

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2023

LAND USE HEARING

There was no Land Use Hearing for this week.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22, 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:** No one from the public addressed the Board.

Commissioner Shadduck-McNally closed public comment.

2. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 14, 2023:**

M O T I O N

Commissioner Kefalas moved that the Board of County Commissioners approve the minutes for the week of August 14, 2023.

Motion carried 3 – 0.

3. **REVIEW OF THE SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 28, 2023:** Ms. Martin reviewed the upcoming schedule with the Board.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

AGREEMENTS

1. **PVREA IRU AMENDMENT 68C TO RUSTIC**
2. **DAKTRONICS INC AGREEMENT**

LIQUOR LICENSSE

- 1. LIQUOR LICENSE SPECIAL EVENT 6% - CARING HEARTS OF RED FEATHER LAKES FOUNDATION – RED FEATHER LAKES, COLORADO**
- 2. LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL – ME OH MY COFEE AND PIE LLC – LAPORTE, COLORADO**

MISCELLANEOUS

- 1. LARIMER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES PAYMENT OVERVIEW FOR 2023 SECOND QUARTER**
- 2. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER UPON LANDS – STEVE LAMONTIA**
- 3. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER UPON LANDS – KEITH GWYN**
- 4. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO ENTER UPON LANDS – GEWEKE JOHN F TRUST (.50)/GEWELE LYNN O TRUST (.50)**

RESOLUTIONS

- 1. RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY III**

M O T I O N

Commissioner Stephens moved the Board to approve the Consent Agenda for August 22, 2023.

Motion carried 3 – 0.

5. COMMISSIONERS' GUESTS: Kimberly Culp, Chief Executive Officer of Larimer Emergency Telephone Authority 911 (LETA 911), addressed the Board. Ms. Culp gave a background on LETA 911. Ms. Culp spoke about the tools used to help keep the people in Larimer County safe. LETA 911 helped connect people to safety and emergency information. Language translation has recently been added to the LETA 911 system to help disseminate information quickly and effectively. Ms. Culp spoke about some legislative initiatives that help with this program, though LETA 911 is ahead of the curve for this type of legislation. Additionally, a sign language program has been launched to provide accessible alerts to the public.

Commissioner Stephens asked about how outreach to the public has been conducted. Ms. Culp spoke about the way that the program has been reaching out to those who could benefit from these services. The process of getting people connected has been ongoing. Ms. Culp also spoke about the process of walking people through getting connected.

Ms. Culp spoke about the text-to-911 program and how a 911 video program has been created. People of Larimer County can now send pictures and stream live video to emergency services. This has helped first responders learn more about the situation before they arrive.

Commissioner Shadduck-McNally commended Ms. Culp and this program for the great work they have done.

Commissioner Kefalas asked about the folks who live remotely and rely on landline phones. Ms. Culp explained that this program is multifaceted and works to bring different solutions to the people. Door-to-door service has been used, and Ms. Culp encouraged people to evacuate if they ever feel unsafe. Commissioner Kefalas expressed appreciation for this program and the collaboration with the many different government agencies. Commissioner Kefalas asked about various non-profits that could help connect people to resources, for example, INCIGHT. Commissioner Kefalas additionally wondered about social media and the way it is being used. Ms. Culp explained that many different people have been folded into this program. Ms. Culp explained that it is essential for people to have many touch points, so social media is also a great way to connect with people.

Commissioner Stephens asked about a Spanish language program that might be more instant than the previous program. Ms. Culp spoke about the challenges of language translation and the ways that the application has been currently mitigating this issue. Commissioner Stephens thanked Ms. Culp and this program for the work that is being done.

Commissioner Shadduck-McNally expressed gratitude for the work being done to protect the people of Larimer County and first responders. Commissioner Shadduck-McNally asked about ways that this program could be connected to visitors to Larimer County. Ms. Culp explained about a specific program that has been created to help tourists. Tourists just needed to text 888777 the word “EPAlerts” to receive notifications while within the national parks. “NocoAlerts” can also be texted to the same number, and the person can receive more general alerts for Larimer County. Commissioner Shadduck-McNally expressed appreciation for the text message alerts but expressed concern about landline alerts. Ms. Culp explained that the Princess Phone is a particular type of phone that will continue working even if the power goes out and is highly recommended in an emergency.

Manager Volker expressed gratitude for these programs. Additionally, Manager Volker wanted to remind the public that there was a personal responsibility to sign up for these resources and plan for emergencies.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. REPORT ON A GRANT PROJECT IMPLEMENTED BY THE BIPOC ALLIANCE, FUNDED BY THE LARIMER COUNTY IMMEDIATE NEEDS GRANT PROGRAM: Josh Fudge, Performance, Budget, and Strategy Director, gave a history of the BIPOC Alliance and services that were provided to BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) businesses that were disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Fudge introduced Rahshida Perez, Executive Director of the BIPOC Alliance, and Jamie Rasmussen, Program Director of the BIPOC Alliance. Ms. Perez explained the Alliance’s Wealth in Numbers (WIN) program and how it supported local BIPOC business owners. Ms. Rasmussen gave details on another program, called the Coop of Care, that is childcare-centered. These two programs are connected to help people maintain and gain wealth. These programs help people become small-business owners themselves. Ms.

Rasmussen explained how this program will be moving into a community space very soon. The WIN program helps connect people and network together, which can help the community grow. Ms. Perez explained how these connections create economic wealth and growth in the BIPOC community.

The Board expressed gratitude for this program and for helping fill this gap in the community. Commissioner Stephens explained how many people in the BIPOC community have not received the same opportunities and have been restricted in their ability to gain wealth.

Commissioner Kefalas expressed gratitude for a directory of BIPOC-owned businesses and expressed a want to get that information out to the public. Commissioner Kefalas echoed the fantastic work that the BIPOC Alliance has been doing.

Commissioner Shadduck-McNally also thanked Josh Fudge and those working to connect the Immediate Needs Grant to those who need it. Commissioner Shadduck-McNally expressed a want to connect these resources throughout the whole county.

Manager Volker thanked the BIPOC Alliance for the work that is being done and the connections being made.

2. REPORT ON A GRANT PROJECT IMPLEMENTED BY THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF LARIMER COUNTY, FUNDED BY THE LARIMER COUNTY IMMEDIATE NEEDS GRANT PROGRAM: Mr. Fudge gave a history of the Immediate Needs Grant for the Boys and Girls Club of Larimer County. He introduced the Development Director of the Boys and Girls Club of Larimer County, Annalise Mecham. Ms. Mecham explained how the grant money was used to help the programming for children in Larimer County. Eight hundred fifty children participated in the summer programming in 2022. Ms. Mecham highlighted the after-school clubs and the Loveland Campus that were currently being cultivated. The plan is to help children from zero to eighteen. The tentative opening date is between February and March of 2024.

The Board expressed gratitude for the work that has been done. Commissioner Kefalas asked about intergenerational work that could be done to help cultivate a community. Ms. Mecham explained the extensive volunteer program that was created to connect people intergenerational.

Commissioner Stephens asked about the price of the summer programming. Ms. Mecham explained that the price is \$20 per year per child, and there is no extra cost for the summer programming. The goal of the program is to have children come no matter the financial burden. Commissioner Stephens expressed how remarkable this program is to help children receive this care without worrying about the price. Commissioner Stephens asked about transportation. Ms. Mecham explained that transportation issues have decreased with a partnership with the school district. Ms. Mecham added the types of mental health care included in this program.

Commissioner Shadduck-McNally expressed excitement for this program and the continued partnership between the county and this program. Commissioner Shadduck-McNally explained how the county has helped fund the mental health programs.

Manager Volker explained that this program highlights what the Immediate Needs Grant was designed for

Commissioner Shadduck-McNally excused herself and Commissioner Kefalas acted as Chair Pro Tem.

3. REPORT ON A GRANT PROJECT IMPLEMENTED BY ALIANZA NORCO, FUNDED BY LARIMER COUNTY IMMEDIATE NEEDS GRANT PROGRAM Mr. Fudge gave a brief history of Alianza Norco and introduced Patricia Miller, Director and Founder of Alianza Norco, and Sarah Kane, Operations Manager. Ms. Miller gave an account of this program and the resources that the program provides. Alianza Norco was a grassroots program that was initially volunteer run. Ms. Miller spoke about the importance of welcoming immigrants into our community. Ms. Miller explained that the federal policy does not include integration for those immigrating to our communities. Programs like Alianza Norco are the first-line response to help immigrants receive access to services. Ms. Miller explained how the Immediate Needs Grant actively helped this program grow and provide resources to the immigrant community.

Commissioner Stephens expressed gratitude for the work being done in the community.

Commissioner Kefalas echoed Commissioner Stephens's gratitude. Commissioner Kefalas asked about the kinds of activities within the community to build trust. Ms. Miller explained the network of community resources that help connect people and build trust. Ms. Miller highlighted the DMV resources to provide undocumented people with driver's licenses. Commissioner Kefalas asked about opportunities to meet with the immigrant community to help build trust. Commissioner Kefalas asked about upcoming community events. Ms. Miller confirmed both questions.

Manager Volker thanked Ms. Miller for this program and the work being done.

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

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 10:55 a.m.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, 2023

SPECIAL BCC MEETING FOR CERTIFICATION OF THE ABSTRACT OF ASSESSMENT REPORT FOR ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

The Board of County Commissioners met at 12:30 p.m. with Bob Overbeck, Assessor. Chair Shadduck-McNally presided. Commissioner Kefalas and Commissioner Stephens were present. Also present were Lorenda Volker, County Manager; Yara Zokaie and Lisa Thieme, Assessor's Office; and Tessa Beaty, Deputy Clerk

Assessor Overbeck introduced the assessment values for 2023 which was around 11.5 billion dollars.

Commissioner Kefalas asked for clarification for why this meeting is important to the average person.

Assessor Overbeck explained the different types of tax services that are used for the community and the process that ensures these services are funded.

Commissioner Kefalas asked about the relationship between the mill levy and the taxing authorities throughout the county.

Ms. Zokaie explained that the taxing authorities look at the County's assessment and creates individual tax bills for individual people.

Assessor Overbeck highlighted the abstract report created for 2022 and how a new report will be created for 2023.

Commissioner Stephens asked about the specifics of the taxing districts and thanked the assessor's office for their hard work.

Ms. Zokaie confirmed that there are around 370 taxing districts in Larimer County.

The Board expressed gratitude for the process and how the Assessor's staff was able to be professional and get all the work done in a difficult year.

MOTION

Commissioner Stephens moved that the County Board of Equalization has concluded its hearings, pursuant to the provisions of Article 8 and The Board of County Commissioners, acting as the Board of Equalization, have examined the Abstract of Assessment and that all valuation changes have been incorporated and sign the Abstract of Assessment upon its completion by the Assessor.

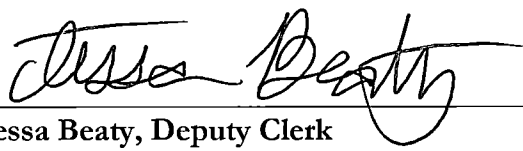
Motion carried 3-0.

With there being no further business, the Board adjourned at 12:40 p.m.


JODY SHADDUCK-MCNALLY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

TINA HARRIS
CLERK AND RECORDER

ATTEST:


Tessa Beaty, Deputy Clerk

