



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2024

LAND USE HEARING

There was no Land Use Hearing for this week.

TUESDAY, APRIL 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 Shadduck-McNally and Commissioner Stephens were present. Also present were Sarah Martin and Tom Clayton, Commissioners' Office, and Elizabeth Carter, Deputy Clerk.

Commissioner Kefalas opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No one from the public addressed the Board.

Commissioner Kefalas closed public comment.

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

M O T I O N:

Commissioner Shadduck-McNally moved that the Board of County Commissioners approve the minutes for the week of April 22, 2024.

Motion carried 3-0.

3. REVIEW OF THE SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 6, 2024: Ms. Martin reviewed the upcoming schedule with the Board.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

AGREEMENTS

1. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN LARIMER COUNTY NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE LARIMER COUNTY WEED DISTRICT

LETTERS OF SUPPORT

1. US 287 CORRIDOR SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS LETTER OF SUPPORT

LIQUOR LICENSE

1. LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL-WERTHWHILE LLC dba INLET BAY MARINA- FERMENTED MALT BEVERAGE ON/OFF PREMISE-FORT COLLINS, CO

2. LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL- ZGOLF FOOD & BEVERAGE SERVICES LLC dba WEDGEWOOD WEDDING & BANQUET CENTER-TAVERN-LAPORTE, CO

3. LIQUOR LICENSE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT 6%-COLORADO MEDIEVAL FESTIVAL dba CREEPY WALK IN THE WOODS-LOVELAND, CO

MISCELLANEOUS

1. FINDINGS AND ORDER- HORSETOOTH TAVERN, LLC D/B/A HORSETOOTH TAVERN-HOTEL & RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE

2. FIRSTBANK STIPULATION AS TO TAX YEAR 2023 VALUE

3. MORIAH INVESTMENTS LLC STIPULATION AS TO TAX YEAR 2023 VALUE

4. ASSOCIATES INVESTMENTS LLC STIPULATION AS TO TAX YEAR 2023 VALUE

5. LEBRUN ROBERT S AKA/ROBERT LEBRUN RICE ROBERT TIMOTHY AKA TIM RICE STIPULATION AS TO TAX YEAR 2023 VALUE

6. A AND W OF COLORADO LLC STIPULATION AS TO TAX YEAR 2023 VALUE

7. CINDUSTRIAL SIX LLC STIPULATION AS TO TAX YEAR 2023 VALUE

M O T I O N

Commissioner Stephens moved the Board of County Commissioners to approve the Consent Agenda for April 30, 2024.

Motion carried 3-0.

5. COMMISSIONERS' GUESTS:

Diane Lapierre, Executive Director, Poudre River Library District and Katie Auman, Communications Manager, Poudre River Library District. Ms. Lapierre explained that she was before the Board to provide the Library District's annual report to the community. Ms. Lapierre stated that the Poudre Library District has been focusing on creating spaces that are safe and welcoming to all.

Ms. Lapierre noted that the Poudre Libraries are a community hub. In 2023, the Library District welcomed 23,206 new cardholders and saw 724,266 persons come through the doors. In addition, nearly 40,000 individuals attended programs offered by the District and 355 volunteers committed over 8,000 hours. In 2023, Poudre Library District focused on themes of equity, diversity, and inclusion. The Library District joined forces with ISAAC of Northern Colorado to participate in the Adelante Workforce Program. The program places youth from historically marginalized areas into settings where they receive professional development. The Library District hosted three participants, one of whom continues to work at Council Tree Library and one who remains an active volunteer. There was also an increase in the Library District's digital presence in the community. The Library District hosted 128,862 in-library Wi-Fi sessions and 68,850 public computer sessions.

Ms. Lapierre was pleased to report on the activities of "Evie" the Poudre Library District's electric-powered mobile library. The mobile library targets remote and under resourced areas and brings books and services to these areas. In 2023, Evie covered 2000 miles, serving 10,000 residents with more than 6,000 items checked out.

The Board had questions for Ms. Lapierre regarding the mobile outreach library and how books are returned by community members in more remote or rural areas. The Board thanked Ms. Lapierre and the team at the Poudre Library District for their efforts in bringing a love for books and reading into the community along with a multitude of additional resources.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Chari Kefalas noted that the order of the Discussion Items would be changed to allow the "I Voted" sticker winner to return to class more expeditiously.

1. TO ANNOUNCE AND INTRODUCE THE 2024 LARIMER COUNTY "I VOTED" STICKER DESIGN CONTEST WINNER: Tina Harris, Clerk and Recorder. Clerk Harris explained to the Board that in February 2024, local area high school students were invited to participate in Larimer County's first ever "I Voted" sticker design contest. After an internal review of the submissions made, the top ten finalists were selected. Clerk Harris reported that polls opened to the community on April 8, 2024. Community members were encouraged to cast their vote with the winning design to be featured on the stickers issued to all Larimer County voters in the November 2024 General Election. Clerk Harris noted that the contest was also a chance for the community to gain experience with ranked voting and gave her staff a chance to process the returns of ranked votes.

Clerk Harris introduced Julia Dicks, a senior at Loveland Classical School, the 2024 winner. Ms. Dicks' sticker features the Columbine flower and has "I Voted" in both English and Spanish. Ms. Dicks addressed the Board and thanked Clerk Harris and the County for the opportunity to participate in an art contest. Ms. Dicks also extended her gratitude to her teacher who encouraged her to participate in the contest and her family who has supported her artistic development.

The Board extended congratulations to Ms. Dicks, her teachers, and her family.

The Board took a brief recess. The Board reconvened.

2. PROCLAMATION - MAY AS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH:

Ryan Barstow, Behavioral Health Services. Laura Walker, Human and Economic Health Director informed the Board that this proclamation designates May 2024 as Mental Health Awareness Month. This has been an annual request since 2018 and part of a national movement since 1949. Ms. Walker informed the Board that the Behavioral Health team for the County was present in the audience along with John McKay representing SummitStone. She noted that the County's partnership with SummitStone has been an essential component of providing community members with mental health resources.

Commissioner Shadduck-McNally read the Proclamation.

The Board thanked Ms. Walker and her team for highlighting the importance of mental health and providing access to resources. The Board additionally noted the need for continued education and increased access to care. The Board also emphasized the importance of the partnership between taxpayers, the County, and the health community, in particular the County's partners at SummitStone. The Board also asked Ms. Walker to provide background information on the Behavioral Health Dashboard and the Impact Fund Grants. Information about the grants can be found on the Human Services website at www.larimer.gov/behavioralhealth/impact-fund and the Behavioral Health Dashboard can be found at www.larimer.gov/health/community-health-and-wellbeing-dashboard.

Manager Volker noted that the Board often takes up proclamations to normalize and draw attention to issues like mental health. She extended thanks to the Behavioral Health team and the County's many partners. The dedication of those who serve in the mental health field and their commitment to bringing resources to community members in need is essential to the County's ability to offer critical resources. Manager Volker also noted that behavioral health is just health, and it should be treated with the same respect, understanding, and care as any other health issue.

The Board took a brief recess. The Board reconvened.

MOTION

Commissioner Shadduck-McNally moved that the Board of County Commissioners approve the Proclamation declaring May 2024 as Mental Health Awareness Month.

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 briefly detailed their attendance at events during the previous week.

9. LEGAL MATTERS: DECISION EXPECTED

Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b) conferences with an attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice regarding U.S. District Court Case No. 24-CV-588, Greg Schrecengost vs. Powers, et al.

M O T I O N

Commissioner Stephens 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 regarding U.S. District Court Case No. 24-CV-588, Greg Schrecengost vs. Powers, et al.

Motion carried 3-0.

David Ayraud, the Deputy County Attorney addressed the Board. Mr. Ayraud stated that the issue before the Board stems from an incident where an individual was pulled over for driving under the influence. The individual has alleged that excessive force was used. The motion before the Board today provides the County Attorney's Office with the authority to represent the County employees involved in the stop.

M O T I O N

Commissioner moved that the Board of County Commissioners authorize the County Attorney to defend Ethan Powers, Elias Gonzalez, and Michael Rairdon in their individual capacities and Larimer County and to provide full indemnity to them, including punitive damages, in the Greg Schrecengost case, U.S. District Court Case No. 24-CV-588 and further move that Bruno, Colin, Goddard and Lowe, P.C. be retained as co-counsel.

Motion carried 3-0.

With there being no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:00 a.m.


JOHN KEFALAS
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

TINA HARRIS
CLERK AND RECORDER

ATTEST:


Elizabeth Carter, Deputy Clerk

