

July 21, 2015

At a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, Washington County Colorado, held at the Courthouse in Akron, Colorado on the 21st day of July 2015, there were present:

Terry 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

Public present: Amy Miller

The invocation was given by Pastor Jon Ackers of the First Baptist Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited 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 Care, TV Translator, Landfill, and Justice Center, payables for July 21, 2015 with a value of \$82,827.84. 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 July 21, 2015 with a value of \$3852.07. 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 July 21, 2015 with a value of \$364.96. On roll call vote, all votes being yes, the motion passed.

Brenda Rhea, **Nursing Home Administration**, reported there were 27 residents today and they will have 29 by the end of the week. Rhea is looking forward to the ground breaking for the new Nursing Home, July 23, 2015 and the chuck wagon meal will be served afterwards.

Commissioner Laybourn reported the arena ground work has been taken care of and the sugar sand for the beef barn has been put in it in preparation for the fair.

Commissioner Hart will work with the County Attorney to send a reply to Bill Duncan addressing diesel fuel purchases by the county.

Larry Vana, County Attorney Report:

- I'm working with Larry Berkowitz on the Y-W Electric Association, Inc. loan. The contribution from the counties has to be appropriated according to the IGA between Washington and Yuma Counties. The relationship between the Communications Board and the Authority Board needs to be defined. Commissioner Foy said the Communications Board is made up of law enforcement, fire, ambulance and emergency people.
- Commissioner Foy stated the commissioners should meet with Morgan County about 911.
- Vana stated there is more information that is needed regarding the rate hike proposal for 911 to be presented to the PUC.
- Commissioner Laybourn is concerned about the county's liability from kids climbing on the kids Ferris wheel at the fairgrounds other than during the fair. Vana will have Val Foutz call CTSI.

Chris Packer, County Administrator Report:

- Request for Capital Purchase Landfill

It was moved by Commissioner Foy and duly seconded by Commissioner Laybourn to approve the **Request for Capital Purchase** of a 10' box scraper for the **Landfill** in the amount of \$3468.14. 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** of a 6' foot rotary mower for the **Landfill** in the amount of \$1612.30. On roll call vote, all votes being yes, the motion passed.

- Packer sent the study on County Road RR to the commissioners. Hart received a call cautioning the commissioners that if they increase the speed limit to 65 mph more semi-trucks will use that road. Commissioner Foy suggested asking CDOT to give them information about a comparison of the thickness of County Road RR to Highways 61 and 63 and one for Highways 61 and 63.

Val Foutz, Zoning Official presentation:

It was moved by Commissioner Laybourn and duly seconded by Commissioner Foy to approve the **Building Permit (15-09)** for **Melissa Maas** to build a farrowing barn on SE1/4-7-1N-52W. 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 **Building Permit (15-10)** for **Melissa Maas** to build a storage building on the SE1/4-7-1N-52W. On roll call vote, all votes being yes, the motion passed.

Self-contained RV area has four people signed up for parking

Lisa Halcomb reported the sink fell off the wall and the exhaust fan didn't work when she was working in their booth to get it ready for the fair. Foutz reported it to McCracken for maintenance.

Mike Koch will spray the fairgrounds for insects this week.

It was moved by Commissioner Foy and duly seconded by Commissioner Laybourn to send a message to the clerk that the commissioners want to put a question on the **2015 ballot** concerning broadband. On roll call vote, all votes being yes, the motion passed.

Commissioner Laybourn said she would like to take the Public Information Officer training September 21 and 22 (8 hours per day).

It was moved by Commissioner Laybourn and duly seconded by Commissioner Foy to have the chairman of the Board of County Commissioners sign the **Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)** authorizing funds transfer for the **Colorado Department of Revenue** to the Bank of Colorado from The Farmers State Bank. On roll call vote, all votes being yes, the motion passed.

Liz Hickman, **Centennial Mental Health (CMH)** executive director presented the 2013-2014 **report**.

- Hickman reported there would be no funding request through calendar year 2016. They will keep the stake holders process working if they would need funds – CMH would have funds but they would have to request them.
- Looking at Daniels funds for substance use treatment.
- Acupuncture is being used as part of substance use treatment.
- We expanded crisis support in December – it is fully funded for operation.
- Respite facility treats some outpatient people and as long as they have a good support system they can go home. Others need a secure environment – hospital.
- We are expanding vehicles for transport. We will transport patients based on stability.
- We've doubled employees since 2008. We employ 196, some part-time, employees. These include medical advisor and psychiatrists.

Sheriff Stivers Report:

- Busy Training. We are sending Catherine Danner to the training academy.
- We've been averaging 173 inmates.
- Door and Controls are working well.
- Captain Amy Stivers has been helping with a Pre-audit. It involves talking to inmates, employees, reviewing policies and will involve putting in more cameras.
- There is a new program with parole that deals with alcohol dependency. A shot once a month can be offered to those with the dependency. To test anyone they have to agree. We have a contract with Centennial Mental Health and we would like to hold classes here. It is cheaper for us to offer the classes than the Department of Corrections. Parole claims to have a contract with Centennial. Officers work with Health and Human Services.
- I received a call from Morgan County. They are interested in talking to the commissioners about the communication center.
- Commissioner Hart asked if the radios need to be changed out soon or modified. Stivers said they quit making parts on the old radios. We purchased them when we were still in this building and we moved to the new facility in 2002.

- Commissioner Laybourn talked about increasing the speed limit to 65 mph and asked if the Sheriff would patrol it. Commissioner Foy said he would like to have the county engineer look at the road before the speed limit is increased.
- Sheriff said he would have Brittany Kusel get financial reports together and bring to a future meeting with the commissioners.
- Commissioner Foy asked the Sheriff who takes care of the maintenance when his maintenance man gets sick or goes on vacation. Stivers said he would like to hire another person to help Tom. Commissioner Foy said there isn't money for more people. Stivers said he has officers willing to do some of the work. Commissioner Foy said they could set them up as an independent contractor. It costs \$17,000 a year to service the doors in the Justice Center because the person doing the service is sent to the company for training. There are 70 fire suppression units that need cleaned.

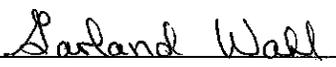
Commissioner Foy took a phone call and reported the W-Y advisory board has withdrawn their request for an increase in fees that was to be presented to the Public Utilities Commissioner (PUC). They will work on it at a later date.

Commissioner Foy reported there is **Prairie Dog** movement. Front Range people want to relocate prairie dogs as development of lands in their area threatens them. Washington County has an Ordinance that does not allow prairie dogs to be relocated here. The Ordinance is in line with current state law.

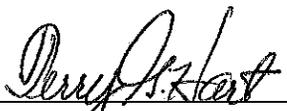
Commissioner Foy reported one of the things they talked about at the **NACO meeting** was the House of Representative's appropriation bill not spending more money on Waters of U.S. (an extension of the 1972 Clean Water Act) and turning the decisions back to the regulatory agencies. The President of the United States is backing them on the regulatory things. The Affordable Health Care Act is a \$1,000,000 short and the question is who is going to pay for it.

Trent Twiss, **fair board manger**, reported preparations for the Fair is looking good. The sound system is in and ready to have people who operate it trained. Commissioner Laybourn said the training is July 23, 2015.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.



 Garland Wahl, Clerk of the Board



 Terry G. Hart, Chairman Board of County Commissioners