

April 21, 2015

At a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioner, Washington County Colorado, held at the Courthouse in Akron CO on the 21st day of April 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

Commissioners met at the Clinic.

Invocation was given by Pastor John Acker, First Baptist Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited 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 Laybourn and duly seconded by Commissioner Foy to approve the **Schedule of Bills for the County** from the General, Road and Bridge, Health Care, TV Translator, Landfill, and Justice Center, payables for April 21, 2015 with a value of \$72,481.27. 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 April 21, 2015 with a value of \$7505.49. 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 April 21, 2015 with a value of \$472.16. 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 **April 7, 2015 Minutes**. On roll call vote, all votes being yes, the motion passed.

Brenda Rhea, **Nursing Home Administrator**, reported there are 24 residents today. Pioneer Haven is full and operating well.

The non-skid material used on the floor in the room off the kitchen at the Nursing Home didn't work. It was all removed and we are staining it to see if that works. All the reports, for the state survey showing things that were corrected, have been sent to the state.

The Nursing Home doesn't have a speech therapist which precluded us from getting another resident. Speech therapists are hard to find. Commissioner Foy suggested that Rhea contact BOCEC. They have a traveling speech therapist for the school districts.

The audit will be next week. We are working on the aging bills (a lot are Medicare and Medicaid). We are working on new methods and Carol Enders, Medicare specialist from Fort Morgan, is helping Dani Thompson.

The staff is excited about the "Green House Project". Commissioner Foy suggested getting a professional to write articles about the new Nursing Home "Green House Project" as the development evolves to keep the public informed.

Ted Lindtveit, Loss Prevention Team Leader for **Colorado Technical Services, Inc.** (CTSI) reviewed Colorado Counties Casualty Property Pool Loss Ratio Report and County Worker's Compensation Pool Loss Ratio Report for Washington County.

Resolution 71-2015 It was moved by Commissioner Foy and duly seconded by Commissioner Laybourn to authorize the Chairman of the Board to execute the Agreement, as submitted by the Washington County Fair Board, by and between Intense Entertainment representing **Cody Cooke and the Bayou Outlaws** and Washington County to perform at the **2015 Eastern Colorado Roundup** in an amount not to exceed \$3500 plus 2 rooms lodging for the night of August 1, 2015 pursuant to the terms as contained therein. On roll call vote, all votes being yes, the resolution was adopted.

Chris Packer, County Administrator Report:

- I have a Request for Capital Purchase from the Sheriff for emergency equipment for the new Yukon patrol vehicle. We are dealing with one vehicle and a one-time discounted price. Request is for light bar, stripes, cage, gun holster, etc.

It was moved by Commissioner Laybourn and duly seconded by Commissioner Foy to accept the **Request for Capital Purchase** for the **Sheriff Department** to purchase emergency equipment for the new Yukon vehicle at a cost of \$3461.89 after a discount. On roll call vote, all votes being yes, the motion passed.

- Peggy Willeke will be resigning and has inquired about early retirement offered by the Board.
- I forwarded the Agreement from W-Y to all the commissioners.
- Do you want to ask Tony Wells who you want to replace Lonnie Knutsen with on the RETAC Board? Commissioner Foy said we don't want our representative with the City of Wray making decisions for Washington County.
- I'd like to discuss a voucher Gary Peterson, Nurse Practitioner turned in and review his contract.
- Discussion about replacing cedar-look shake shingles at the Clinic was held. Packer will suggest to the contractors that we get a bid on the type we have and one alternate.

- Do you want to move forward with replacing the sound system for the grandstands and a broadcaster that could be heard for the entire fairgrounds by contacting Artisan in Sterling? We could spend the money out of conservation trust. The estimate is \$6745 and we would have to figure about \$1000 for trenching and the use of a bucket lift.

It was moved by Commissioner Foy and duly seconded by Commissioner Laybourn to allow the county administrator, Chris Packer to contact Artisan in Sterling about **replacing the sound system for the grandstands** at the Eastern Colorado Recreational Roundup and allow around \$750 for trenching and a bucket lift with the funds to come out of the Conservation Trust Fund. On roll call vote, all votes being yes, the motion passed.

- The budget will take a hit once the abatement paperwork is processed.
- There needs to be a decision what to do with Wern Air. Once they have finished repairing the boiler they get paid or we could pay them 90% and hold back 10% until they have everything working.

Assessor - Larry Griese; Treasurer - Debi Cooper; Commissioners – Terry G. Hart, David Foy, Lea Ann Laybourn; Clerk of the Board – Garland Wahl; County Attorney – Larry Vana; and County Administrator – Chris Packer met for the discussion of the **Petition for Abatement or Refund of Taxes for Diamond Operating Inc.** of \$148,246.08. An assessed value error over \$10,000 requires approval of the Board of County Commissioners before going to the State Division of Property Taxation. Griese will write a letter to Woodlin School explaining how the abatement will affect them. Woodlin School can apply for a Levy of Abatement next year (2016) and ask for a temporary increase in the mill levy to make up the difference.

It was moved by Commissioner Foy and duly seconded by Commissioner Laybourn to **abate the taxes** that were assessed incorrectly to **Diamond Operating Inc. of \$148,246.08**. On roll call vote, all votes being yes, the motion passed.

Val Foutz, **Zoning Official** presentation:

It was moved by Commissioner Foy and duly seconded by Commissioner Laybourn to approve the **Road Cut/Right of Way Permit (RW15-01)** for **Conrad and Hazel Schmidt family trust** for a stock water line on the W1/2-28 and SE1/4-29-4N-53W. On roll call vote, all votes being yes, the motion passed.

Resolution 70-2015 It was moved by Commissioner Laybourn and duly seconded by Commissioner Foy to approve the **Exemption from Subdivision (Case #EX15-03)** for **John E. Miller and James and Mary Kleinschmidt** as owners of a 3.35 acre parcel in Section 1, Township 4 South, Range 56 West. Said exemption was recommended favorably by the Planning Commission subject to certain stipulation and conditions. The Board hereby approves said Exemption as recommended by the Planning Commission with no additional stipulations and / or conditions precedent except as herein below noted and to wit:

1. The final Mylar needs to be revised to show the current ownership interest of John Miller as successor in interest of Maude Miller.

2. The Board must receive the completed signed Mylar within 60 days of the date of this resolution which completes the planning process.

This Resolution was presented at the meeting held on the 21st day of April 2015, by Commissioner Laybourn who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Foy and on roll call vote, all votes being yes, the resolution was adopted.

A letter was received by Road & Bridge Supervisor District #3, Steve Williams from 20/20 Exploration, LLC, 475 17th Street, suite 510, Denver, CO 80202 notifying him they will be conducting **seismic operations south of Anton.**

I'm working with **Blue Grama Pipeline** on **road crossings**. I refunded them \$400 since we can't permit four crossings. Do we charge them an escrow amount? Does the escrow account only apply to telecommunications? County Attorney, Larry Vana, said the escrow amounts are to cover the county engineer's salary. Foutz said the county engineer's fees are billed to the company – we don't pay the engineer.

Foutz reported **all the monitoring at the Landfill** is current. The gas monitoring is done every three months. Water monitoring is done every 6 months. We order a water kit from Analytica. We use it to run the test and it is driven to a place in Brush for pick up the same day for delivery to Denver. The Analytica report comes back to Chris.

I have eleven requests for **RV spots at the fairgrounds** above what we have available. There are a few requests for a place to park RVs that are totally self-contained units. Do we have places they could park?

David Gebauer asked the commissioners if they would **blade a section line** so equipment can be moved down it. It has deep ruts. A former county commissioner had shaped it up several years ago. Gebauer said all the property owners are in favor of having this done. The other landowners are Joel Dracon, Mary Schoenecker, Rick and Kurt Jefferson, Forrest Bradney, Mary Sidebrandt and David Vorce. Gebauer stated he didn't think some of Washington County Employees took pride in the way the roads look nor do they stop and fix things. A road sign was hit and laid at an angle and didn't get fixed. The sign is at a dangerous intersection a half mile from Gebauer's home.

Dell Cowan, a member of the Akron Lions Club who is sponsoring the **Health Fair** asked if the fees could be waived again for the use of the **Event Center** on April 26, 2015. Cowan stated he was asking in person because he forgot to send a letter this year. Commissioners gave their approval.

The County Attorney reviewed 30-15-401 C.R.S. **Junk Yard** acreage limitations. He stated the statute shows the county can't do anything over 10 acres unless they adopt an ordinance addressing the issues. The question about junk yards was asked by Commissioner Laybourn after receiving phone calls from a concerned citizen about a place across from the trailer park on Grand Avenue.

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