



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 2024

LAND USE HEARING

There was no Land Use Hearing this week.

SPECIAL MEETING: APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION REFEREE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board of County Commissioners met at 11:00 a.m. with Deirdre O'Neill, Recording Department, Clerk and Recorder's Office. Chair Kefalas presided. Commissioner Stephens and Commissioner Shadduck-McNally were present. Also present were County Manager Lorenda Volker; Jared Jaques, Applications Support Manager, Clerk and Recorder's Office; and Lindsey Jones, Deputy Clerk.

Chair Kefalas opened the meeting.

MOTION

Commissioner Shadduck-McNally moved that the Board of County Commissioners convene as the Board of Equalization.

Motion carried 3-0.

Ms. O'Neill gave a brief update to the Board on the hearings held from July 24, 2024, to August 1, 2024. There was a total of 427 accounts scheduled for hearings including Real Property, Mobile Homes, Business Personal Property, Oil & Gas, Severed Mineral Rights, and Possessory Interest Accounts, and 59 hearings were conducted. 145 accounts were adjusted, 16 of which were stipulated changes. 279 accounts were denied, 161 of which were Administrative Denial requests. 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 \$1,207,708,760.00, the Referee Value was \$1,175,976,616.00, and the adjustment was \$31,732,144.00, for an adjustment of approximately -2.63%.

Ms. O'Neill pointed out one account that had a much higher adjustment than some other properties. This was due to a change in the classification of the property from Commercial to Agricultural.

The Board asked for clarification about another account that was adjusted. The Board also asked if it was common for an account to be reclassified.

Ms. O'Neill reviewed the totals for all hearings held in 2024. There was a total of 473 accounts scheduled for hearings including Real Property, Mobile Homes, Business Personal Property, Oil & Gas, Severed Mineral Rights, and Possessory Interest Accounts, and 97 hearings were conducted. 176 accounts were adjusted, 31 of which were stipulated changes. 291 accounts were denied, 166 of which were Administrative Denial requests. Six accounts that were scheduled requested a withdrawal of their petition prior to the hearing.

Ms. O'Neill also reviewed this adjustment period in comparison to other similar adjustment years.

The Board asked why a petitioner would request an Administrative Denial. Upon discussion, the Board determined that they would do further research to understand this type of request. The Board asked about the total change in property tax revenue of \$31,732,144.00 and questioned how the County can accommodate this change in property tax revenue. County Manager Volker answered that there is a certain amount that is expected to be adjusted that is planned into the annual budget.

MOTION

Commissioner Shadduck-McNally moved that the Board of County Commissioners approve the recommendations submitted by the Board of Equalization referees for the hearings held July 24, 2024 – August 1, 2024.

Motion carried 3-0.

MOTION

Commissioner Shadduck-McNally 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 3-0.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20am.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 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 29, 2024:

MOTION:

Commissioner Stephens moved that the Board of County Commissioners approve the minutes for the week of July 29, 2024.

Motion carried 3-0.

3. REVIEW OF THE SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 12, 2024: Ms. Martin reviewed the upcoming schedule with the Board.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

ABATEMENTS

- 1. PETITION FOR ABATEMENT OR REFUND OF TAXES: EXCEEDS THE ALLOTTED REFUND AMOUNT OF \$10,000 – P8286855 – Baldwin Hardwoods – Tax Year 2023**
- 2. PETITION FOR ABATEMENT OR REFUND OF TAXES: EXCEEDS THE ALLOTTED REFUND AMOUNT OF \$10,000 – P8286165 – Modmarket LLC dba Modern Market Eatery NO 37 – Tax Year 2023**
- 3. PETITION FOR ABATEMENT OR REFUND OF TAXES: EXCEEDS THE ALLOTTED REFUND AMOUNT OF \$10,000 – R0055808 – Tuana Plaza LLC – Tax Year 2023**

AGREEMENTS

- 1. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE PRAIRIE RIDGE ADDITION**

LIQUOR LICENSES

- 1. LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL – HILL TOP GENERAL STORE & ANTIQUES LLC DBA HILLTOP GENERAL STORE & ANTIQUES LLC – RETAIL LIQUOR STORE – RED FEATHER LAKES, COLORADO**
- 2. SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR PERMIT 6% - LIVERMORE SUMMER CELEBRATION – LIVERMORE COMMUNITY HALL - LIVERMORE, COLORADO**

MISCELLANEOUS

- 1. MORGUARD SETTLERS CREEK APARTMENTS LLC STIPULATION AS TO TAX YEAR 2023 VALUE**

2. 515 DRAKE (FC) LLC STIPULATION AS TO TAX YEAR 2023 VALUE
3. RHI 1 MAX FLATS LLC STIPULATION AS TO TAX YEAR 2023 VALUE
4. ANDERSON LOVELAND LLC STIPULATION AS TO TAX YEAR 2023 VALUE
5. PPHC LOVELAND LLC (.73) HHP LOVELAND LLC (.27) STIPULATION AS TO TAX YEAR 2023 VALUE
6. CENTERRA RETAIL SHOPS LLC STIPULATION AS TO TAX YEAR 2023 VALUE
7. HUMAN SERVICES EXPENSE REPORT QUARTER ENDING 6/30/2024

M O T I O N

Commissioner Shadduck-McNally moved that Board of County Commissioners approve the Consent Agenda for August 6, 2024.

Motion carried 3-0.

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

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. FARMERS MARKET PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL FARMERS MARKET WEEK (August 4, 2024 - August 10, 2024): Maggie Switzer, Market Manager for the Larimer County Farmers Market addressed the Board on behalf of the Larimer County Farmers Market, the Fort Collins Farmers Market and the Winter Farmers Market. Ms. Switzer thanked the Board for their continued support of the markets, which benefit local farmers, small businesses, and aspiring entrepreneurs. Ms. Switzer also thanked the public for coming to the markets and making them successful, welcoming, and inclusive.

Commissioner Stephens read the Proclamation declaring the week of August 4, 2024, through August 10, 2024, as Larimer County Farmers Market Week in conjunction with the observance of National Farmers Market Week.

The Board commented on the ongoing success of the Larimer County Farmers Market and the excitement and fun it adds to the community. The Board also emphasized the impact that the markets have on local farmers, as well as citizens who have food insecurity. The markets have programs in place that aid recipients of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program, as well as programs that assist senior citizens and the Food Bank for Larimer County.

County Manager Volker commented on the County's history of agriculture which is honored and upheld by the markets. County Manager Volker also thanked the Larimer County Farmers Market team for all of their hard work.

M O T I O N

Commissioner Stephens moved that the Board approve the Proclamation declaring August 4 – 10, 2024, as National Farmers Market Week.

Motion carried 3-0.

The Board took a brief recess.

The Board reconvened.

2. PROCLAMATION THAT AUGUST IS CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH: Vanessa Fewell, Division Manager for the Human Services Benefits and Community Support Division, addressed the Board. Ms. Fewell explained that child support provides financial stability and helps ensure that a child has the necessary resources for their health and development. Children who receive support from both parents are more likely to have positive relationships with both parents and are less likely to experience negative effects of parental conflict. Ms. Fewell also explained that the Benefits and Community Support Division has a Child Support Program that helps families to navigate the initiation, collection, and modification of child support orders. This team uses the Science of Hope framework to support clients who have an obligation to pay child support and those who receive child support.

Nance Kelly, Deputy Division Manager for the Benefits and Community Support Division, addressed the Board to talk about some of the accomplishments of the Child Support program in 2023. The Program collected \$18.5 million in child support payments, opened 889 new cases, established 187 new child support obligations, modified 314 child support orders, and supported approximately 6,000 families. The Child Support Program also obtained State grant funding under the Improved Payment and Child Success Grant, which helps to provide supportive payments to parents who have a child support obligation in order to help them reduce barriers to paying their child support obligation. Ms. Kelly also detailed some of the projects the Child Support Program is currently working on and some of the Program's plans for the future.

Katrina Calderon, a client of the Child Support Program, joined the meeting via Zoom to explain the positive impact that the Targeted Barrier Reduction Program has had on her life. Ms. Calderon expressed her gratitude for the Program and the ways in which the Program has helped her return to work and pay her child support obligation.

The Board expressed their support for Ms. Calderon in working to better her life. The Board encouraged Ms. Calderon to continue her hard work and to stay connected with the Human Services Department as she works to change her life.

Commissioner Shadduck-McNally read the Proclamation declaring August 2024 as Child Support Awareness Month.

The Board thanked Ms. Fewell, Ms. Kelly, and their team for the work they do to prevent poverty, abuse, and neglect and to give peace of mind to parents trying to care for their children.

County Manager Volker commented on the child-first approach of this program and commended the team for the work they do to support families.

M O T I O N

Commissioner Shadduck-McNally moved that the Board approve the Proclamation declaring August 2024 as Child Support Awareness Month.

Motion carried 3-0.

The Board took a brief recess.

The Board reconvened.

3. ASSUMPTION OF FIRE CONTROL DUTY FOR THE ALEXANDER MOUNTAIN FIRE: Laurie Kadrach, Assistant County Manager, addressed the Board to discuss the transfer of control for the Alexander Mountain Fire to the State of Colorado approved on July 31, 2024, and to ask the Board to consider ratification of the approval. At the special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners on July 31, 2024, Sheriff John Feyen informed the Board that management of the Alexander Mountain Fire had been transferred to the State and asked the Board to sign an Assumption of Fire Control document giving their approval for the transfer. The Board decided at the meeting to sign the Assumption of Fire Control Duty document due to the emergency circumstances created by the fire. This document was not announced to the public with the usual 24-hour notice, so Ms. Kadrach asked the Board to ratify the document now that proper notice has been given to the public.

M O T I O N

Commissioner Stephens moved that the Board ratify the Board's prior approval of the transfer of control for the Alexander Mountain Fire to the State of Colorado as evidenced by the Assumption of Fire Control Duty form dated July 31, 2024.

Motion carried 3-0.

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

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

9. LEGAL MATTERS:

Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b): Conferences with an attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice about potential eminent domain proceedings for the Taft Hill Road widening project.

MOTION

Commissioner Shaddock-McNally moved that the Board of County Commissioners enter into Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b): Conferences with an attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice about potential eminent domain proceedings for the Taft Hill Road widening project.

Motion carried 3-0.

With there being no further business, the Board adjourned at 10:25 a.m.



JOHN KEFALAS, CHAIR
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

TINA HARRIS
CLERK AND RECORDER

ATTEST:



Lindsey Jones, Deputy Clerk

