

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021

LAND USE HEARING

The Board did not hold a Land Use Hearing on January 4, 2021

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2021

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS MEETING

The Board of County Commissioners met virtually at 9:00 a.m. with Linda Hoffmann, County Manager. Chair Johnson presided. Commissioner Donnelly and Commissioner Kefalas were present. Also present were Brenda Gimeson, Alisha Jeffers and Debra Unger, Commissioners' Office, and Eliza Brock, Deputy Clerk.

Chair Johnson opened the hearing with the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Cadie Berrian submitted an email for public comment requesting transparency in decision making regarding the removal of her appointment to the Board of Health.

2. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 28, 2020:**

MOTION

Commissioner Kefalas moved that the Board of County Commissioners approve the minutes for the week of December 28, 2020.

Motion carried 3-0

3. **REVIEW OF THE SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 11, 2020:** Ms. Gimeson reviewed the upcoming schedule with the Board. Commissioner Kefalas commented there will be no meeting for the Fort Collins DDA board meeting next week.

Ms. Gimeson thanked the commissioners for the opportunity to work with them.

The Board expressed their appreciation for the team members in the Commissioner's office and for their hard work.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

AGREEMENTS:

1. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (P20-25, FLEET CAMPUS OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE)
2. MASTER AGREEMENT AND MEMBER NOTIFICATION SERVICE AGREEMENT
3. PN 338 BID NO. B20-15 CULVERT NO. 74E-08.50-68C DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

APPOINTMENTS:

1. RECOMMENDED MID-TERM APPOINTMENT TO THE LAND STEWARDSHIP ADVISORY BOARD- JOSHUA WENZ
2. RECOMMENDED MID-TERM APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH- ANTHONY (TONY) VAN GOOR

RESOLUTIONS:

1. AMENDED FINDINGS AND RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BROWN CONSERVATION DEVELOPMENT PRELIMINARY PLAT AND APPEALS

M O T I O N

Commissioner Donnelly moved the Board of County Commissioners approve the consent agenda for January 5, 2021.

Motion carried 3-0

5. COMMISSIONERS GUESTS: The Board shared thank-you letters to community members David May, Lucia Liley and Kevin Duggan to express their appreciation and congratulations on their retirement. The Board recognized each individual and gave background information regarding their valued work in the community.

Irene Josey, Larimer County Treasurer, expressed her thanks and appreciation for the hard work to the retiring individuals.

Angela Myers, Larimer County Clerk & Recorder, expressed her appreciation and echoed the remarks of her fellow elected officials.

Mr. May addressed the group and thanked them for what they have done in the community and their incredible leadership.

Mr. Duggan addressed the group to thank them for the recognition from the County. As a resident of the county, he has appreciated everything they have done in the community.

6. COVID-19 UPDATES AND DECISIONS: Linda Hoffmann announced there will not be an update on recovery activities due to their work session next week. Ms. Hoffmann introduced Public Health Director Tom Gonzales to update the Board.

Director Gonzales updated the Board regarding vaccine distribution. Last week, Governor Polis updated the Colorado's Phase Priority Plan. Phase 1B of the vaccine administration was updated to include adults older than 70, educators and front-line workers. Larimer County is currently vaccinating those in Phase 1A, and hope to wrap up this phase around January 15, 2021. Phase 1B is projected to finish in early March.

There was a discussion with the Board regarding the delay in Phase 1A and the vaccine supply. The Department of Health is partnering with UC Health to get the vaccine out. Colorado is currently second in the country for getting vaccine supply out quickly. Plans to do mass vaccinations at The Ranch are being put in place. The FDA is researching the effectiveness of using half of the current recommended dose, and the Public Health Department will watch for future updates on this topic.

Last Sunday, the County achieved all metrics out of the red category and moved into orange. Yesterday, the metrics had a slight up-tick of percent positivity rate. Hospitalizations have plateaued; however, ICU utilization is staying high in the 80's. Larimer County is one of only a few counties in the state that have achieved the metrics in orange and surge of the virus is trending down.

There was a discussion with the Board on how the Level Up Program will work now that the Governor has moved Larimer County to orange. Governor Polis will not allow businesses to operate at a level up until the county maintains orange level metrics for seven continuous days. Once this is achieved, the businesses that are certified in the Level Up Program may operate under yellow restrictions.

7. LEVEL UP PROGRAM STAFF RECOGNITION: Laura Walker, Human and Economic Health Director, explained Larimer County entered the more restrictive COVID phase red in November 2020, causing many businesses to further limit or even cease their operations due to heightened public health constraints.

Ms. Walker provided recognition of county staff for leading the successful Level Up effort that has assisted 200+ Larimer County businesses to re-open in the last couple of weeks, specifically the four leaders: Jacob Castillo, Tom Gonzales, Chris Manley & Adam Crowe. Health inspectors, communications staff, support staff, chambers of commerce, and members of the business community have done their due diligence to get us to this point. Ms. Walker hopes that in the future the County can give a more widespread recognition to not only these four driving members of the team, but also to the widespread team who have assisted in this effort.

The Board commended the improvement of a positive relationship between the County Health Department and the business community. A shared mutual appreciation for protecting the public and helping businesses operate has grown during the pandemic. At a moment's notice, members of the Health Department and Emergency Management made themselves available and would go above and beyond the call of duty. The County is very lucky to have these individuals working on our behalf.

8. **COUNTY MANAGER UPDATE:** Manager Hoffmann stated that she did not have an update this week but did want to take the opportunity to thank the Commissioners for their services and accomplishments over the last 12 years.

Manager Hoffman highlighted lasting legacies including the Loveland service building, alternative sentencing building, the fleet shops, and the jail project as these are investments in the County's future. The Board supported professional development of staff, improved benefit program, managed budget to keep salaries at market rates and many tax policies. At the state level, the board tackled human services programs and reform of tax increment financing law.

This Board has directed recovery from major disasters without having to go to the community for additional funds including the High Park Fire, Cameron Peak Fire, 2013 Floods, and the COVID pandemic. In planning for the future, the Board has implemented an award-winning solid waste master plan, funded programs such as the Wellness Court, updated the land use plan, implemented the behavioral health tax and the new facility now under construction, and started the I-25 expansions.

Manager Hoffman commented that measuring leadership is what you do and who you are. This Board has been dedicated to service and tackled big items which were driven by genuine and a deep care for their community. The Board's investments have really paid off and the vision that is left behind will be their legacy.

8. **COMMISSIONER ACTIVITY REPORT:** The Board did not have any activity updates this week.

Chair Johnson commented they have a fantastic leadership team and fantastic staff at the county. It is the team of people that work at the county that made all of their accomplishments happen. He has had the opportunity to serve with amazing mentors and role models including Kathay Rennels, Lew Gaiter, Shawn Dougherty, and John Kefalas.

Commissioner Kefalas remarked that it has been a real honor and privilege to work side by side with Commissioners Johnson and Donnelly. The commissioners have embodied the guiding principles and have manifested that in their work.

Commissioner Donnelly commented that he has loved his job and the Administrative Matters meetings. He is honored to have been able to work with so many wonderful and dedicated people who tried their best to restore a sense of professionalism to county government. His proudest accomplishments have been growing the county's reserves from the previous Board of Commissioners who had no reserves in 2009, solving problems that their predecessors were not able to, funding flood recovery through their reserves without raising taxes, significant work on the transportation front – specifically, the Interstate- 25 corridor, hiring several of the first females to high-level leadership positions, and gaining the community's trust in order to be re-elected.

9. **LEGAL MATTERS:** None requested

Chair Johnson announced that the new commissioner's will be sworn in at 9 a.m., Tuesday, January 12, 2021 and that the Administrative Matters meeting will convene at 10 a.m.

With there being no further business, the Board adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2021

**SPECIAL MEETING TO CONSIDER A REVISED RESOLUTION FOR MILL LEVY
CERTIFICATION OF LARIMER COUNTY GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #
10 HOMESTEAD ESTATES**

The Board of County Commissioners met virtually at 4:30 p.m. with Linda Hoffmann, County Manager and Lorenda Volker, Assistant County Manager. Chair Johnson presided. Commissioner Donnelly and Commissioner Kefalas were present. Also present were Bob Overbeck, County Assessor, Josh Fudge, Budget Director Irene Josey, County Treasurer, Todd Simms, Treasurers' Office, Alisha Jeffers, Commissioners' Office, and Eliza Brock, Deputy Clerk.

**1. REVISED RESOLUTION TO ADOPT 2021 BUDGET AND SET MILL LEVIES
FOR LARIMER COUNTY GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #10 –**

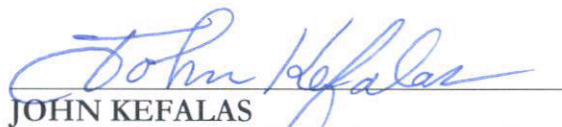
HOMESTEAD ESTATES: Linda Hoffman, County Manager explained this resolution will revise the 2021 Adopted Budget and Mill Levy for Larimer County General Improvement District #10 – Homestead Estates to correct an error.

MOTION

Commissioner Donnelly moved the Board of County Commissioners approve the revised resolution for the mill levy certification of Larimer County General Improvement District #10- Homestead Estates.

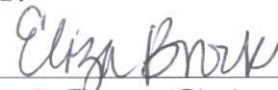
Motion carried 3-0

With there being no further business, the Board adjourned at 4:35 p.m.


JOHN KEFALAS
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ANGELA MYERS
CLERK AND RECORDER

ATTEST:


Eliza Brock, Deputy Clerk

