



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2024

LAND USE HEARING

There was no Land Use Hearing the week of October 7, 2024.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2024

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS MEETING

The Board of County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with Assistant County Manager Laurie Kadrich. Chair Kefalas presided. Commissioner Shadduck-McNally and Commissioner Stephens were present. Also present were Sarah Martin and Tom Clayton, Commissioners' Office, and Deirdre O'Neill, Deputy Clerk.

Chair Kefalas opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT: The following members of the public addressed the Board concerning the Federal court ruling in California concerning the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and said that it now must strengthen the regulation of fluoride in drinking water. The following individuals collectively spoke about the dangers of fluoride, especially the effects on brain development in infants and are urging the Board of County Commissioners to recommend to the Board of Health to reduce or eliminate fluoride in our water system: Pati Thomas, Nancy Eason, Monique Overturf, Heather Lahdenpera and Larry Thomas; Cindy Buckardt, Larimer County 4-H Foundation, wished to clarify her comments from a previous meeting on September 24, 2024 stating that she did not request the Larimer County 4H Foundation to be designated as a non-profit organization, but rather to be designated as 4H. Ms. Buckardt also commented in the previous minutes the incorrect spelling of her last name. Ms. Buckardt explained that the Thomas McKee Charitable Trust that was established in 2005, allows 4H to use the Thomas M. McKee 4H, Youth and Community Building at no cost and with normal upkeep performed by The Ranch. The BOCC direction for the Ranch to become self-sustainable by 2030 could cause 4H to have to pay for the use of the building, which would impact their ability to continue to fundraise and run 4H programs. The Larimer County 4-H foundation in its 70-year history has never been charged a fee for building usage. She stated that the majority of funding for 4-H programs comes from the Larimer County 4-H foundation and if the foundation is required to pay fees that total more than their income, their two fundraisers will cease, and the 4-H clubs and programs would be forced to seek funding elsewhere.

Chair Kefalas closed Public Comment.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

MOTION

Commissioner Stephens moved that the Board of County Commissioners approve the minutes for the week of September 30, 2024.

Motion carried 3-0.

3. REVIEW OF THE SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 14, 2024: Ms. Martin reviewed the upcoming schedule with the Board. The Board had several updates pertaining to their upcoming schedule.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

AGREEMENTS

- 1. FIBER USE LICENSE AGREEMENT CONTRACT NUMBER 24-00014-PLATTE RIVER POWER AUTHORITY (PRPA)**

APPOINTMENTS

- 1. RECOMMENDED MIDTERM APPOINTMENT TO THE POUDRE RIVER LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES-Rick Rivera**
- 2. RECOMMENDED MIDTERM APPOINTMENT TO THE EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION ADVISORY BOARD-Ya-Hsin Cheng**
- 3. RECOMMENDED APPOINTMENT TO THE LARIMER EMERGENCY TELEPHONE AUTHORITY BOARD-Joe Shellhammer**

LIQUOR LICENSES

- 1. LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL – ADHIKARI AND SONS CORPORATION DBA FOUR SEASONS LIQUOR-RETAIL LIQUOR STORE – FORT COLLINS, COLORADO**
- 2. LIQUOR LICENSE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT 6% – 52ND ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION FOR EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION – ESTES PARK, COLORADO**
- 3. LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL – LA ESPERANZA LLC DBA HACIENDA REAL – FORT COLLINS, COLORADO**

MISCELLANEOUS

- 1. 2025 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY ADOPTION**

2. RULES AND BYLAWS OF THE LARIMER COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS
3. CERTIFICATION (HAMMONS LOVELAND)

RESOLUTIONS

1. FINDINGS AND RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 3519 MINUTEMEN DRIVE PANO AL APPEAL
2. FINDINGS AND RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 13938 WEST COUTNY ROAD 18E PANO AL APPEAL
3. FINDINGS AND RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 9375 GOLD MINE ROAD PANO AL APPEAL
4. FINDINGS AND RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 740 NORTH COUNTY ROAD 41 PANO AL APPEAL

MOTION

Commissioner Shadduck-McNally moved the Board to approve the Consent Agenda for October 8, 2024.

Motion carried 3-0.

5. COMMISSIONERS' GUESTS: The Commissioners did not have any guests.
6. DISCUSSION ITEMS:
 1. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2024, AS INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY: Commissioner Kefalas introduced the proclamation and asked Commissioner Stephens to read the proclamation. Commissioner Stephens stated that Larimer County encourages businesses, organizations, public institutions, and county departments to recognize, cultivate strong relationships with, stand in solidarity with, and celebrate Native and Indigenous Peoples.

Indigenous Peoples' Day was first proposed in 1977 by the United Nations International Conference on Discrimination against Indigenous Populations in the Americas and has been adopted by several Colorado municipalities

Native and Indigenous peoples in Larimer County, as in all parts of the Americas, suffer from the legacy of colonization and national policies designed to erase and marginalize their presence. Larimer County benefitted, and continues to benefit, directly from Native American removal policies that violated human rights, broke federal treaties, and forced Native and Indigenous Peoples from their homelands

Larimer County acknowledges that this County was built upon the homelands of the Native and Indigenous Peoples of this region, resulting in their forced displacement from their lands

Larimer County promotes closing the equity gap for Native and Indigenous peoples through policies and practices that respect sovereignty and Indigenous self-determination aligned with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (“UNDRIP”), which establishes a universal framework of minimum standards for the survival, dignity and well-being of the Indigenous Peoples of the world and elaborates on the existing human rights standards and fundamental freedoms as they apply to the specific situation of Indigenous Peoples.

Larimer County recognizes that harm was done and acknowledges that we have a shared responsibility to support the native and indigenous peoples residing in Larimer County and to communicate, collaborate, and coordinate with tribal nations that have historic interests and presence in the area.

Chair Kefalas asked members of the audience to address the Board.

Rasa Humeyumptewa, Assistant Director of the Colorado State University Native American Cultural Center thanked the Board for this proclamation stating that they educate the community about Native American history and culture. Delilah Marie Lopez stated that she is very honored to be here today to honor her ancestors. Ms. Lopez works at the Center for Environmental Management of Military Lands as a researcher.

Ms. Humeyumptewa mentioned upcoming events being held at the Lory Student Center throughout November which is Native American History Month as well as events on Monday, October 14, 2024. The public can learn more about upcoming events at nacc.colostate.edu

The Commissioners thanked everyone and let them know they are inspired by their resilience, dedication and determination. The Commissioners stated that this is an important day to recognize the harm that has been done in the past and how we can do better in the future as well as celebrating native cultures and the respecting of our land.

M O T I O N

Commissioner Stephens moved to proclaim recognizing Monday, October 14, 2024, as Indigenous Peoples’ Day.

Motion passed 3-0.

The Board took a brief recess

The Board returned to session

7. **COUNTY MANAGER UPDATE:** Assistant County Manager Kadrach 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:** None requested

The Board adjourned at 10:20 am



JOHN KEFALAS
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

TINA HARRIS
CLERK AND RECORDER

ATTEST:



Deirdre O'Neill, Deputy Clerk

