The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 in Buena Vista at the School District Administration Meeting Room. Board members present were Chairman Dennis Giese, Commissioner Dave Potts and Commissioner Frank Holman.

Others present were Director of General Administration Robert Christiansen, Director of Finance Dan Short, County Attorney Jenny Davis, County Planning Manager Jon Roorda, Road and Bridge Superintendent Mark Stacy and Deputy County Clerk Chris McGinnis.

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

Verification of Distribution of the Board of Commissioners’ Agendas
Chairman Giese asked Deputy Clerk McGinnis for verification regarding the distribution of the Board of Commissioners’ Agendas. Deputy Clerk McGinnis stated that the agendas were properly distributed.

Review of Public Meeting List
Potential meetings individual Commissioners may attend this month were reviewed by the board.

Chairman Giese said he will attend a meeting with Colorado Mountain College representatives this week. Chairman Giese said the College is having a hard time keeping Presidents at Timberline Campus in Leadville. Chaffee County is a branch campus of Timberline. The college is contemplating instating regional presidents instead. Giese said he believes regional presidents would be a negative development, as it is unlikely Chaffee County would receive much attention under that arrangement. Also, Chairman Giese said he imagines regional presidents would create a scenario where most of the resources of the college are geared toward campuses near the I-70 corridor.

Review of Minutes for the April 11 and May 3, 2016 regular meetings
The Board was presented the minutes for the April 11 and May 3 regular meetings.

Commissioner Potts made a motion to accept the minutes for April 11 and May 3 meetings. Commissioner Holman seconded the motion. On the question, the motion carried 3 – 0.

Public Comment
Dave Holt, 12895 CR 162 appeared before the board to ask how money is being spent by the county to maintain roads.
Chairman Giese said funds are either budgeted or pooled by money saved previously spent by supplementing EMS, dispatch and emergency management funds (now coming from a tax increase voters approved in 2015).

Mr. Holt then asked why the county was paving CR 162 from U.S. 285 to the Rancho Caballo Subdivision and not beyond.

Chairman Giese said determinations about what stretches of road are paved are made by Road and Bridge Superintendent Mark Stacy and reviewed by Commissioner Holman. The County needs to start some place, Giese said, it can only afford to do a limited amount at a time.

Mr. Holt asked if the current paving project could be viewed as favoritism toward the developers of Ranch Caballo Subdivision.

Chairman Giese said he was insulted by the question and that favoritism was not in play.

Later in the meeting, Road and Bridge Superintendent Stacy (not present during the public comment period) said the portion of CR 162 scheduled to be paved this summer is west of Mount Princeton Hot Springs Resort, not in the area Mr. Holt had asked about.

Agenda Item A
Contract/Grant Consideration

The Board considered approval of an agreement with Economic and Planning Systems (EPS) for the purpose of conducting an update of the 2007 County Housing Needs Assessment.

Director of Administration Christiansen said the results will help make county housing policy. The $37,520 agreement costs will be shared with Buena Vista and Salida.

Commissioner Holman moved and Commissioner Potts seconded approval of the agreement. On the question, the motion carried 3-0.

The Board considered approval of public highway railroad at grade crossing agreements for Cleora (County Road 102 and County Road 389).

County Attorney Davis stated she is concerned that the County has no easements at the site, but a right to do work agreement. She said she asked for a license or easement from the railroad. The railroad replied that what the county has is its standard agreement. A right to do work is implied, Union Pacific Railroad said.

Commissioner Potts moved and Commissioner Holman seconded a one-time $5,000 fee for work at Cleora and $3,000 for work on CR 389. County Attorney Davis said the fees were reasonable compared to fees seen elsewhere on similar projects.
**Agenda Item B**
Public Hearing to consider a request for a fee waiver for a Special Events Permit for the Autumn Color Run to be held on Saturday, September 17, 2016.

Chairman Giese opened the public hearing at 9:15 a.m.

Event organizer Mark Krasnow was not present. There were no comments about the event from county staff or from the USDA Forest Service. Chairman Giese suggested the hearing be continued to the next meeting.

The hearing closed at 9:19 a.m.

**Agenda Item C**
Consider an application for a zoning map amendment

Commissioner Giese continued a public hearing beginning at 9:19 a.m. from the May 10, 2016 meeting regarding the following request.
- To consider an application for a Zoning Map Amendment. Applicant: Steve and Alison Gauss dba Heart of the Rockies Campground LLC Location: 10165 Highway 50, located within the SE1/4SW1/4, Section 35, Township 50 North, Range 7 E NMPM, Maysville, Zone: Rural, Request: To change the present Recreational Zone to a Rural Zone.

Discussion was held. The Public Hearing was closed at 9:24 a.m.

Commissioner Holman moved a resolution be drafted approving the Gauss request. Commissioner Potts seconded. On the question, the motion carried 3-0.

**Agenda Item D**
Consider a lot line elimination and boundary line adjustment.

The Commissioners considered a request for a Lot Line Elimination and Boundary Line Adjustment from Steve and Alison Gauss dba Heart of the Rockies Campground LLC. Property is located at 10165 Highway 50, located within the SE1/4SW1/4, Section 35, Township 50 North, Range 7 E NMPM, Maysville.

Discussion was held.

Commissioner Potts moved to approve the request. Commissioner Holman seconded. On the question, the motion carried 3-0.

**Agenda Item E**
Consider a request for support for the TransRocckies Run Promotional Ad
Brandi Reitter, Town of Buena Vista Administrator, appeared before the board to request $5,000 toward the production and broadcast of promotional content to be aired during the broadcast of the TransRockies Run on CBS Sports Network television in August 2016.

Discussion was held.

In general agreement that the BOCC previously helped fund the Pro Cycling Challenge race which promoted primarily Salida, Commissioner Potts moved $3,500 be allocated to the Town of Buena Vista’s request. Holman seconded. On the question, the motion carried 3-0.

Agenda Item F
Discussion regarding Verizon Wireless service in Buena Vista

Sheriff John Spezze appeared before the board and said he is concerned that going into the busy summer season, Verizon service in the Buena Vista area is unreliable and is a concern for public safety.

Sheriff Spezze said emergency responders rely on cell service for communication. Radio use is not able to handle the demand of communications needed if a large incident occurs. Visitors and residents use the service to call 911.

Discussion was held.

Chairman Giese said the issue is related to broadband data availability and suggested Spezze join him, Chaffee County Economic Development Wendell Pryor and a representative from the State of Colorado for a meeting next week about increasing broadband availability in the county overall. Sheriff Spezze agreed to do so.

Sheriff Spezze added he is concerned that Buena Vista’s service is poor enough that even with an additional temporary tower at the Madison House / Vortex Music Festival this summer, the system may be overloaded and not usable in case of an emergency.

Agenda Items G & H
Consider Colorado Federal Land Access Program Project Endorsement Form for Cottonwood Pass Road Improvement Project.

This project, as proposed as Agenda Item G, would correct a guardrail failure at the east summit of the pass and fix frequent rock falls in the area.

- Cost for the project is estimated at $1.2 million if incorporated in the an existing project in Gunnison County. Chaffee County’s portion would be $207,000. If approved as a stand-alone project, the cost would be $1.5 Million. Chaffee County’s portion would be $258,000.
The second project, Agenda Item H, would improve a 2.5 mile long road stretch of CR 300, which provides access to Browns Canyon National Monument. It includes access to a BLM-operated trailhead and parking area and the State operated Ruby Mountain Campground.

- Cost for the project is estimated at $900,000. Chaffee County’s portion of that amount would be $155,000.

Commissioner Holman moved to sign the endorsement form for all three possible projects. Commissioner Potts seconded. On the question, the motion carried 3-0.

Agenda Item I
Consider Adoption of the 2015 County Audit.

The Board accepted the 2015 County Audit.

Agenda Item J
Consider appointing Dominique Naccarato to the Transportation Advisory Board.

Discussion was held.

Commissioner Holman moved and Commissioner Potts seconded a resolution that Ms. Naccarato was appointed to the Transportation Advisory Board. On the question, the motion carried 3-0.

Agenda Item K
Consider buying out Frank McMurry’s half interest in a vacant land parcel in Nathrop which is currently co-owned by the County.

This consideration was continued from the May 10, 2016 meeting.

Discussion was held.

Commissioner Potts moved and Commissioner Holman seconded a motion to purchase the half interest for $9500. On the question, the motion carried, 3-0.

Agenda Item L
Annual Chaffee County Loss Analysis

George Tinker, representing the county’s workmen’s comp and property liability pool insurer Colorado Technical Services, Inc. appeared before the board.

At the request of Chairman Giese, Mr. Tinker explained to three candidates for county commissioner in the audience what CTSI does. CTSI was formed in the 1980s after commercial insurers began to drop coverage of counties. Included in the company’s
services are various training programs to help avoid potential claims. It also offers a health insurance pool, in which Chaffee County does not participate. If premiums collected by CTSI exceed claims, counties are given reduced premiums.

Tinker said Chaffee County’s 26 claims over five years is an excellent record.

Agenda M
Consider moving into executive session under CRS 24-6-402(4)(a) to discuss the possible acquisition of property and under CRS 24-6-402(4)(e) to discuss negotiation strategy and give directions to negotiators.

Chairman Giese said the board would conclude the regular meeting and go in to executive session to discuss potential property acquisition after finishing with the Consent Agenda, Old Business and any additional meeting comments.

Consent Agenda
- Report from the County Treasurer for the month of April, 2016
- Pay bills.

Commissioner Potts made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Chairman Holman seconded the motion. On the question, the motion carried 2 – 0.

Old Business
- Madison House Update
  Chaffee County EMS and Chaffee County Ambulance Services are going through with plans to prepare for the Madison House concert this summer near Buena Vista.
- County Road 302
  Road and Bridge Supervisor Stacy said rip rap needs to be placed on CR 302 by Galen Moltz before it can be accepted by the county.
- Cleora Railroad Crossing
  There is an ongoing discussion by the county with property owner Mike Sugaski to grant an easement to his property so he can in turn grant an easement through his property to the Salida Mountain Trails group.
- County Project Status Report

Roundtable
- Director of General Administration Christiansen said he and Director of Finance Dan Short met with the Salida City Council the prior evening to discuss cost overruns at Harriet Alexander Field.

Director Christiansen said the City needs to be more invested in ownership of the project. The City may wish to review the current IGA with the county and determine if it wants to maintain an ownership share or turn it over the County.
• The City of Pueblo intends to raise the level of Clear Creek Reservoir. The project may entail relocating CR 390.

• Chairman Giese said he received a letter from a property owner on Cottonwood Creek asking for the board to ask FEMA for an extension of its 90 day comment period on FEMA’s new flood map in the area.

Chairman Giese said it is not possible to extend the comment period. The letter writer also asked the county to engage a technical or scientific expert to prepare a counter response to the new map, in which the county is not interested, Chairman Giese said. He asked Director of General Administration Christiansen to respond to the letter.

• County Attorney Jennifer Davis suggested a previous resolution passed reorganizing Chaffee County EMS under the Sheriff’s Department be rescinded, as it is no longer necessary. The board agreed that a new resolution be drawn to reflect changes in the department.

If the Hospital wishes to relocate CR 154 as part of its development plans, the County will need to go through a road vacation process, County Attorney Jennifer Davis said.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Commissioners convened in executive session to discuss potential acquisition of real estate. The Board went into Executive Session at 11:40 a.m.

I, Dennis Giese, Chairman of the Chaffee County Board of County Commissioners, do hereby attest that the statements and discussions that took place during the executive session held on May 18, 2016 were confined to the topic described in the announcement of such session and authorized by the provisions of CRS 24-6-402(4)(a) and (e). The session was recorded on a separate CD.

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Dennis Giese

The Board came out of Executive Session at 12:00 p.m.

Attest:

Lori Mitchell, County Clerk