taxes, and computers need a lot of fixes after all the work on the phone system is completed.

**Kraich:** I had an in-service mandatory meeting and training practice with “manikin Alice” Saturday February 7, 2015 in my office and the parking lot. Everyone didn’t show up. A lot of Coroners are starting to use pickups with shell rather than suburban type vehicles. The Coroner’s Office never had policy and procedures so I’m working on that. I will be gone next week to a mass casualty conference. I will be talking to Tony Wells about the type of gurney he uses on the ambulance.

**Hart:** Tony is your gurney self-propelled?

**Wells:** the gurney is designed so that one person can operate it. I applied for a grant to purchase mine.

**Hart:** will the old ones have a trade-in value?

**Wells:** they will be saleable.

**Kraich:** maybe I could buy one of old ones from Tony.

**Wells:** we are running 33 calls so far this year which puts us where we were last year at this time. I have several grants I’m working on. One is the Table Setters grant, a RETAC grant to put cameras in the ambulances that don’t have them, auto CPR machine, different air splints and quick response vehicles. I lost data on a hard drive. It has nothing to do with what Jim Evans is doing for phone system but something to do with the computer board itself. Evans is working on it.

**Packer:** tell Jim Evans thank you when you see him for working so hard on the new phone installation.

**Laybourn:** what are the average calls for the ambulance service?

**Wells:** we transported 350 patients and have an average 20 minute response time.

**Hart:** How many chopper flights have there been since Air-Med they located at the airport?

**Wells:** they average 4-6 flights a day in the region. Denver Health is placing a helicopter in the southern area of the state.

**Hart:** dad had Air-Med on standby and Collin Patterson said they weren’t needed so called them off.

**Wells:** we call them and alert them that their services may be needed so they are ready when we get a scene and if we don’t need them we cancel them.

**McCracken:** the fire suppression system wiring is finished on the fire suppression motor to be located at the Justice Center. The boiler part is in for the Nursing Home. The sewer people haven’t shown up yet to fix the problem in the basement at the Nursing Home. Water pipe broke at the Justice Center. We are painting at Pioneer Haven as units become vacant and before someone moves in.

**Laybourn:** the new phone system is coming along and Chris Packer will talk more about that later. I'll also let Steve Williams talk about three miles of road we will be doing in District #3. Most of you have visited with Dennis Hunt. He will back to talk to the Commissioners on February 20, 2015 and there may be some changes made as to how we do things.

**Cooper:** will Mr. Hunt tell the rest of us his findings and recommendations?

**Hart:** Mr. Hunt will report his recommendations to the Commissioner then it is up to the Commissioners to decide what they want to do.

**Laybourn:** we are looking at a new sound system for the grandstand. The Fair dates have been set for July 28 – August 2, 2015. We have two new solar lights up at the fairgrounds and have three more to go up. The three will depend on the placement of the memorial building. We are going to get a cost estimate for more RV parking places at the fairgrounds.

**Foutz:** we have nine more requests than we have spaces.

**Lockard:** where are you looking at putting them?

**Hart:** near the horse barn.

**Williams:** we are getting caught up on working the roads. We have a 38' bridge that will have an 8' culvert replace it. The deck is in bad shape and the bridge is too narrow. It will cost as much to fix as to build a new one. The location is near County Roads HH and 20 North of Hickerts and gets lots of traffic on it.

**Laybourn:** I have never seen the river run under that bridge so the culvert should work well.

**Rhea:** we have 19 units filled at Pioneer Haven and have one empty that maintenance is painting and getting ready for occupancy. The Nursing Home was high in resident census since November but the last two weeks it has been lower. The inspection by the state will be next week. We will be using new software for resident medication records starting in April.

**Hart:** asked Commissioner Foy to tell everyone what Ramona Harris' son had to say about the Nursing Home.

**Foy:** John Harris said he couldn't figure out how a small Nursing Home could have a 5 Star rating. Harris wanted his mother to go to a Nursing Home in Boulder where he lives. He spent four days and nights with his mother in this Nursing Home. He said his mother had such good care and the staff was so professional, helpful and caring. The staff worked well together. The facility was clean and smelled good.

**Hart:** kudos to Brenda Rhea.

**Stivers:** we are having boiler issues and on costly fire suppression system. New control board is going in this week end February 21 and 22 and will be done Sunday afternoon. We are restructuring the operations of the jail and administration. We are working on every weekend issue in the kitchen. The new skillet will be here next week to replace the rusted skillet and it will be shipped free. I've developed a training committee with other departments i.e. ambulance, emergency management, etc. Working on Homeland Security grants to place AED in vehicles

**Foy:** Sheriff Stivers didn't have to replace the cameras that go with the Control Board and saved us \$100s of dollars.

**Stivers:** we saved \$1000s of dollars and the company has been great to work with. They replaced what we needed. I hired new officers but I'm still short one for road and three for the jail.

**Cooper:** is McCaleb working with you on panic buttons?

**Stivers:** yes - don't know how it will work - if we are on the radio the call won't come through. We switched to VHF so I'm anxious to see how it will work. There are some issues in Yuma County.

**Foy:** have to know which channel to go through. Sheriff department has 800 megahertz radios.

**Stivers:** we have to comply with federal government CREA standards. We will be putting up a lot of signs about free phone calls out and working on policies. We will have to be audited and the county will have to pay for it (\$55,000).

**Foy:** we have a machine that will make posters in the basement.

**Stivers:** we may use it.

**Lockard:** District #1 is going over roads. We are working on maintainer training, truck driver training and hauling gravel. District #2 we are doing the same thing. We are hauling materials out of ditches. The concrete rubble at Otis school will get crushed this spring. The County Landfill is receiving a lot of rubble material from the Otis School.

**Hart:** if we have room at the Landfill we may haul the concrete rubble out there.

**Lockard:** they make impact crushers we can rent to crush on site.

**Hart:** we are having a concern about the concrete pile and kids playing on it.

**Lockard:** we can make a permanent fence to put around school for what it would cost to haul to the Landfill.

**Packer:** new phone system training will be February -17-18-19. The 18<sup>th</sup> will be at the Justice Center. We are working through issues with state moral obligation agreement on financing for the Nursing Home Project. Approved request for capital purchase for Road and Bridge District #3. ACS system has been upgraded in the treasurer's office, assessor's office, administration's office and finance department.

**Foy:** Packer is gearing up for RFP for hail damage so work can get done this spring and summer.

**Vana:** repairs won't begin until May 1 but put out RFP for bids by March 1.

**Foutz:** Planning and Zoning has had several Building Permits for storage buildings. There may be two oil pipelines go across the southern part of the county. I'll be meeting with one group tomorrow afternoon.

**Wahl:** Driver's License isn't doing drives at the present time. Testing is now done digitally and the results go directly into the computer to be processed. The person from the Sheriff's department hasn't notified us when he can come back. He told us he will only be doing drives one hour two days a week if he comes back.

**Vana:** the Martinez case is over. The Appeals Court ruled in our favor. This was the Romen Noodles case at the Justice Center. I'm giving everyone a copy of a mandatory policy of how to handle Colorado Open Records Act (CORA) requests. Please review and let me know if you have any comments. Some offices may have specific things that need to be addressed in a separate CORA policy. The Railroad in the Messex area wants to close a railroad crossing that the citizens up there don't want close so we are working them to present their concerns to the PUC.

**Foy:** we are going to propose to the PUC that County Road P.5 be left open and the Railroad could build their track to accommodate the extra railroad cars. However, when the siding isn't being used the crossing could still be used. There is a very sharp turn on County Road 59.5.

**Stivers:** County Road P.5 is main road we use for emergencies.

**Lockard:** the road they want to close was the only one open after the flood. County Road 59.5 was cut 5' deep during the flood. Sand out of the South Platte River washed in. We had to remove it and hauled in 1500 semi loads of road dirt to fix.

**Vana:** I'll have Madeline Meacham call Sheriff Stivers and Jason Lockard for their information that she will probably want to put in her information to the PUC.

**Stivers:** what is the population at County Road P.5?

**Hart:** 30 people. When it floods people would have to drive 11 miles around to get to their places if this Railroad Crossing is closed.

**Foy:** signs would go up the same day the Railroad filing was made to PUC. The county was told by FEMA there weren't enough people or damage to receive FEMA funds to help the people who live up there. Commissioner Foy talked to the Governor and he contacted Mile Hi United Way. The people in the flood area did receive some funds to help with damage caused by the 2013 South Platte River Flood for water well damage, sewers, fences, mold, etc.

**Hart:** FEMA has reimbursed nothing. The state put up some money (\$400,000). FEMA owes us. State money will be deducted out of any FEMA reimbursement.

**Foy:** Walt Hardesty left the W-Y Combined Communication Center (911). There are a lot of things going on. We need to keep with changes. We are way behind and working with an IGA from 1990 with Yuma County. Commissioner Laybourn and I attended a meeting with the Yuma County Commissioners. We are working on new IGA that includes EMS and Fire

**Hart:** we are working on an IGA with the Town of Akron on contiguous roads and streets. We want to get on paper who will take care of which roads and which streets. The Airport Development Board interviewed Engineer consulting firms. One was Armstrong and the other was Jviation. The committee had used Armstrong in the past and they are a good firm but decided to go with Jviation to see if different things could happen at the airport. Taxiways and how to redirect vehicle traffic are some of the things that need to be looked at. People working with Unmanned Aircraft Vehicles (UVA) need place to work with them. Dennis Hunt, consultant from CCI was hired to come to Washington County to see if we can come up with a modified direction.

**Foy:** we didn't hire him we asked him to do that.

**Hart:** the Fair is just around corner. The dates are July 28 thru August 2, 2015.

**Laybourn:** 4-H wants one day more.

**Cooper:** is there any way to get money in earlier? I just got two checks today.

**Hart:** who's responsible for that?

**Laybourn:** the Fair board.

**Hart:** Lockard and I will get the Ferris Wheel going in the next two months. There is a potential we will get or rent new ride for the bigger kids.

**Foy:** schematic for financing the Nursing Home is available for viewing if anyone wants to look at it.

Val Foutz, **Zoning Official** presentation:

It was moved by Commissioner Laybourn and duly seconded by Commissioner Foy to approve the **Building Permit Application (BP15-03)** for **Robert S. Gates** to build a storage building on SE1/4-28-2S-51W. On roll call vote, all votes being yes, the motion passed.

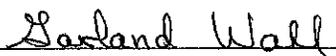
Foutz asked if the commissioners were donating a Fair Package as an auction item for **Table Setters**.

M&M Cooperative is planning a series of fund-raising events for the **CHS Harvest for Hunger**, a campaign to fight hunger in northeast Colorado. Proceeds will be enhanced by CHS and donated by CHS to Food Bank of the Rockies. CHS would like the Event Center fees waived for the Event Center. Commissioners said the time fees are waived at the Event Center is if the event being held is a county, 4-H or FFA events. Taxpayer dollars aren't used to support the building.

Richard Holtorf and Mitch Kendrick discussed the **memorial livestock building GOCO grant**.

- Laurie Kjosness is too busy with school to work on this phase.
- Kendrick and Holtorf will rewrite grant to demonstrate
  - The need for this project
  - There are funds for the match required.
  - Work with Chris Packer, County Administrator.
  - Specify we are going to build and where the building will be placed.
    - Use County Surveyor if needed.
    - Proximity to Ferris Wheel.
  - Specify who will do the site work – leveling ground and hauling soil and gravel.
    - Consider Drainage – monsoon rains in August.
    - Dirt crusher.
    - Fine light cement or similar materials.
  - Specify the County will tear down the current building and when.
    - Estimated hours for destruction.
  - State that the County will do the In-kind work.
    - Tear down the old building and haul debris off.
    - Site work.
  - Specify who will construct the building.
    - Size of building. (240' x 120' plus 40' wings equals 160')
    - Contact Building by Designs Brush and Iron Steel Company Yuma.
  - Specify who will oversee the project.
    - Build timelines.
  - Specify that putting up a new building rather than pour a lot of money into an old one would be in the best interest of the public.
  - Maximize what GOCO committee is asking for.
  - Submit application by March 4, 2015.
- Discuss what goes into the building.
  - Restrooms and Showers
    - They have to be ADA compliant.
  - Concessions
    - They have to meet Department of Health standards.
- How is building going to be configured?
  - Put up trampoline mesh to let air through.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

  
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Garland Wahl, Clerk of the Board

  
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Terry G. Hart, Chairman Board of County Commissioners