The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, December 6, 2016 in the Commissioners’ meeting room at the Courthouse. Board members present were Chairman Dennis Giese, Commissioner Frank Holman, and Commissioner Dave Potts.

Others present were Director of General Administration Bob Christiansen, Director of Finance Dan Short, County Attorney Jennifer Davis, Planning Manager Jon Roorda, Planner Christie Barton and County Clerk Lori Mitchell.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman Giese called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Public Notices**
The Board reviewed the Public Meeting List.

**Public Comment**
There was no public comment.

**Minutes of November 1, 8, 14 and 15, 2016**
Commissioner Holman made a motion to approve the minutes of November 1, 8, 14 and 15 of 2016 with corrections to typographical errors. Commissioner Potts seconded the motion. On the question the motion passed 3 – 0.

**Agenda Item A**
Report from the County Sheriff

Sheriff Spezze submitted a report to the Board outlining activities for the month of October 2016.

**Agenda Item B**
Contract/Grant Consideration:

- Dave Curtis for video production produce and to create a minimum of 3 – 2 minute video projects per week. (CCVB Marketing Manager Scott Peterson)

CCVB Marketing Manager Scott Peterson outlined the contract for Dave Curtis who produces a series of short videos which are the cornerstone of the CCVB marketing plan. The contract is for $49,200 and has been approved by the CCVB Board and has been budgeted for in the 2017 budget.

Commissioner Potts made a motion to grant the contract for Dave Curtis to produce 2 to 3 minute videos for projects in calendar year 2017. Commissioner Holman seconded the motion. On the question, the motion passed 3 – 0.
Energy Services of Colorado, Inc. (ESCO) for Buena Vista Annex Automation System Upgrade

Commissioner Holman made a motion to upgrade the HVAC system as described. Commissioner Potts seconded the motion. On the question, the motion passed 3 – 0.

Agenda Item C
Consider a request from Duane Cozart for a six month extension for the Final Plat submittal for the Cozart Rural Open Space Incentive.

The applicant has requested an additional six (6) month extension so that he can determine the correct owners of ditches that cross the property.

Commissioner Potts made a motion to grant the request for a six (6) month extension for the final plat submittal for the Cozart Rural Open Space Incentive. Commissioner Holman seconded the motion. On the question, the motion passed 3 – 0.

Chairman Giese moved ahead in the agenda to accommodate a 9:30 a.m. Public Hearing.

Agenda Item G
Consider Understanding of Services for Scott Wright, for 2016 audit.

Finance Director Short described the audit procedures that Scott Wright, CPA, will perform for the County.

Commissioner Holman made a motion to approve the Understanding of Services for Scott Wright, CPA. Commissioner Potts seconded the motion. On the question, the motion passed 3 - 0.

Consent Agenda:
❖ Report from the County Veteran’s Officer for October, 2016
❖ Pay Bills

Commissioner Potts made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Holman seconded. On the question the motion passed 3 - 0.

Agenda Item D
9:30 a.m. – Public Hearing – To consider a request for a Subdivision Exemption for Public Benefit (and a request for a waiver of fees). Applicant: Ruby Mountain Ranch Irrevocable Trust. Location: 22630 County Road 300, located within the NW1/4,NW1/4, Section 13, Township 15 South, Range 78 West, 6th P.M., Nathrop. Zone: Rural Request: To create a .10 acre tract, to be sold to Colorado Parks & Wildlife & managed by Arkansas Headwaters
Recreation Area, to be used in conjunction with the existing Ruby Mountain Campground and River put-in for an expansion of the existing boat ramp.

Chairman Giese called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Planner Christie Barton gave the staff report. The property is adjacent to the existing Ruby Mountain Campground and river put-in, which is located Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land and managed by the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area (AHRA). This application proposed to create a 0.10 acre lot (to be renamed Outlet A) as a Subdivision Exemption for Public Benefit to expand the existing boat launch area.

Syd Schieren, Landmark Surveying, 202 N F St., representing the applicant addressed the Board. He notes that this is basically a boundary line adjustment and that it is a State funded purchase and the State will hold title.

Chairman Giese closed the public comment portion of the hearing at 9:35 a.m. and the Board went into deliberation.

Commissioner Potts notes that he believes County Road 300 is unsafe. Chairman Giese believes this will make the boat ramp more usable. Commissioner Potts is not opposed to the Subdivision Exemption but is opposed to the $450 waiver of fees.

Commissioner Potts made a motion not to approve the waiver of fees but to approve the Subdivision Exemption for Public Benefit and directed County Attorney Davis to prepare a resolution. Chairman Giese seconded the motion. On the question, the motion passed 3 - 0.

Agenda Item E
9:45 a.m. – Public Hearing – To consider supporting the name change of Monarch, Colorado to Garfield, Colorado.

County Attorney Davis gave an overview and historical information regarding Monarch and Garfield, Colorado. She reported that post office gives the designations for mailing addresses which now read Salida. A resolution would support the name change from Monarch back to Garfield but the County is not the authority. The County can however make a request of CDOT to change the highway signs from Monarch to Garfield.

Chairman Giese asked for public comments. Those speaking were sworn in. Tess Palden, 9085 Carbonate, Garfield, spoke in favor of the name change back to Garfield as her deed to her property reads Garfield. Others speaking in favor of changing Monarch back to Garfield were Tony Komarski, 22447 Spring St.; Jeanne Foster, 747 W 16th St.; Brian Petit, 22675 Main St.; Mary Holmes, 9475 Highway 291; Diane Block, 22460 Jones St.; Bill Block, 22460 Jones St.; Susan Mathews, 1616 K St. Salida.
Dave Zoller, 22497 County Road 227, Monarch, gave testimony that his vacation rentals are more easily found by internet search engines if the Town’s name remains Monarch as it is more descriptive to location. Carolyn Barbee, Monarch Mountain Lodge, testified that she also thinks the name should remain Monarch to more accurately identify location.

Chairman Giese closed the public comment portion of the hearing at 10:30 a.m. The Board went into deliberation.

Commissioner Holman made a motion to direct County Attorney Davis to prepare a resolution in support of changing the name from Monarch to Garfield Townsite, the resolution will then be sent to CDOT so they can replace two highway signs and and relocate the Monarch Highway sign to the actual site of Monarch. Chairman Giese seconded the motion. On the question, the motion passed 3 - 0.

**Agenda Item F**

**10:00 a.m. – Public Hearings** – To consider an ordinance extending the ban on new retail marijuana establishments (recreational marijuana) in all or any part of the unincorporated areas of the County.

Chairman Giese called the hearing to order at 10:40 a.m. County Attorney Davis gave the staff report on Ordinance 2016-01 which extends the moratorium on new retail marijuana establishments to allow the County time to develop new regulations for new applications.

Public comments were made by Greg Felt, 135 1/2 W US Highway 50, who asked questions about item J. in the ordinance with respect to the term “retail establishment.” County Attorney Davis responded that the terms are confusing but the statute uses the term “retail” which essentially means “recreational.” Sterling Stoudenmire, 6990 County Road 111B, made further comments explaining the confusing language and terms in the State statute. Mr. Stoudenmire also wanted to clarify some points under section 4.1 in the instance that he may want to grow his business with partners from elsewhere in the State who already have licenses. County Attorney Davis stated that this would be allowed under the ordinance as each County licensee can have multiple licenses.

The Board went into deliberation.

Commissioner Potts made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-0, extending the moratorium on new retail marijuana establishments in all or any part of the incorporated areas of the County. Commissioner Holman seconded the motion. On the question, the motion passed 3 - 0.
There being no more business before the Board, Chairman Giese adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

Attest:

Lori Mitchell, County Clerk