



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 2021

LAND USE HEARING

There were no Land Use meetings held this week.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2021

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS MEETING

The Board of County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with Linda Hoffmann, County Manager. Chair Kefalas presided, and Commissioner Shadduck-McNally and Commissioner Stephens were present. Also present were: Michelle Bird, Public Affairs Director, Austin Harvill, Public Communications, and Elizabeth Kimball, Deputy Clerk.

Commissioner Kefalas opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT: The following members of the public addressed the Board: Jake Ivan, Bryn Frisina and Maria Martin to speak on early childcare and education. Eric Rypkowski addressed the Board with a follow up on a recent grant proposal for broadband services in underserved areas. Joseph Flannigan addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the legality of the PID (Public Improvement District) Election.

Chair Kefalas noted that Erica Billingsley and Lisa Youngblade submitted public comment in an email in favor of the proposed childcare ballot measure.

Chair Kefalas closed public comment.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 9, 2021:

MOTION

Commissioner Stephens moved that the Board of County Commissioners approve the minutes for the week of August 9, 2021.

Motion carried 3-0

3. REVIEW OF THE SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 23, 2021: Mr. Harvill reviewed the upcoming schedule with the Board.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

AGREEMENTS:

1. CERES ENVIRONMENTAL WORK ORDER #3, CONTRACT NO: P19-08 FOR DEBRIS REMOVAL

2. LARIMER COUNTY & NORTHERN COLORADO WATER MASTER FIBER AGREEMENT – STAMPED

3. SYNERGY WORK ORDER NO: 4 – AMENDMENT, CONTRACT NO: P20-19 – CAMERON PEAK FIRE DEBRIS

LIQUOR LICENSES: Foco Ventures LLC dba Little Big's – Fermented Malt Beverage Off Premise – Fort Collins; G2G Legacy LLC – Fermented Malt Beverage On/Off Premise – Loveland; Rawah Ranch – Hotel and Restaurant – Glendevy; Sundance Steakhouse & Saloon – Hotel and Restaurant – Fort Collins; Tavern at Red Feather Lakes LLC – Approval and Issuance – Red Feather Lakes; Vern's Liquor – Retail Liquor Approval and Issuance – Laporte.

MISCELLANEOUS:

1. REQUEST TO ADD TWO ADDITIONAL FTE TO THE SOLID WASTE DEPARTMENT

RESOLUTIONS:

1. RESOLUTION CALLING AN ELECTION REGARDING LARIMER COUNTY PRAIRIE TRAILS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 33

MOTION

Commissioner Shaddock-McNally moved that the Board of County Commissioners approve the Consent Agenda for August 17, 2021.

Motion carried 3-0

5. COMMISSIONERS GUESTS: There were no guest present for comment.

6. Q2 2021 PUBLIC TRUSTEE REPORT: Irene Josey, Treasurer and Public Trustee, addressed the Board with a summary of activities between April 1, 2021, and June 30, 2021.

Ms. Josey touched base on a few highlights from the second quarter Public Trustee Report. She noted that releases have increased since last year but there has recently been a slowdown. Everyone that has wanted to refinance, has for the most part. The release numbers have decreased, and the County is ahead of last year Q2. The moratorium on foreclosures federally backed mortgages were lifted as of the 31st of July. Foreclosures are expected to pick up though. The foreclosure sales were held on May 12, 2021, and June 30, 2021. She also mentioned that there was a continued progress with implementing online foreclosure sales. The target start date for this is scheduled for September 1, 2021. There are two trainings available for people interested in purchasing foreclosures and it should be more efficient to the public and staff.

There was some discussion between the Board and Ms. Josey and the Board expressed their appreciation for the information.

M O T I O N

Commissioner Stephens moved to approve the Q2 2021 Public Trustee Report.

Motion carried 3-0

7. **TREASURER'S SIX-MONTH REPORT:** Irene Josey, Treasurer and Public Trustee, addressed the Board. The six-month report is partially Finances responsibility and partially the Treasurers responsibility to put the financials out every six months for the County. This information will be published in the Estes Park Trail Gazette. The full break down is available online for those that are interested in the detailed report on moneys in and out for the County for the first six months of 2021.

The online access can be found on the Treasurers and the Finances pages on the Larimer County website at larimer.org/treasurer.

8. **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONVENE AS BOARD OF EQUALIZATION TO APPROVE OF THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION REFEREE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

M O T I O N

Commissioner Shaddock-McNally moved to convene as the Board of Equalization.

Motion carried 3-0

Elizabeth Carter, Joanne Hertz and Aaron Jacobs, Clerk and Recording Office, addressed the Board to discuss the referee's recommendations for the Board of Equalization that need to be reviewed and approved by the Board of Commissioners acting as the Board of Equalization.

Ms. Carter noted that the hearings that took place between August 4th, 2021, and August 5th, 2021, had a total of 387 accounts which included rural homes, mobile homes, business personal property, oil and gas, severed mineral rights, and possessory interest accounts. There was a total of 64 hearings

conducted, 42 accounts were adjusted, of those 12 account values were stipulated changes, 342 accounts were denied, and 3 accounts were withdrawn.

Over the entire period of the County Board of Equalization which went from July 15, 2021, to August 5, 2021, there were a total of 1,315 accounts which included rural homes, mobile homes, business personal property, oil and gas, severed mineral rights, and possessory interest accounts. A total of 534 hearings were conducted for 2021, 650 accounts were adjusted, 139 accounts were stipulated, 624 were denied, and 41 accounts were withdrawn.

In comparison to the last evaluation year that was like 2021 was 2019. There were 2,086 accounts. There were 1,400 hearings, 1,236 accounts were adjusted (roughly 59.2% accounts were adjusted). In 2021 there were 1,315 accounts, 534 hearings held, 650 accounts were adjusted (roughly 49.4%) so it was down roughly this year, but there were also fewer hearings that occurred.

The Board had a brief discussion with Ms. Carter and was deferred to the Assessor's Office for further details. Ms. Hoffman addressed the Board and explained that there are upcoming hearings that the Assessor will be available to discuss further details in regarding the results of the Board of Equalization next week.

M O T I O N

Commissioner Shaddock-McNally moved to approve that the Board of County Commissioners, convened as the Board of Equalization, approve the recommendations submitted by the referees for the hearings held August 4-5, 2021.

Motion carried 3-0

M O T I O N

Commissioner Shaddock-McNally moved to adjourn meetings as the Board of Equalization and reconvene as the Board of County Commissioners.

Motion carried 3-0

9. LCEWD WILL HIGHLIGHT THE WORK OF THE LARIMER COUNTY CONSERVATION CORPS AND THE COMPLETION OF A SUCESSFUL SUMMER SEASON: Jacob Castillo, Director of Larimer County Economic and Workforce Development Department, addressed the Board. The Workforce Development Centers' purpose is to connect job seekers with meaningful work and connect businesses with talented resources. The department strives to be a vehicle for upward mobility, wealth generation and economic inclusion in this community. There are several different programs to achieve those ends, the one that they are presenting on currently is the Larimer County Conservation Corps. This is a longstanding and outstanding program that helps with fires, floods, and other natural disasters.

Maelly Oropeza, Corps Program Supervisor, addressed the Board. Mr. Oropeza noted that the Conservation Core started in 1986 as Operation Bright Side where the first green teams were started around the county to help senior citizens. They were the instrumental beginning of the Fort Collins bike co-op and reconceived in 1993 as the Larimer County Conservation Corps. Their goal is to focus

on maintenance of local open spaces, youth development, stewardship, and youth employment. They are accredited through Colorado Youth Corps Association. Through the programming there are six different avenues of programming to serve local youths 16–25-year-olds. There is a water and energy program that runs from January – May in partnership with Fort Collins Utilities and Loveland Water and Power to provide free home energy assessments and retrofitting to conserve water and energy. The longest standing program is their land crew where they serve 16-18-year-olds, high schoolers, or typically folks that are just entering college and are ready to go and be introduced to stewardship and hard skill and soft skill development through a variety of projects with local state and federal partners on public lands doing projects like trail maintenance, erosion control, or working out at the fish hatchery.

The Larimer County Conservations Corps (LCCC) promotes individual development through service for the benefit of our environment and community. LCCC has employed 60 youth and young adults across 2021 programming that allows them to develop personal and professional skills, gain environmental awareness, and develop leadership skills. The 2021 LCCC added value to the community by committing to over 27,200 hours served, 423 Home Efficiency Assessments performed, 46 AmeriCorps Education Awards, and collaborated with 15 local agencies.

Tenaya Heredia, served on the Conservation Corps for the last two seasons, addressed the Board. Mr. Heredia spoke about his involvement with the program and how the program has helped with his leadership and communication skills – specifically teamwork, compassion, and patience. He spoke highly on his experience and recommends the program to those that are looking for new skill sets. He expressed his appreciation of the skills and opportunities he has gotten to experience with the Conservation Corps.

Becky Flynn, Program Assistant with the Conservations Corps, addressed the Board. She is one of the liaisons between the office and the field. She does a lot of training for the field staff and does a lot of logistic to make sure everyone has the right tools and food for camping. Ms. Flynn spoke on her involvement with the program and explained how she got started. She believes her involvement with the Conservation Corps has been a life changing experience.

The Board showed appreciation for all presenters and thanked them for their time and sharing their inspiring stories.

The Board took a brief recess for pictures.

10. COUNTY MANAGER UPDATE: Ms. Hoffmann was on vacation for the previous week and gave appreciation for those that showed patience in her delayed response while she was out of the office.

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

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board of County Commissioners went into Executive Session to have a discussion with attorneys and legal matters related to the United States District Court Case No. 21-CV-2093, Wesley Hutchins vs. Larimer County.

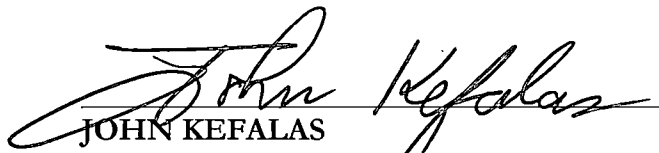
No decision expected.

MOTION

Commissioner Stephens moved that the Board of County Commissioners enter Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S.24-6-402(4)(b) to discuss legal questions regarding United States District Court Case No. 21-CV-2093, Wesley Hutchins vs. Larimer County.

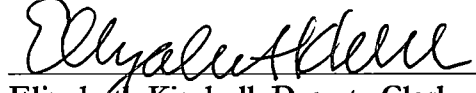
Motion carried 3-0

With there being no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:03 a.m.


JOHN KEFALAS
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ANGELA MYERS
CLERK AND RECORDER

ATTEST:


Elizabeth Kimball, Deputy Clerk

