



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2024

LAND USE HEARING

There was no Land Use Hearing for this week.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2024

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS MEETING

The Board of County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with County Manager Lorenda Volker. Chair Kefalas presided. Commissioner Shadduck-McNally was present. Also, present were Sarah Martin and Tom Clayton, Commissioner's Office, and Tessa Beaty, Deputy Clerk.

Commissioner Kefalas opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Stephens was not present and was excused.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Cindy Buckardt, President of Larimer County 4-H Foundation, addressed the Board. Ms. Buckardt stated that the email received by the commissioners did not represent the 4-H program itself and stated that there were a variety of misunderstandings between the commissioners and the 4-H program, such as the breach of the 4-H code of conduct. Ms. Buckardt also highlighted the nuances of the 4-H board. Ms. Buckardt further explained that she had not received communication from Conor McGrath, though the commissioners stated that communication was sent out. Ms. Buckardt spoke about a bake sale occurring at last year's county fair and questioned why that happened when the 4-H program was not allowed to perform a similar bake sale. The history of a waiver and the bake sale was further discussed. Ms. Buckardt requested documentation that the 4-H program knew the change in the bake sale was coming. It was Ms. Buckardt's opinion that Mr. McGrath's decision not to hold the bake sale was a personal decision.

Richard Livingston, a Fort Collins Resident, addressed the Board. Mr. Livingston asked about the Fort Collins senior tax relief program. Mr. Livingston explained that this program disappeared after COVID-19 and wondered if there was a plan to bring a similar program back to Larimer County. After proposition HH and the legislative session, Mr. Livingston asked the board about this program.

Chris Eikenberg addressed the Board about neglect regarding Co-Guardian and the care of her mother. Ms. Eikenberg explained that she has filed a series of complaints against the Co-Guardian and the county's Adult Protective Services regarding the abuse that she believes her mother has suffered. Ms. Eikenberg expressed concern about the process to protect people like her mother. Ms. Eikenberg explained the steps she had taken to try to help with the situation, such as contacting the police and the FBI. However, Ms. Eikenberg believes nothing is being done because of the lack of movement from the County's Adult Protective Services.

Commissioner Kefalas closed public comment.

Commissioner Shadduck-McNally thanked those who gave public comments. Commissioner Shadduck-McNally expressed concern for the situation brought up by Ms. Eikenberg. Commissioner Shadduck-McNally further explained that there had been various email communications with the 4-H program and was unwilling to discuss the situation further.

Commissioner Kefalas explained that the Department of Human Services and the Office on Aging have not followed up after Commissioner Kefala had reached out about Ms. Livingston's concerns. Still, the Commissioner plans to continue to reach out. Commissioner Kefalas explained the details of the homestead exemption and other exemptions in the county and state. Commissioner Kefalas explained that unskilled nursing facilities are problematic and intended to follow up on the expressed concern.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 15, 2024:

M O T I O N:

Commissioner Shadduck-McNally moved that the Board of County Commissioners approve the minutes for the week of January 15, 2024.

Motion carried 2-0 with Commissioner Stephens excused.

3. REVIEW OF THE SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 29, 2024: Ms. Martin reviewed the upcoming schedule with the Board.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

AGREEMENTS

1. FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE LAPORTE PIT SPECIAL REVIEW DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

2. BID NO. B23-16 PN 345 CONSTRUCTION SERVICE AGREEMENT, FEDERAL AID PN SHO CO60-090

APPOINTMENTS

1. RECOMMENDED APPOINTMENT TO THE FAIR BOARD – VERA BROWN

2. RECOMMENDED APPOINTMENT TO THE RED FEATHER LAKES PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE – JAMES CATES

3. RECOMMENDED APPOINTMENT TO THE OFFICE ON AGING ADVISORY COMMITTEE – KENDRA LECHTENBERG

4. RECOMMENDED REAPPOINTMENT TO THE RAINBOW LAKES ESTATES PID

DEEDS

1. SPECIAL WARRANTY DEED (WEED DISTRICT SHOP)

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Q4 2023 PUBLIC TRUSTEE REPORT

RESOLUTIONS

1. RESOLUTION RATIFYING CONTRACT TO BUY AND SELL REAL ESTATE

2. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN LARIMER COUNTY AND THE EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL OF LARIMER COUNTY (ECCLC)

3. RESOLUTION AMENDING SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR LARIMER COUNTY ROADS

M O T I O N

Commissioner Shadduck-McNally moved the Board of County Commissioners to approve the Consent Agenda for January 23, 2024.

Motion carried 2-0 with Commissioner Stephens excused.

5. COMMISSIONERS' GUESTS: The Commissioners did not have any guests.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. UPDATES REGARDING THE ACTIONS IMPLEMENTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT TO IMPROVE AIR QUALITY: Tom Gonzales, Public Health Director, addressed the Board. Mr. Gonzales explained the history of the initiatives to help combat air quality issues. Mr. Gonzales highlighted the work for public outreach and introduced the team working on this issue.

Noel Udell, Public Health Air Quality Lead, addressed the Board. Ms. Udell explained different types of Air Quality activities to ensure violation compliance. The program also handles complaints from the public and other parties.

Commissioner Kefalas asked about the outcomes of the complaints filed with the county.

Ms. Udell explained that nearly all of the complaints were handled voluntarily.

Chris Manley, Environmental Health Director, addressed the Board. Mr. Manley highlighted the regulatory monitoring sites and the plan to expand the process. These new sites will bring new information on ozone monitoring within the county.

Leah Schneider, Environment Health Planner, addressed the Board. Ms. Schneider briefly explained an air quality collaboration with the City of Fort Collins and Colorado State University. This collaboration is a justice-focused research project that will monitor and educate the residents of Larimer County on air quality protection. Ms. Schneider explained the specialized tools that help with research and air quality testing. Oil and gas imaging helps with routine leak detection and repair, especially with oil and gas compliance maintenance.

Ms. Schneider played a video demonstrating the new oil and gas imaging camera and how it helps detect emissions.

Commissioner Shadduck-McNally asked about the monitoring details and how the City of Fort Collins could utilize this new technology. Ms. Schneider explained that the county would be the only one certified to use imaging technology, but any municipality could call to ask for imaging testing.

Commissioner Shadduck-McNally further asked about the locations of specialized technology and how they are managed. Ms. Schneider explained the locations that might be ideal for testing and how the infrastructure will be used and placed.

Commissioner Shadduck-McNally asked about the mobile plume tracker and how the public might become aware of the situation. Ms. Schneider explained that the plume tracker works to find new sources of emissions that might need to be brought into compliance.

Commissioner Shadduck-McNally asked for a follow-up to educate the public.

Mr. Manley explained the program to swap gas-powered lawn equipment with electric devices. He further highlighted radon testing and its importance in helping educate the public on the risk.

Commissioner Kefalas asked for details about the location of the testing sites and how air quality can cross county lines. Mr. Manley explained the importance of the site on the east side of I-25 and how it can provide an additional data point about what is being created in Larimer County vs. what might be brought into Larimer County. Ms. Schneider further highlighted the different types of air quality testing that these testing sites can provide.

Commissioner Kefalas asked about the importance of testing for ozone precursors and the status of this monitoring. Ms. Manley highlighted the testing that can give information about how the ozone in the county would form. Furthermore, Larimer County is still a non-attainment zone.

Commissioner Kefalas asked how the advisory boards help with this process and for details about applying the data gathered. Ms. Schneider explained that if the data shows that the county is creating low air quality, more land-use policies must be implemented. Additionally, this data can help inform state legislatures.

Commissioner Kefalas asked about the timeline of informing land use policy. Ms. Schneider explained that even a year's data can be useful.

Commissioner Shadduck-McNally asked about the data and how it might inform local municipalities and state legislators. Ms. Schneider highlighted the collaboration between local entities and how the monitoring stations will add to public outreach within different levels of government.

Commissioner Shadduck-McNally further asked about the participants of this collaboration. Ms. Schneider highlighted the Thompson Valley School District.

Commissioner Shadduck-McNally asked about the cost of this program and who will be receiving the bill. Ms. Schneider explained that the county budgeted for two of the monitoring sites. These sites will be added to the state database, and the county will continue to monitor the administration of this program.

Commissioner Shadduck-McNally asked about the impact of air quality on the health of Larimer County residents. Mr. Gonzales highlighted the connections between air quality and residents' health. He explained the importance of weather within air quality monitoring and how volatile tracking weather can be. Mr. Gonzales explained the complexities of air quality and how the link to human health is vital.

Commissioner Shadduck-McNally asked about ozone precursors and how that could impact the residents of Larimer County even without the high-ozone days. Mr. Gonzales spoke about monitoring data and the impacts on human health.

Commissioner Shadduck-McNally expressed appreciation for the work being done. Mr. Gonzales spoke about transforming the air quality program to be proactive and preventive.

Commissioner Kefalas asked about public health concerns and how the predicted climate change will affect them. Mr. Gonzales explained the importance of data and how they will use the data to educate.

Commissioner Kefalas asked about a specific odor from an asphalt patch near Taft Hill Road. Mr. Schneider explained that the program is aware of that situation and gave details of asphalt creation.

Manager Volker highlighted the work and how proactivity is essential within the air quality program.

2. PROMOTION OF THE 2024 COMMUNITY SURVEY: Manager Volker addressed the board. Manager Volker explained the importance of the community survey and how to gauge public sentiment.

Manager Volker explained the two types of survey gathering. One was a data-driven written survey sent out to a portion of the population. Another way is the online survey that is available in both

English and Spanish. There will be a variety of promotions for this survey, such as through social media and the website.

The survey will be open for several weeks, and the online survey will not close until the mailed surveys have been returned. The results will help inform the creation of the 2024 strategic plan.

Commissioner Shadduck-McNally asked about sending an email blast to boards and commissions. Manager Volker explained that it would go out to the Larimer County boards and commissions, anyone who has completed Larimer 101, and other similar groups.

Commissioner Shadduck-McNally asked when the data will start being analyzed. Manager Volker explained that they have hired a statistical vendor to help analyze the data, but the results will not be available for several months.

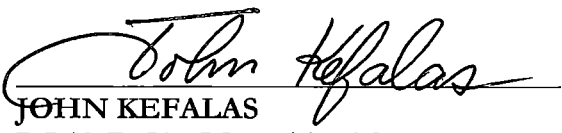
Commissioner Kefalas asked about the youth population and how they have reached out to that population. Manager Volker will follow up with Michelle Bird.

7. COUNTY MANAGER UPDATE: County Manager Volker briefly detailed the events from the previous week.

8. COMMISSIONER ACTIVITY REPORTS: The Board briefly detailed their attendance at events during the previous week.

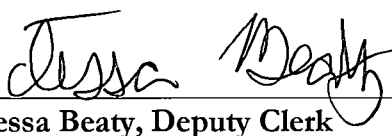
9. LEGAL MATTERS: None requested.

With there being no further business, the Board adjourned at 10:50 a.m.


JOHN KEFALAS
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

TINA HARRIS
CLERK AND RECORDER

ATTEST:


Tessa Beaty, Deputy Clerk

