



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MONDAY, MAY 26, 2025

LAND USE HEARING

There was no Land Use Hearing held on Monday, May 26, 2025, in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday.

TUESDAY, May 27, 2025

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS MEETING

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

Chair Stephens opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Cindy Buckardt, President of the Larimer County 4-H Foundation, commented on what she feels is the lack of commitment to Larimer County's youth by government agencies. Ms. Buckardt spoke about the 4-H \$1,000 scholarships for 24 recipients that were to be awarded at an upcoming ceremony to be held on June 28, 2025, but she has now been notified of its cancellation. Ms. Buckardt stated that she is very disappointed for these recipients and their families. Ms. Buckardt also informed the Board of County Commissioners that she is not aware of any policy violations of the 4-H foundation and has made several attempts reaching out to the Ranch Events Complex Managing Director Conor McGrath to provide examples and to date has not received any documentation concerning the 4-H Carnival. Ms. Buckardt stated that she does not understand how the Ranch complex can dictate who can use a public facility paid for by the taxpayers of Larimer County.

Chair Stephens closed public comment.

The Board of County Commissioners did state that they have in the past attended the scholarship award ceremonies for the 4-H honorees and are always excited to attend and support the 4-H foundation. However, the Board did mention there seems to be some missing information in Ms. Buckardt's public comments. The Board explained that Mr. McGrath, the current Ranch Director, as well as the previous director has provided information and details about certain violations that have been shared with Ms. Buckardt. The Board wanted the public to know that this is an ongoing

discussion with staff and Larimer County extension programs. The Board thanked Ms. Buckardt for her commitment to the youth and Larimer County.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 19, 2025:

MOTION:

Commissioner Shadduck-McNally moved that the Board of County Commissioners approve the minutes for the week of May 19, 2025.

Motion carried 3-0.

3. REVIEW OF THE SCHEDULES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 2, 2025, AND JUNE 9, 2025: Ms. Martin reviewed the upcoming schedule with the Board. The Board made several additions to the upcoming schedule.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

AGREEMENTS

- 1. RR-253-POST FIRE DISASTER RECOVERY WORKFORCE CAPACITY BUILDING**

DEEDS

- 1 DEED OF DEDICATION FOR ADDITIONAL RIGHT-OF-WAY ON WEST TRILBY ROAD**
- 2 DEED OF DEDICATION OF EASEMENT(POUDRE FIRE AUTHORITY)**

LIQUOR LICENSES

- 1. LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL – WAPITI PARK CORPORATION DBA ROCKY MOUNTAIN GATEWAY #1– HOTEL & RESTAURANT – ESTES PARK, COLORADO**
- 2. LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL – WAPITI PARK CORPORATION DBA ROCKY MOUNTAIN GATEWAY #2 – FERMENTED MALT BEVERAGE & WINE-ESTES PARK, COLORADO**
- 3. LIQUOR LICENSE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT 6% – PROJECT SELF SUFFICIENCY– ROCK GARDEN CONCERT – FORT COLLINS, COLORADO**

MISCELLANEOUS

1. SOLID WASTE ASSURANCE LETTER
2. 2025 TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL EXPANSION FEE ADJUSTMENTS
3. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER UPON LANDS
4. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER UPON LANDS
5. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER UPON LANDS
6. TITLE V OPERATING PERMIT APPLICATION FORM
7. LETTER OF ADVOCACY TO THE FEDERAL DELEGATION ON FEMA PUBLIC ASSISTANCE
8. LETTER TO FEDERAL DELEGATION REGARDING SNAP AND MEDICAID
9. POUDRE VALLEY RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC. NON-EXCLUSIVE RIGHT-OF-WAY EASEMENT -UNDERGROUND

POLICIES

1. FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE POLICY, HUMAN RESOURCES POLICY AND PROCEDURE

RESOLUTIONS

1. FINDINGS AND RESOLUTION DENYING THE BENNETT SHORT-TERM RENTAL ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

MOTION

Commissioner Kefalas moved that the Board of County Commissioners approve the Consent Agenda for Tuesday, May 27, 2025.

Motion carried 3-0.

The Board had several comments on two of the items on today's consent agenda: the Letter of advocacy to the Federal Delegation on FEMA Public Assistance (Federal Emergency Management Agency) and the Letter to the Federal Delegation regarding SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) and Medicaid.

The Board wishes to express their concerns regarding proposed changes to the FEMA public assistance program. On the surface, this proposed legislation represents improvements to emergency management collaboration and would help counties' efforts in disaster response and recovery by making up-front federal investments as opposed to the current system of reimbursement, which often

takes years to receive. However, any potential benefits from the proposed bill would be unrealized if the public assistance were increased.

The Board stated these changes will make it infinitely more difficult to qualify for federal funding following a disaster, delaying the restoration of critical infrastructure. As an example, under the proposed changes even the Cameron Peak Fire, Colorado's largest wildfire, would not have qualified for FEMA public assistance. If events of this magnitude fall short of eligibility, it raises serious concerns about whether any future disaster in Colorado would meet the threshold for federal support.

The Board informed the public that there is not a local government in the state of Colorado that would be able to manage the recovery from a disaster with these newly proposed thresholds. This would mean that roads and bridges would not be rebuilt, public utilities and other critical infrastructure may fail, and the ability to mitigate future risk would become nonexistent.

The Board also has strong opposition to the proposed changes to the SNAP and Medicaid program that would greatly impact the most vulnerable Coloradoans. These changes will cause Coloradoans to lose access to crucial food and medical services while shifting significant costs and administrative burden to state and local governments. These proposed changes could potentially impact 108,000 people in Colorado.

The Board wished to publicly thank Shane Atkinson, Larimer County legislative Coordinator who helped draft both these letters.

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

6. **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. **PROCLAMATION DECLARING JUNE 2025 AS LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH:** Laura MacWaters, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Board, stated that Pride has been brought by fighting for laws on the right to marriage, healthcare and the right to love and live our lives as publicly and authentically as everyone else. Ms. MacWaters announced some upcoming events that will be held in the month of June 2025 and urged the public to attend. Ms. MacWaters thanked the Board for recognizing this important proclamation.

Commissioner Shadduck-McNally read the proclamation stating that Pride month originates from June 28, 1969, the police raid on the Stonewall Inn in New York City and the subsequent five days of spontaneous protests. The series of events sparked a nationwide movement that continues to inspire us to strive for our nation's promise of Equity, Inclusion, Acceptance, and Justice for everyone. On June 26, 2015, the U.S Supreme Court ruled for marriage equality, with same gender couples having the same equal rights to marriage, and its benefits, commitments, and dignity. Larimer County supports its LGBTQ+ community and focuses on creating and supporting an inclusive and equitable community that honors diversity and promotes unity.

The Board thanked Ms. MacWaters for her statements and that this is a reminder that Pride should be a joyful celebration while acknowledging that there is still a lot of work to be done.

MOTION

Commissioner Shadduck-McNally moved that the Board of County Commissioners approve the Proclamation declaring June 2025 as LGBTQ+ Pride month.

Motion carried 3-0

The Board took a brief recess.

The Board returned to session.

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

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

9. LEGAL MATTERS: None requested.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2025

OH DEER LLC DBA THE SPICE RACK LIQUOR LICENSE HEARING

The Board of County Commissioners met at 10:00 a.m. with David Ayraud, Deputy County Attorney. Chair Stephens presided. Commissioner Kefalas was present. Commissioner Shadduck-McNally was excused. Also present were Dianne Cheney, Clerk and Recording Department, and Deirdre O'Neill, Deputy Clerk.

Chair Stephens opened the hearing and Andrea Baran, applicant, was 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 Ms. Baran a series of questions regarding the exhibits including the dates that the liquor license poster was hung and if it was hung in a conspicuous location for the public on the property. Mr. Ayraud had Ms. Baran explain the specifics about the diagram of the premise including where alcohol will be served and stored. Mr. Ayraud then questioned whether Ms. Baran felt the needs and desires of the surrounding neighborhood support a Beer and Wine license. Ms. Baran replied in the affirmative, based upon the results of her petitioning process. When questioned whether

Ms. Baran was familiar with the liquor laws and whether she had any alcohol server training, Ms. Baran stated that she is familiar with the liquor laws of the state of Colorado and has completed a course at the Colorado Responsive Alcohol Vendor Training and her employees will do the same.

Mr. Ayraud noted for the record that there was nobody present to speak for or against this license.

Under discussion, the Board asked questions of the applicant on the explanation of WABO Corporation and the Oh Deer LLC. Ms. Baran explained that she owns the entire two-building lot but on the advice of her accountant, Ms. Baran has both buildings under two different LLC's.

The Board stated that they are in support of this Beer and Wine License and that it is a great place for the community to gather.

M O T I O N

Commissioner Kefalas moved that the Board of County Commissioners approve Beer & Wine for Oh Deer LLC dba The Spice Rack located at 2470 CO 66 Estes Park, Colorado 80517.

Motion carried 2-0.

The Board adjourned at 10:30 am

ESTES PARK AERIAL TRAMWAY LLC DBA ESTES PARK AERIAL TRAMWAY LIQUOR LICENSE HEARING

The Board of County Commissioners met at 11:00 a.m., with David Ayraud, Deputy County Attorney. Chair Stephens presided. Commissioner Kefalas was present. Commissioner Shaddock-McNally was excused. Also present were Elizabeth Carter, Clerk and Recording Department Manager, and Deirdre O'Neill, Deputy Clerk.

Chair Stephens opened the hearing and Scott Nocas and Adrian Liddell, applicants, were sworn in. Attorney Jon Stonbraker for the applicants was also present.

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 Mr. Liddell regarding the exhibits and then questioned whether Mr. Liddell felt the needs and desires of the surrounding neighborhood support a Beer and Wine license. Mr. Liddell replied in the affirmative, based upon the results of the petitioning process. When questioned whether Mr. Liddell was familiar with the liquor laws and if he had any alcohol server training, Mr. Liddell has been T.I.P.S (Training for Intervention Procedures) trained in the past and will retake the course as well as have his employees complete the course.

Mr. Stonbraker, attorney for applicants, asked multiple questions of Mr. Liddell about how they intend to identify each patron to make sure they are all 21 years and above. Mr. Liddell answered that everyone will be asked to show ID and vertical ID will only be accepted with a valid temporary ID. Mr. Liddell also spoke about the history of the Estes Park Aerial Tramway noting that it has been in existence for 70 years.

Mr. Ayraud noted for the record that there was nobody present to speak for or against this license.

Under discussion, the Board asked questions of the applicant on the diagram as well as how they will make sure that someone is not given too much to drink considering what has steep cliffs. The applicants stated that there will be a 2-drink maximum for every patron.

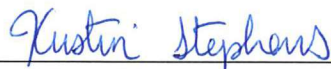
The Board stated that they are in support of this application for a Beer and Wine License.

MOTION

Commissioner Kefalas moved that the Board of County Commissioners approve the new concurrent Beer & Wine for GVC Estes Park Tramway LLC dba Estes Park Aerial Tramway located at 420 East Riverside Drive in Estes Park, Colorado 80517.

Motion carried 3-0.

With there being no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:30 a.m.



KRISTIN STEPHENS
CHAIR
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

TINA HARRIS
CLERK & RECORDER

ATTEST:



Deirde O'Neill, Deputy Clerk



