MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MONDAY, JULY 29, 2024

LAND USE HEARING

There was no Land Use Hearing this week.

TUESDAY, JULY 30, 2024

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS MEETING

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

Chair Kefalas opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment in person or online.

Chair Kefalas closed public comment.

2. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 22, 2024:**

M O T I O N:

Commissioner Stephens moved that the Board of County Commissioners approve the minutes for the week of July 22, 2024.

Motion carried 3-0.

3. **REVIEW OF THE SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 5, 2024:** Ms. Martin reviewed the upcoming schedule with the Board. The Board had several updates on their upcoming schedule.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

ABATEMENTS

1. **PETITION FOR ABATEMENT OR REFUND OF TAXES – R1324233 – UFR Investments LLC – Tax Year 2023**

2. **PETITION FOR ABATEMENT OR REFUND OF TAXES – R0623679 – Rajan K Sampath and Vijaya Sampath – Tax Year 2023**

3. **PETITION FOR ABATEMENT OR REFUND OF TAXES – R1634454 – Edge Air Inc – Tax Year 2023**

4. **PETITION FOR ABATEMENT OR REFUND OF TAXES – R1619376 – Waterfront North HOA – Tax Year 2023**

5. **PETITION FOR ABATEMENT OR REFUND OF TAXES –R0162388 – Jeffrye S Barber and Christy Barber – Tax Year 2023**

6. **PETITION FOR ABATEMENT OR REFUND OF TAXES – R0341029 – Ninth and Denver LLC – Tax Year 2023**

7. **PETITION FOR ABATEMENT OR REFUND OF TAXES – R1645187 – RPT Harmony Shops LP – Tax Year 2023**

8. **PETITION FOR ABATEMENT OR REFUND OF TAXES – R1629762 – RPT Harmony Shops LP – Tax Year 2023**

9. **PETITION FOR ABATEMENT OR REFUND OF TAXES – R1672607 – Howard Industrial Properties LLC – Tax Year 2023**

10. **PETITION FOR ABATEMENT OR REFUND OF TAXES – R1219057 – Gregory J Perrotto and Marcia C Perrotto – Tax Year 2023**

AGREEMENTS

1. **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (P22-01 INMATE MEDICAL SERVICES)**

2. **AGREEMENT FOR JAIL SERVICES (FORT COLLINS/LARIMER COUNTY)**

APPOINTMENTS

1. **RECOMMENDED MIDTERM APPOINTMENT TO THE MANOR RIDGE ESTATES PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT -** Stephen Devlin

LETTERS OF SUPPORT

1. **LETTER OF SUPPORT BEAR TRACK STATE LAND BOARD STEWARDSHIP TRUST NOMINATION**

LIQUOR LICENSES

1. SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENSE PERMIT 6% - POUDRE LANDMARKS FOUNDATION - LIZ BARNEZ AT THE WATER WORKS

MISCELLANEOUS

1. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER UPON LANDS

2. LARIMER COUNTY NATURAL RESOURCES OPEN LANDS ADVISORY BOARD BYLAWS (UPDATE)

RESOLUTIONS

1. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY INVESTIGATOR I

2. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY INVESTIGATOR II

3. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY INVESTIGATOR II

MOTION

Commissioner Shadduck-McNally moved that the Board of County Commissioners approve the Consent Agenda for July 30, 2024.

Motion carried 3-0.

5. COMMISSIONERS' GUESTS: County Sheriff John Feyen addressed the Board via phone regarding the Alexander Mountain Fire. Sheriff Feyen gave an update on the current status of the fire including evacuation efforts, emergency shelters, and fire spread and direction.

The Board asked where the public should direct requests for information about the fire. Sheriff Feyen directed the public to refer to the Larimer County Sheriff's Office website. The public can also contact the Joint Information Center (JIC) at 970-980-2500 between 8:00am - 8:00pm. The Board asked how the public can offer help. The Sheriff's Office is partnering with JIC and the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) to collect and distribute resources. Food donations can be made at the Larimer County Sheriff's Office at 2501 Midpoint Drive, Fort Collins, CO 80525.

The Board mentioned that the fire is primarily located in the Roosevelt National Forest, which is already under fire restrictions. The Board announced that they will hold a public meeting on July 31, 2024, at 3:30pm in regards to an emergency declaration and fire restrictions within the County.

County Manager Volker mentioned that the public has expressed concerns about the timing of the Larimer County Fair in conjunction with The Ranch being used as an emergency evacuation site. County Manager Volker wanted to assure the public that the staff at The Ranch, the Sheriff's Office, and the Office of Emergency Management are currently looking for alternatives so that the Larimer County Fair can proceed as planned.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPOPRTUNITY ACT 4-YEAR LOCAL PLAN: Mark Johnston, Director of Economic and Workforce Development addressed the Board and gave a presentation regarding the adoption of the Larimer County Economic & Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) 4-Year Local Plan. The Economic and Workforce Development Team has been working in collaboration with the Workforce Development Board to produce this plan, which is required to be submitted every 4 years under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, along with the Colorado State Plan.

Mr. Johnston presented the background of WIOA and explained that it is designed to help connect employers with skilled workers, and to help job seekers access employment, education, training, and support services needed to succeed in the labor market. The 2024 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Combined State Plan, approved by the United States Department of Labor, signals the State's commitment to increasing affordability, quality, equity, and access for all Coloradoans. These commitments are in line with the County's goals of quality of life and supporting an equitable economy.

Mr. Johnston reviewed some highlights of the local County plan, as well as future aspirations for WIOA. Mr. Johnston also explained how the local plan was created in partnership with NoCo Works, the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT), the Weld County Workforce Development Board, and with public comment at various town hall meetings.

The Board thanked Mr. Johnston for his department's collaboration and modernization in creating this plan. The Board asked how community outreach is utilized to raise awareness about the work that the Economic Workforce & Development Department is doing. The Board asked for some specific examples of how Larimer County is addressing issues of equality in the workforce. The Board also asked about work-based learning and how this can address issues of equity.

County Manager Volker spoke to the State's four focus areas and how they align with the focus areas that Larimer County has already committed to.

M O T I O N

Commissioner Stephens moved that the Board of County Commissioners approve the Larimer County Economic & Workforce Development Local Plan for program years 2024-2027.

Motion carried 3-0.

2. 8TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY COMPETENCY DOCKET VISIONARY AWARD: Emily Humphrey, Director of Community Justice Alternatives, addressed the Board. At the 2024 Behavioral Health and Competency Convening conference, the 8th Judicial District Competency Docket team was given the "Visionary Award". Larimer County was the first to implement a competency docket in the State of Colorado in May of 2021 under the leadership of Chief Judge Susan Blanco. The Competency Docket supports individuals with severe and persistent mental illness that become justice involved without the ability to navigate the criminal justice system. This team continues to lead the way in this very complex process and has forged the path for other dockets across the State of Colorado.

Ms. Humphrey explained that the 8th Judicial District Competency Docket was created with the support and partnership of the Colorado State Judicial Branch, Community Justice Alternatives, SummitStone Health Partners, the Office of the Public Defender, the District Attorney's Office, the Larimer County Sheriff's Department, the Bridges Program, CorrHealth, the Forensic Support Team, and Homeward Alliance.

Heather O'Hare, Director of Human Services and Chair of the Community Corrections Board addressed the Board to announce that Chief Judge Blanco was also awarded the 2024 Judge Conrad L. Ball Award for her work in the Competency Court.

Chief Judge Blanco addressed the Board to express her gratitude for receiving these awards.

The Board thanked all of the staff members who participated in this program and expressed their pride that Larimer County was the first to implement a Competency Docket. The Board also congratulated Chief Judge Blanco for receiving the Judge Conrad L. Ball Award.

County Manager Volker commended the team for coming together to solve a problem and congratulated them for receiving the recognition they deserve.

The Board took a brief recess.

The Board reconvened.

Commissioner Shadduck-McNally was excused for the remainder of the meeting.

3. SEEKING BOCC APPROVAL FOR LAND CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP AND EXPENDITURES OF HELP PRESERVE OPEN SPACES SALES TAX DOLLARS AND TO HOLD A CONSERVATION EASEMENT ON PRAIRIE RIDGE: Meegan Flenniken, Program Manager of Land Conservation for Natural Resources and Justin Core, Engineering, addressed the Board. The 140-acre Prairie Ridge addition is being acquired by the City of Loveland with partnership funding from the City of Fort Collins, Great Outdoors Colorado and a request of $400,000 from Larimer County Help Preserve Open Spaces sales tax funds. Located in the Fort Collins-Loveland separator, this addition to Prairie Ridge Natural Area builds onto lands already conserved by the County and municipal partners in this region. The property meets County land conservation goals, including community separation, viewsheds to the foothills, and future public trail access.

Mr. Core addressed the Board to mention an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) related to this acquisition that details the funding contribution and the conservation easement that the County will hold. This IGA will be presented at an upcoming Administrative Matters Meeting.

The Board thanked Ms. Flenniken and Mr. Core for their work on this project. The Board asked why these types of open space buffers are important to the community. The Board also asked for clarification around how Help Preserve Open Spaces sales tax dollars are used to create and manage these types of open spaces.

MOTION

Commissioner Stephens moved that the Board of County Commissioners approve the expenditure of $400,000 of Help Preserve Open Spaces tax dollars towards the acquisition of the Prairie Ridge addition in partnership with the City of Loveland and the City of Fort Collins, and that Larimer County would hold the conservation easement on the property.

Motion carried 2-0.

4. SEEKING BOCC APPROVAL FOR LAND CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP AND EXPENDITURE OF HELP PRESERVE OPEN SPACES SALES TAX DOLLARS AND TO HOLD A CONSERVATION EASEMENT ON ROCKY RIDGE: Meegan Flenniken, Program Manager for Land Conservation, Natural Resources and Justin Core, Engineering, addressed the Board. The Rocky Ridge parcel was acquired by the City of Fort Collins for $5.1 million, and the City is requesting that Larimer County partner $1.5 million towards this land acquisition. Located in the Larimer County Open Lands Master Plan's Buckeye Conservation Area, the property meets county land conservation goals, protects important wildlife habitat, boasts significant views, and will be managed as a future natural area for nature-based public access.

The Board thanked Ms. Flenniken for her department's work and partnership with the municipalities in preserving these types of open spaces.

MOTION

Commissioner Stephens moved that the Board of County Commissioners approve the expenditure of $1.5 million in Help Preserve Open Spaces sales tax dollars towards the acquisition of the Rocky Ridge property in partnership with the City of Fort Collins, and that Larimer County would hold the conservation easement on the property.

Motion carried 2-0.

5. CO ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION: Heidi Pruess, Manager of the Office of Sustainability and Climate, addressed the Board and gave a brief presentation about the Climate Smart Future Ready funding application. Ms. Pruess explained that the two largest contributors to greenhouse gas emissions in Larimer County come from building energy and transportation. Community emissions by sector are broken down into each municipality. The Office of Sustainability and Climate is seeking to add Johnstown as a contributing municipality. Additionally, Estes Park is the municipality with the highest emissions per capita by community because of the 4.5 million visitors to the community each year.

Ms. Pruess explained that this grant application is provided by the Colorado Energy Office through the Colorado Efficiency Conservation Block Grant Program. The State was awarded $1.8 million to assist local governments in capacity building and regional collaboration for greenhouse gas emission reduction. This grant allows for three years of funding with no matching funds required. These funds are not available for project or implementation costs and are strictly for capacity building. The Office of Sustainability and Climate is requesting two additional staff positions to assist the Town of Johnston with their first greenhouse gas emission inventory, and to assist the Town of Estes Park with developing a Climate Action Plan.

The Board asked how the partnership with the Town of Johnstown came about. The Board commented on the work that can be done to help reduce emissions with visitors to Estes Park and Rocky Mountain National Park. The Board also asked for clarification regarding what will happen after the three years of the proposal have passed.

County Manager Volker commented that the goal of Climate Smart Future Ready was that the County would not take ownership of these teams, but instead aid in directing the work to achieve a common goal.

MOTION

Commissioner Stephens moved that the Board of County Commissioners approve the submittal of the Colorado Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program application for $528,008 in partnership with the Town of Estes Park.

Motion carried 2-0.

6. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION REFEREE RECOMMENDATIONS: Dianne Cheney, Recording Department, Clerk & Recorder's Office, addressed the Board to report on the County Board of Equalization hearings held from July 18, 2024, through July 23, 2024.

MOTION

Commissioner Stephens moved that the Board of County Commissioners convene as the Board of Equalization.

Motion carried 2-0.

The Board of Commissioners convened as the Board of Equalization to review and approve the referee recommendations for the hearings held from July 18, 2024, through July 23, 2024.

Ms. Cheney gave a brief update to the Board on the hearings held from July 18, 2024, through July 23, 2024. The information for the July 24, 2024, hearings will be included in the Special Meeting on August 5, 2024. 35 accounts including Real Property, Mobile Homes, Business Personal Property, Oil & Gas, Severed Mineral Rights, and Possessory Interest Accounts were scheduled and 31 hearings were conducted. 24 accounts were adjusted, eight of which were stipulated changes. Eight accounts were denied. Three accounts that were scheduled requested a withdrawal of their petition prior to the hearing.

For this period of hearings, the overall Notice of Determination value was $147,126,940.00, the Referee Value was $140,013,001.00, and the adjustment was negative $7,113,939.00, for an adjustment of approximately 4.8%.

The Board asked what the percentage change was from the previous week and asked if the percentage change is different in comparison to previous weeks and years. Elizabeth Carter, Recording Department Manager, Clerk and Recorder's Office addressed the Board to clarify.

MOTION

Commissioner Stephens moved that the Board of County Commissioners approve the recommendations submitted by the Board of Equalization referees for the hearings held July 18, 2024 - July 23, 2024.

Motion carried 2-0.

MOTION

Commissioner Stephens moved that the Board of County Commissioners adjourn the meeting as the Board of Equalization and reconvene as the Board of County Commissioners.

Motion carried 2-0.

7. COUNTY MANAGER UPDATE: County Manager Volker briefly detailed the events of the previous week and provided an update about current closures within the County due to the Alexander Mountain Fire.

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

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Executive Session pursuant to the Colorado Revised Statute 24 6-402(4)(a): Purchase acquisition, lease, transfer or sale of any real or personal property.

MOTION

Commissioner Stephens moved that the Board of County Commissioners enter into executive session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(a): Purchase, acquisition, lease transfer or sale of any real or personal property.

Motion carried 2-0.

10. LEGAL MATTERS: Executive Session pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute 24-6-402(4)(b) & (e): Conferences with an attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on a specific legal question, and determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and instructing negotiators regarding Estate of Brent Thompson vs. Lorenzo Lujan, 2024 CV 30299.

MOTION

Commissioner Stephens moved that the Board of County Commissioners enter into executive session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b) & (e): conferences with an attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on a specific legal question and determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and instructing negotiators regarding Estate of Brent Thompson vs. Lorenzo Lujan, 2024 CV 30299.

Motion carried 2-0.

With there being no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 2024

GEORGE BEACH POST NO. 4 AMERICAN LEGION LIQUOR LICENSE HEARING

The Board of County Commissioners met at 10:30 a.m. with David Ayraud, Deputy County Attorney. Chair Kefalas presided. Commissioner Stephens was present. Commissioner Shadduck-McNally was excused. Also present were Elizabeth Carter and Deirdre O'Neill, Recording Department, Clerk and Recorder's Office, and Lindsey Jones, Deputy Clerk.

Chair Kefalas opened the hearing.

Mr. Ayraud noted for the record that Rhonda Brabits was present to speak in favor of the license. Also present were Gary Bishop, Richard Schauermann, John Macke, and Susan Brand, members of the public, to speak in opposition to the license.

Jennifer Gordon, Chris Mann, and Rhonda Brabits, applicants; as well as Gary Bishop, Richard Schauermann, John Macke, and Susan Brand were sworn in.

Mr. Ayraud reviewed the following exhibits with the Board: Exhibit A – publishing of the notice in the newspaper; Exhibit B – diagram of the premises; Exhibit C – photos of Notice of Public Hearing posting on the premises; and Exhibit D – petition of the surrounding neighborhood.

Mr. Ayraud asked a series of questions of the applicants regarding the exhibits, and then questioned whether or not the applicants felt that the needs and desires of the surrounding neighborhood support a Tavern Liquor License. Ms. Gordon replied in the affirmative, based upon the results of her petitioning process. When questioned whether or not the applicants were familiar with the liquor laws and if they had any alcohol server training, Ms. Gordon responded that she and Cassie Krug, bar manager, have both completed TIPS training. Ms. Krug was not present, but Ms. Gordon confirmed that Ms. Krug has not submitted an individual history record or background check information along with the application. Mr. Mann and Ms. Brabits responded that they have extensive bartending experience. Mr. Ayraud asked several questions about the current state of the business, including the type of training serving employees will complete, the hours of operation, food served, and ownership of the property.

Ms. Brabits spoke in favor of the application because the business would benefit significantly from the additional revenue that would come in if they were to receive a Tavern License and open to the general public.

Ms. Gordon stated that she was neutral about the Tavern Liquor License as an employee of the establishment but noted that the Executive Board members of the Legion voted in favor of the license, so it is her responsibility as an employee to speak in favor.

Mr. Mann, 1st Vice Commander for George Beast Post 4, spoke in opposition to having a tavern license because the business is not bringing in enough revenue as it is, so extending operating hours would not be feasible or sustainable. Some members would prefer that George Beach Post 4 continue to be a veteran's club and not open to the public. The club is currently open to the public only for certain events, and the tavern license would open the business to the public during all operating hours.

The Board asked who the decision of applying for a Tavern License would ultimately fall to within the business since there is no individual owner. The applicants confirmed that the final decision for this license would be made by a vote of the member-elected Executive Board. The Board has already voted to approve and seek this license.

Mr. Bishop, Mr. Schauermann, Mr. Macke, and Ms. Brand all spoke in opposition to the tavern license. Many veteran members of George Beach Post 4 feel that this is a safe place to share experiences as veterans, and that opening the establishment to the public would reduce the shared sense of community. The speakers did not feel that ample opportunity was given to members of the club to give input on the decision, and only 15 out of 400 members were present when a vote was taken. There is also concern amongst members that the Legion's non-profit status could be compromised. Finally, rules in the club's bylaws would have to be changed to allow the club to be open to the public, and steps have not been taken to attempt to change the bylaws.

Mr. Ayraud closed public comment.

Under discussion, the Board asked Mr. Ayraud about the difference between the existing Club Liquor License and the proposed Tavern Liquor License, as well as how approving the Tavern License would impact the club's existing non-profit status. The Board had questions about the non-appearing applicant Manuel Madrid. The Board also asked for clarification around what should be taken into consideration when making a decision about whether or not to approve the license.

The Board asked the applicants some clarifying questions about current employees, TIPS training, and food service at the facility.

Mr. Ayraud closed the testimony and evidence portion of the hearing.

DISCUSSION

The Board discussed whether or not they would approve the license. The Board mentioned that the one applicant's absence prevented the Board from making an informed judgment about the moral character of the applicant. Additionally, only one person came to speak in favor of the Tavern License, and it appears that the members of the Club are also not in favor of the license. There is also concern about whether the notice poster was posted in a conspicuous location. The Board did not feel that all of Mr. Ayraud's questions were answered clearly enough and did not feel that opening the club to the public would be beneficial to the veteran members of the club.

MOTION

Commissioner Stephens moved that the Board of County Commissioners deny the new-concurrent tavern license for George Beach Post No 4 American Legion dba George Beach American Legion Post 4 located at 2124 County Road 54G, Fort Collins, CO 80524.

Motion carried 2-0.

With there being no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION DECLARING FIRE RESTRICTIONS IN LARIMER COUNTY AND RESOLUTION DECLARING A LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY RELATED TO THE ALEXANDER MOUNTAIN FIRE

The Board of County Commissioners met at 3:30pm with County Manager Lorenda Volker. Chair Kefalas presided. Commissioner Stephens and Commissioner Shadduck-McNally were present. Also present were County Sheriff John Feyen; William Ressue, County Attorney; Lori Hodges, Director of Emergency Management; and Lindsey Jones, Deputy Clerk.

Chair Kefalas opened the meeting.

Sheriff Feyen gave an update on the current status of the Alexander Mountain Fire, including evacuation status, the size of the fire, and management and mitigation efforts.

The Board asked Sheriff Feyen about the Stone Canyon Fire currently happening close to Lyons, Colorado and whether that fire could connect to the Alexander Mountain Fire. The Board also asked for an estimate of when the Alexander Mountain Fire could potentially be contained. The Board asked about the estimated costs of containing the fire. Sheriff Feyen responded with estimated costs based on the amount of time the fire is expected to burn. The Board also asked about containment efforts, both by air and on the ground.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. **RESOLUTION DECLARING A LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY:** Lori Hodges, Director of the Office of Emergency Management, addressed the Board to review and consider the Resolution Declaring a Local Disaster Emergency related to the Alexander Mountain Fire. Ms. Hodges detailed the efforts that are underway by the Emergency Operations Center, including evacuation shelter management, 911 operations, information distribution, and human and animal evacuations.

Ms. Hodges requested a Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency that allows the Office of Emergency Management to more effectively manage this event. The signing of the Declaration on July 30, 2024, has provided Larimer County with access to State funds and assistance.

Nowell Curran, Field Operations Manager for the Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management addressed the Board. Ms. Curran commended Larimer County for declaring a local emergency in a timely manner. Governor Jared Polis has signed an Executive Order that allows the Colorado Emergency Operations Center to supply and order State resources to support the fire. A Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) has also been awarded. Ms. Curran explained how FMAG funding is supplied and discussed eligible costs including equipment, supplies, personnel costs, travel and per diem, firefighting resources, emergency work, communications, food services, medical supplies, sanitation, and administrative costs.

The Board asked about what recovery efforts might look like and asked Ms. Curran some clarifying questions about grant funds dispersal. The Board also thanked all of the teams who are working toward managing the fire and protecting Larimer County citizens.

William Ressue, County Attorney, addressed the Board to confirm that the Board must take action within seven days of the Chair's unilateral Declaration that was signed on July 30, 2024. Since the full Board is voting today on the Resolution, that deadline has been met.

MOTION

Commissioner Stephens moved that the Board of County Commissioners approve the Resolution Declaring a Local Disaster Emergency related to the Alexander Mountain Fire.

Motion carried 3-0 at 4:05pm.

2. **RESOLUTION DECLARING FIRE RESTRICTIONS IN LARIMER COUNTY:** Sheriff Feyen addressed the Board to review and consider the Resolution Declaring Fire Restrictions in Larimer County effective on the date and time the Resolution is approved by the Board through August 31, 2024.

Sheriff Feyen requested that the Board enact specific fire restrictions to allow home fireplaces and gas grills in homes and designated campsites within unincorporated Larimer County. Combustible devices, uncontained open fires, and fireworks would all be prohibited. These restrictions would stay in effect until August 31, 2024, or until the fire restrictions are rescinded by the Board.

The Board asked for clarification about fire restrictions in unincorporated Larimer County as opposed to within incorporated areas. Sheriff Feyen confirmed that these restrictions would only be for unincorporated areas. The Board also asked where the public can find complete information about up-to-date fire restrictions. Sheriff Feyen responded that the public can refer to the Sheriff's Office web pages. Updates will also be sent through the Public Information Office.

MOTION

Commissioner Shadduck-McNally moved that the Board of County Commissioners approve the Resolution Declaring Fire Restrictions in Larimer County.

Motion carried 3-0 at 4:13pm.

Sheriff Feyen also requested that the Board sign an Assumption of Fire Control duty document that transfers control of the fire to the State.

Mr. Ressue recommended that the Board add this document as a public meeting agenda item so that the public has at least 24 hours' notice of the document being signed. The Board had a discussion and decided to sign the Assumption of Fire Control document at this meeting due to the emergency nature of the situation. The document will be ratified at the next Administrative Matters meeting so that the public will be properly notified.

MOTION

Commissioner Shadduck-McNally moved that due to the emergency nature of the Alexander Mountain Fire, the Board of County Commissioners approve the Assumption of Fire Control document transferring control of the Alexander Mountain Fire to the Colorado Division of Fire Protection and Control (DFPC) pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute 30-10-513.

Motion carried 3-0.

Ms. Hodges informed the public that questions about the fire can be directed to the Joint Information Center at 970-980-2500 between 8:00am and 8:00pm. Citizens can also text LCEVAC to 888777 to receive updates about the fire and evacuation notices. Larimer.gov/alexander-mountain-fire is updated regularly with resources available to the public.

With there being no further business, the Board adjourned at 4:25pm.

John Kefalas

JOHN KEFALAS, CHAIR
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

TINA HARRIS
CLERK AND RECORDER

ATTEST:

Lindsey Jones, Deputy Clerk

LARIMER COUNTY CLERK SEAL COLORADO