

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MONDAY, JULY 17, 2023

LAND USE HEARING

There was no Land Use Hearing for this week.

TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2023

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS MEETING

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

Chair Shadduck-McNally opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT: Richard Seaworth addressed the Board and spoke about the floodplain in Larimer County. Mr. Seaworth gave a brief history of his property. Mr. Seaworth tried to upgrade his property, but he was told by the county that his property was in a floodplain. Mr. Seaworth expressed concern about the communication within the county regarding these issues.

The Board thanked Mr. Seaworth for his public comment and expressed a want to figure this situation out more thoroughly.

Commissioner Shadduck-McNally closed public comment.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 10, 2023:

M O T I O N

Commissioner Kefalas moved that the Board of County Commissioners approve the minutes for the week of July 10, 2023.

Motion carried 3 – 0.

3. REVIEW OF THE SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 24, 2023: Ms. Martin reviewed the upcoming schedule with the Board.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

AGREEMENTS

1. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN LARIMER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AND ESTES PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT R-3, POUDRE SCHOOL DISTRICT R-1, AND THOMPSON SCHOOL DISTRICT R2-J

APPOINTMENTS

1. RECOMMENDED APPOINTMENTS TO THE EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION ADVISORY BOARD – SAVANAH OVERTUF, VISHVESH SINGH, AND LUIS MONTALVO
2. RECOMMENDED REAPPOINTMENT TO THE BRUNS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT – CRAIG CARPENTER

LIQUOR LICENSES

1. LIQUOR LICENSE SPECIAL EVENT 6% - HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN COLORADO – NATIONAL HOME BUILDERS BUILD PAC – FORT COLLINS, COLORADO

MISCELLANEOUS

1. 360 LINDEN LLC STIPULATION AS TO TAX YEAR 2022 VALUE
2. TREASURER'S SIX-MONTH REPORT
3. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER UPON LANDS – RICHARD BINGER
4. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER UPON LANDS – EIGHTOS LIC, SANDBOX SOLAR LLC
5. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER UPON LANDS – EIGHTOS LIC, SANDBOX SOLAR LLC
6. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER UPON LANDS – HORSETOOTH LAKE ESTATES PROPERTY OWNERS
7. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER UPON LANDS – LTC PROPERTY OWNERS
8. PAID PARKING FOR THE BUDWEISER EVENT CENTER
9. ANNUAL COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION REPORT; MONITORING AND PERMIT DEVIATION REPORT

RESOLUTIONS

1. RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL INDEPENDENT REFEREES TO CONDUCT HEARINGS ON BEHALF OF THE LARIMER COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION FOR 2023

Commissioner Kefalas informed the public that the broadcast was not working but the recording of the hearing will be made public after the meeting.

MOTION

Commissioner Stephens moved the Board to approve the consent agenda for July 17, 2023.

Motion carried 3 – 0.

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

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT AWARDED 2023 MODEL PRACTICE FROM THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CITY AND COUNTY HEALTH OFFICIALS: Commissioner Shadduck-McNally expressed the importance and prestige of this award. Tom Gonzales addressed the Board and introduced Talia Hirsch. Mr. Gonzales gave some background of this award and the application process that goes into applying and winning this award. Mr. Gonzales expressed gratitude for the hard-working staff that supported the county throughout COVID-19 and since the pandemic.

Ms. Hirsch addressed the Board and echoed Mr. Gonzales gratitude for the staff working in the Health Department. Ms. Hirsch gave a presentation about the Health Department's plan to help support the county. Ms. Hirsch highlighted the importance of work-life balance and reducing burnout throughout COVID-19 pandemic. Part of this plan was an employee orientation to create a sense of community. Another aspect of the Health Department's plan was career development for each employee. Ms. Hirsch explained how these initiatives worked to create community and help employees flourish.

The outcomes of this initiative were an increase in staff wellbeing and work-life balance. There was also a decrease in the separation rate of employees.

Ms. Hirsch expressed a need for employee buy-in to help continue these improvements.

The Board congratulated the staff that initiated these improvements and their dedication to public health. Commissioner Kefalas outlined the Larimer County guiding principles and the commitment from the county to uphold these. Commissioner Kefalas asked a question about bidirectional communication. Ms. Hirsch explained the importance of staff communicating with their supervisors and supervisors communicate with staff.

Commissioner Shadduck-McNally echoed the other commissioner's comments about how staff goes above and beyond the task at hand and the great things staff can achieve.

Manager Volker thanked Director Gonzalez for his leadership and hard work.

Mr. Gonzalez spoke about the importance of feedback between every employee and the community. Mr. Gonzalez also highlighted the management team who made these initiatives come to life.

2. RECOGNITION OF THE 40TH GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT: Commissioner Shadduck-McNally invited Carol Block, Finance Director, and Lorrie Lopez to address the Board. Ms. Block gave a brief background on this award.

Ms. Lopez thanked the whole staff that worked in this department and helped receive this award. Ms. Lopez compared the county from 1982 to today. Ms. Lopez discussed the capital assets, disaster relief fund, and other community programming funding that has shaped the county.

The Board thanked every staff member that works in this county for all their great work. Commissioner Kefalas expressed interest in these statistics from 1982 to today and suggested this information should be more readily available. Commissioner Stephens expressed the importance of transparency in finance for the public. Commissioner Shadduck-McNally asked about the specifics of the disaster relief fund. Ms. Lopez gave information about the history of that specific fund.

Manager Volker expressed the importance of transparency and full disclosure which helps instill trust in local government.

3. REVIEW OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS AND ACCEPTANCE OF 2022 ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT (ACFR): Ms. Block gave a brief history of the annual report and introduced the auditing company, Rubin Brown. Matt Marino and Max Haberkorn addressed the Board. Mr. Marino gave an overview of the auditor's findings. Mr. Marino spoke about how the disclosures that would be expected to be seen in government auditing, were found in the Larimer County. He explained that there were no uncorrected mistakes in this auditing process which is positive for this process. Mr. Marino spoke about the lack of material weaknesses, which is important for a strong audit.

Mr. Haberkorn explained the auditing processes and the types of programs that were audited. Mr. Haberkorn spoke about the federal funding processes and the future of auditing processes. The Financial Statement Audit and the Federal Funds Audit did not have issues that concerned the auditors. Mr. Marino stated that this was reflective of the transparency of the county.

Manager Volker expressed gratitude to both the auditing team and financial team. Manager Volker expressed the importance of using county funds in transparent and effective ways.

Commissioner Stephens asked about the landfill closure expenses timeline. Mr. Marino explained that engineers report on this issue regularly and changes can be made after the recommendation of the engineers. Commissioner Stephens asked about how specific programs are selected to be audited. Mr. Marino explained that programs are selected based on risk and how the federal government is involved in the selection process. Commissioner Stephens asked about the risk of specific programs. Mr. Haberkorn explained the details of auditing programs that have a wide range of expenditures.

Commissioner Kefalas expressed gratitude in the auditing process and having received an unmodified report. Commissioner Kefalas asked about the future of the auditing process and how that would affect programs like purchasing zoom. Mr. Haberkorn explained the types of agreements that would be considered a liability and the intricacies of these programs.

Commissioner Shadduck-McNally explained the importance of the programs being audited and thanked the team working on ensuring that the county is transparent and being good stewards of the taxpayer money.

M O T I O N

Commissioner Kefalas moved that the Board of County Commissioners approve the 2022 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

Motion carried 3-0.

4. REPORT ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED THE ALLIANCE FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION OF LARIMER COUNTY AS PART OF THE IMMEDIATE NEEDS GRANT PROGRAM: Josh Fudge, Direct of Performance Budget and Strategy, addressed the Board. Mr. Fudge gave a history of the funds and the work that was being done with those funds. Mr. Fudge introduced Traci Sandoval, Youth Program Coordinator, and Kim Moeller, Program Director. Ms. Sandoval gave a history of the program and outreach in the community. Ms. Sandoval talked about the increase in understanding of suicide and prevention within the county. Ms. Moeller spoke about the importance of helping those outside of the school system and the ways that this program is helping with outreach and education.

Commissioner Kefalas expressed gratitude for this program and the outreach to the community and specifically the LGBTQ+ youth. Commissioner Kefalas asked about the mural that was created in support of this program.

Commissioner Stephens echoed the gratitude sentiment for the work that is being done to help those at risk in the community. Commissioner Stephens asked about the training for suicide prevention in schools. Ms. Sandoval spoke about the different programs that they are working on and piloting.

Commissioner Shadduck-McNally gave a history of the Immediate Need Grant and the importance of using those funds to help the community. Commissioner Shadduck-McNally thanked Josh Fudge and Laura Walker for finding and designating these funds for this program. Commissioner Shadduck-McNally thanked everyone who touched this program and who were helping make an impact in the community.

Manager Volker thanked everyone for their hard work.

5. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT DESIGNATING LARIMER COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY TO HOUSING CATALYST: Alea Rodriguez, Housing Servility Program Manager, addressed the Board and gave a history of this program. Ms. Rodriguez spoke about the need for housing in this community, both in municipalities and the unincorporated

areas, has created this program. Ms. Rodriguez spoke about a meeting that will take place to connect the housing authorities across the county.

Commissioner Stephens asked about how updates will be reported back to the Board. Ms. Rodriguez reported on how that a commissioner could be a part of the board but would have to be appointed by the City of Fort Collins.

Commissioner Kefalas expressed the importance of having a commissioner on the Housing Catalyst board and asked about any updates. Ms. Rodriguez explained that a commissioner is allowed to apply for a seat on the Board but to have a reserved seat would need to go through the process with the City of Fort Collins.

Commissioner Shadduck-McNally echoed the sentiments of the other commissioners about the importance of this updated agreement. Commissioner Shadduck-McNally thanked those working on this program and the relationships being cultivated within this program.

Manager Volker explained the importance of updating this program and expressed gratitude to Ms. Rodriguez for the work that she has done.

M O T I O N

Commissioner Stephens moved that the Board of County Commissioners approve the Intergovernmental Agreement Appointment of Larimer County Housing Authority and Assignment of Larimer County Housing Authority Powers and Duties to Housing Catalyst.

Motion carried 3-0.

6. GRANT AGREEMENT REGARDING AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS GRANT SUB AWARD FOR THE KECHTER AGGORDABLE TOWNHOMES PURCHASE BY ELEVATION COMMUNITY LAND TRUST: Manager Volker clarified an error in the packet with the dollar amount that is being asked for. The Board decided to move forward with discussing this project.

Ms. Rodriguez addressed the Board and gave a background on this grant. Ms. Rodriguez explained that this grant would involve a Long-Term Transformational Project and how this grant will be used to create more affordable housing. Stefca Fanchi, Elevation Community Land Trust Director, addressed the Board. Ms. Fanchi explained how the land would be held in a trust for affordable housing. There are currently 54 townhomes being constructed. Ms. Fanchi explained the price point of this housing. TWG Construction is the company building these townhomes. Ms. Fanchi gave a history of the land itself and how it was originally owned by the city of Fort Collins and how this land trust was created. Ms. Fanchi explained how interest rates have changed the price and has decreased the price because of the importance of keeping these houses affordable.

Commissioner Kefalas asked about public transportation accessibility housing. Ms. Fanchi explained that this development is close to the highway but not close to specific public transportation. Commissioner Kefalas asked about the funding of this project and the price point that these townhomes will be sold at. Ms. Fanchi gave details about how the prices and the interest rates interact.

Commissioner Stephens asked about how down payment assistance will help with payments and how does someone create equity. Ms. Fanchi explained that the price will go down as interest rates go up. Additionally, Ms. Fanchi explained that this project wanted to create a steppingstone into home ownership. There is a formula used for home reselling so that the sellers can build wealth but still be affordable for the next person. Commissioner Stephens asked about the need for resales in a quick amount of time. Ms. Fanchi explained that it would depend on their down payment but from their program, it would not be an issue.

Commissioner Shadduck-McNally thanked the work being done for this project. Commissioner Shadduck-McNally explained how affordable housing is so vital for the community.

Manager Volker wanted to recognize the previous manager, Linda Hoffman, for all of the work being done to help this community.

M O T I O N

Commissioner Kefalas moved that the Board of County Commissioners to approve the Grant Agreement American Rescue Plan Collaboration Sub Award in the amount of one million dollars.

Motion carried 3-0.

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

Commissioner Kefalas wanted to explain that there will be a public improvement survey that will be sent out after the Community Leaders Summit.

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

9. LEGAL MATTERS: None requested.

With there being no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Jody Shadduck-McNally

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

TINA HARRIS
CLERK AND RECORDER

ATTEST:

Tessa Beaty

Tessa Beaty, Deputy Clerk

