



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MONDAY, MAY 3, 2021

LAND USE HEARING

The Board did not hold a Land Use Hearing on May 3, 2021.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners met at 2:30 p.m. with David Ayraud, Deputy County Attorney. Chair Kefalas presided. Commissioner Stephens and Commissioner Shadduck-McNally were present. Also present was Elizabeth Carter, Deputy Clerk.

MOTION

Commissioner Stephens moved that the Board of County Commissioners enter into Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S 34-6-402(4)(b) conference with an attorney regarding opioid litigation.

Motion carried 3-0.

The Board adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2021

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS MEETING

The Board of County Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with Linda Hoffmann, County Manager. Chair Kefalas presided. Commissioner Shadduck-McNally and Commissioner Stephens were present. Also present were: Alisha Jeffers, Commissioners' Office, and Elizabeth Carter, Deputy Clerk.

Chair Kefalas opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT: The following members of the public addressed the Board by teleconference: Deb Bjork.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 26, 2021.

MOTION

Commissioner Stephens moved that the Board of County Commissioners approve the minutes for the week of April 26, 2021.

Motion carried 3-0

3. REVIEW OF THE SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 10, 2021: Ms. Jeffers reviewed the upcoming schedule with the Board.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

RECOMMENDED DENIAL OF PETITION FOR ABATEMENT OR REFUND OF TAXES: Estate of Bobbea Lee Duran-Molloy-R0539970

AGREEMENTS:

1. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT REGARDING COST SHARING FOR BACKUP PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT

2. DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE PALLAORO SUBDIVISION

APPOINTMENTS:

1. RECOMMENDED MID-TERM APPOINTMENT TO THE KORAL HEIGHTS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD-Pavel Perminov

LETTERS OF SUPPORT:

1. ESTES PARK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION (EDA) GRANT APPLICATION

2. LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM BOUNDARY AMENDMENT

LIQUOR LICENSES: The following liquor licenses were approved/issued: Realities Ride @ Sunrise Ranch-Special Events 6%-Loveland; Mountain Whitewater Inc-Beer and Wine-Fort Collins.

Miscellaneous: Allocation of Funds to Pursue an Employer-Sponsored Childcare Facility, Final Plat of the Pallaoro Subdivision File 19-LAND3948, Request for Approval to Enter Upon Lands-Chetana White; Request for Approval to Enter Upon Lands-James Schlichting and Deborah Schlichting; Request for Approval to Enter Upon Lands-Matthew Wood; Authorize Creation of 1.0 FTE Climate Smart Program Manager.

M O T I O N

Commissioner Shadduck-McNally moved that the Board of County Commissioners approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion carried 3-0

5. **COMMISSIONER GUESTS:** The Commissioners did not have any guests.

6. **PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 9-15, 2021, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEEK IN LARIMER COUNTY:** Jacob Castillo, Economic and Workforce Development Director. Mr. Castillo reported that Economic Development Week was created by the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) in 2016 to increase awareness of local programs that create jobs, advance career development opportunities, and improve the quality of life in communities everywhere. In conjunction with National Economic Development Week, as supported by the IEDC and hundreds of economic development organizations around the country, this proclamation drafted by the Larimer County Economic and Workforce Development Department, recognizes the importance of economic development in our region and reaffirms our commitment to a vibrant, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable economy in Larimer County.

Mr. Castillo noted that over the last year the Larimer County Economic Development and Workforce Department, in conjunction with a multitude of community partners, has helped keep businesses open with the Level-Up Program, awarded a variety of grants and funding, and helped support economic resiliency. He emphasized that these activities would not be possible without the continued support from the Board and the strength of partnerships throughout the community.

Commissioner Stephens read the proclamation.

M O T I O N

Commissioner Stephens moved that the Board of County Commissioners proclaim May 9-15, 2021, Economic Development Week in Larimer County.

Motion carried 3-0.

The Board thanked Director Castillo and his team, as well as their many partners in the communities across Larimer County, for the continued effort to support local business.

7. **PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 2021, MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH:** Laurie Stolen, Behavioral Health Services Director. Ms. Stolen relayed to the Board that the proclamation declares May 2021, Mental Health Awareness Month. The proclamation is aimed at an increase in awareness and understanding of mental health, and the need for appropriate and accessible treatment, and care for all people who have mental health needs.

Ms. Stolen discussed how the need for access to mental health resources has become even more important than ever after the challenges of the pandemic. Ms. Stolen credited the citizens of Larimer County for passing the 2018 initiative to create a behavioral health center that will greatly enhance access to mental health resources for county residents. Additionally, she conveyed her appreciation for the strong partnerships with local providers. Lastly, Ms. Stolen noted that each of the municipalities in Larimer County will pass a similar resolution highlighting the importance of this issue.

Commissioner Shadduck-McNally read the proclamation.

MOTION

Commissioner Shadduck-McNally moved that the Board of County Commissioners proclaim May 2021, Mental Health Awareness Month in Larimer County.

The Board thanked Ms. Stolen and her team.

Motion carried 3-0.

The Board took a brief recess.

8. 2021 POTENTIAL WILDFIRE PREDICTION AND FLOOD PREPARATION:

Justin Whitesell, Emergency Operation Director and Joe Shellhammer, Captain-Sheriff's Office. Mr. Shellhammer updated the Board on the predicted 2021 wildfire season. In addition to the fire information, the Sheriff's Office also updated the Board on preparations for potential flooding issues for 2021.

Mr. Shellhammer relayed to the Board that there were already small fires in Glacier View and Wellington this weekend. Both fires were small in scope have been contained.

He noted that the county has 70 on-call firefighters trained and ready to respond to emergencies. Additionally, he relayed that the Sheriff's Office recently conducted a joint training with Estes Park firefighter and polices services on a more refined evacuation process.

Mr. Whitesell updated the Board on the predictions for the upcoming fire season. He stated that the prediction for this year's fire season is similar to predictions for the previous year. The good news is the county has received a good dose of rain and moisture which has lifted the county out of a drought. Mr. Whitesell did caution, however, that the prediction remains for a dry and hot summer which will particularly impact areas with dead brush and debris. Mr. Whitesall relayed that the Colorado State Division of Prevention and Control has made additional aviation resources available. These include some air tankers and additional helicopters.

Mr. Shellhammer reported to the Board that the Sheriff's office is working closely with the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) to pre-plan for any needed evacuations due to flooding. The focus is particularly on areas incorporated within the burn scar of the Cameron Peak Fire. Mr. Shellhammer also noted that the Sheriff's Office and OEM are working to get information regarding flood potential out to the impacted communities and to ensure citizens are signed up for emergency notifications. Mr. Shellhammer relayed that staff has been re-trained on swift water rescue tactics. Also, he noted that Boulder County continues to serve as a partner in case additional staff or resources are needed during an emergency.

There was a discussion between the Board and staff regarding partnerships with Boulder County and local municipalities. Additionally, there was a discussion regarding droughts and potential fire restrictions and fire bans.

10. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES IMPACT FUND GRANT PROGRAM

UPDATE: Laurie Stolen, Behavioral Health Services Director. Ms. Stolen reported to the Board that in 2019, Behavioral Health Services (BHS) distributed \$1 million in funding to the community through the Impact Fund Grant Program. Final reports by the organizations were submitted to BHS in January 2021. Outcomes from those grants were presented to the Behavioral Health Policy Council in April 2021, and are now being shared with the Board of County Commissioners.

Ms. Stolen relayed that \$845,000 of the funding was distributed through an invitation-based process and \$155,000 was distributed through an open application process. The funding priorities for application were broken into four categories including suicide prevention, mental illness and substance use disorders programming and services, stigma reduction, and innovation and new practices.

Ms. Stolen conveyed to the Board that a breakdown of the information regarding the 2019 funding can be found on the Behavioral Health Services website under the data and reports sections. She noted that the dashboard has information on the application, those which have been successfully closed, as well as information regarding the application which met or exceeded their objectives.

Additionally, Ms. Stolen stated that her team uses the information for each funding cycle to improve the grant process for the next year. For instance, in 2020 a docu-sign tool was implemented to allow for electronic signing. This year, the Behavioral Health Service team is working with an online vendor to enhance and improve the grant management process.

There was a discussion between the Board and staff regarding the impact of those with lived experiences on enhancing mental health services. Additionally, there was a discussion regarding the transparency of funding and providing that information to both providers and residents. The Board also expressed its thanks for connections with the Healing Warriors Program.

11. ASSIGNMENT OF COUNTY'S 2021 PRIVATE ACTIVITY BOND ALLOCATION:

Carol Block, Finance Director. Ms. Block reported to the Board that Larimer County receives an annual Private Activity Bond (PAB) allocation from the State. Ms. Block noted that a Private Activity Bond grants authority to issue tax-exempt bonds for specific private-sector projects. These funds can in turn be used only on very specific projects and is most commonly used for affordable housing. This year's authority (allocation) is for \$5.7 million.

The county's application review committee unanimously recommends assigning the allocation to Housing Catalyst in accordance with County Financial Policy 320.12A, which was updated as part of Strategic Plan Objective 2, Goal 4, and established a review committee and an annual deadline for PAB applications. For 2021, the deadline to apply was March 1, 2021. The county can issue and utilize these bonds by partnering with an existing authority that possess the expertise to manage these projects. Through an application processes, the Housing Catalyst was selected to administer the county's PAB allocation.

Ms. Block introduced Kristin Fritz with Housing Catalyst. Ms. Fritz relayed that the Housing Catalyst is the housing authority for the City of Fort Collins. Ms. Fritz noted that the PAB allocation will specifically be used for the Village on Impala project that will provide affordable housing to City residents. The funding will be used to renovate existing units and for the construction of new units. She noted that the project will serve a variety of population income levels, with an emphasis on serving as many low-income households as possible.

There was a discussion between the Board and Ms. Fritz regarding the number of units which will be renovated versus new construction. Additionally, there was a discussion regarding efforts to incorporate green components and to provide digital access.

MOTION

Commissioner Stephens moved to approve a resolution and Assignment of Allocation authorizing assignments to the Housing Catalyst of Larimer County's.

Motion carried 3-0.

12. SENATE BILL 21-238 CREATE FRONT RANGE PASSENGER RAIL DISTRICT:

Michelle Bird, Public Affairs. Ms. Bird updated the Board on Senate Bill 21-238 which creates the Front Range Passenger Rail District (district) for the purpose of planning, designing, developing, financing, constructing, operating, and maintaining an interconnected passenger rail system along the Front Range. The bill creates a legal framework for pursuing future grants, sales tax, and local funding contributions. The district would be governed by a Board of Directors including six appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Senate. Additionally, the bill stipulates that one member of the Board must be a representative of organized labor and one must be a representative of a conservation organization. Eight additional directors will be appointed by Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs).

Ms. Bird noted that Mark Peterson, the Larimer County Engineering Director has expressed a few concerns with the bill. These include concerns about the bill creating a district before the route has been established, concern that a sales tax increase could pull from other transportation projects in the region, and how much demand there is for a route from Fort Collins to Pueblo. Ms. Bird did relay that overall Mr. Peterson expressed that another viable transportation option is positive.

Ms. Bird introduced Suzette Mallette and Becky Karasko from the Northern Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization (NFRMPO). Ms. Mallette relayed that overall, she believes there is widespread support for the creation of the district. She did note that there has been discussion surrounding several concerns with the measure. These include the creation of a district before the route has been established. Additionally, some communities are worried they could potentially get hit with taxes for multiple transit projects. Lastly, she noted that there is some concern about the potential representation on the Board.

There was a discussion between the Board and Ms. Karasko regarding the potential route and if there would be a stop in Boulder and if it would not be more beneficial to have a direct route to Denver. Additionally, the Board had questions regarding the viability and demand for the route as well as the taxing district. Lastly, the Board discussed with staff on four potential amendments that will be offered to the current language by Boulder County.

The Board decided to table further discussion on the item at this time.

13. COVID-19 UPDATE AND DECISIONS: Linda Hoffmann, County Manager. There was not a COVID-19 update this week.

14. **COUNTY MANAGER UPDATE:** Manager Hoffmann also updated the Board on this week's coordination meetings and upcoming projects and activities.

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

With there being no further business, the Board adjourned at 11:40 a.m.


JOHN KEFALAS
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ANGELA MYERS
CLERK AND RECORDER

ATTEST:


Elizabeth Carter, Deputy Clerk

