Commissioners Meeting  
June 7, 2016

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at the Commissioner's Meeting Room, 104 Crestone Avenue, Salida. Chairman Dennis Giese, Commissioner Dave Potts and Commissioner Frank Holman were present.

Others present were Director of General Administration Robert Christiansen, Director of Finance Dan Short, County Attorney Jenny Davis, County Planning Manager Jon Roorda, Director of Development Services Dan Swallow, Poncha Springs Town Manager Brian Berger, County Administrative Assistant Patty Baldwin 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
The board reviewed potential meetings individual Commissioners may attend this month.

Public Comment
Ken Gerlach, 638 G Street Salida, appeared before the board to ask for changes in the way ambulance service is provided for patients who need to be transported out of Chaffee County.

Mr. Gerlach had a heart attack in the evening hours of May 13. Because weather was poor, an air ambulance could not fly to Chaffee County from Penrose Hospital in Colorado Springs to transport him for care.

Ground ambulance service from AMR was not immediately available to transport him to a hospital on the Front Range until early the following morning. Eventually Mr. Gerlach said he was flown by air to Penrose the following day.

Chairman Giese said when patients need to be transported via ground from Heart of the Rockies Medical Center to a Front Range hospital, HRRMC has contracted with AMR to provide that service. HRRMC contracted with AMR after declining a contract with the county to provide out-of-county transports for an additional fee.
Chairman Giese said it is Chaffee County’s hope to be revenue neutral with ambulance service. Transporting people out of the county, including non-residents, was very costly. That is why the county entered talks about the issue with HRRMC.

In addition, taking medical staff and ambulances out of the county creates a situation where in-county coverage cannot be provided because there are limited resources to do so. When staff is out-of-county, reserve or off-duty staff must fill in. There are also a limited number of ambulances in the county. It is the county’s priority to provide service locally.

Mr. Gerlach said the public needs to know they may not be able to be transported out of county via ambulance if they need to be.

Commissioner Potts said there are criteria that can be applied to situations like those that Mr. Gerlach’s that would allow the county to transport a patient out of county if there are no other options to do so.

Mr. Gerlach said he had four stents put in his heart, and that the cardiologist he saw told him he was fortunate he got to that hospital in time. If his situation did not meet the county’s criteria for transport, he did not know what criteria did.

Commissioner Potts said he is aware of Mr. Gerlach’s experience and has been made aware of other similar incidents that have occurred. He said the board is trying and has been trying to rectify the situation with HRRMC for the past six years, having met with administration there about the topic as recently as last week.

Chairman Giese encouraged Gerlach to attend a hospital board meeting and share his experience and concerns.

Review of Minutes for the April 19, and May 10 regular meetings, as well as the May 9 work session.
The Board was presented the minutes for the April 19, May 9 and May 10 meetings.

Commissioner Holman made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 19, May 9 and May 10 meetings. Commissioner Potts seconded the motion. On the question, the motion carried 3 – 0.

Agenda Item A
Report from the County Sheriff

The Sheriff was not in attendance.

Agenda Item B
Contract / Grant Consideration

The board considered three contracts.

- Chaffee County Visitors Bureau Video Production Contract with Dave Curtis from June 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016.

Commissioner Potts moved and Commissioner Holman seconded a motion to approve renewal of the $12,000 contract. Chairman Giese noted the money does not come from the county’s general budget but from lodging tax revenues that fund the CCVB. On the question, the motion carried 3-0.

- CORE Contract for in-home work between Chaffee County Dept. of Human Services and Jane Whitmer.

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

- CORE Contract for in-home work between Chaffee County Department of Human Services and John McGovern.

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

Agenda Item C
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.

Administrative Assistant Baldwin said there have been no issues with the race and all paperwork was in order. A letter of approval from the Town of Buena Vista is pending.

Commissioner Holman moved and Commissioner Potts seconded approval of the request for a fee waiver for a Special Events Permit for the Autumn Color Run. On the question, the motion carried 3-0.

Agenda Item D
Consider a request for a waiver of fees for building permits for the Poncha Springs new Town Hall.

Brian Berger, Poncha Springs Town Administrator, appeared before the board to ask for a waiver of building fees for the town’s new hall at the suggestion of the Department of Local Affairs.
Several years ago, the Town learned it would cost $450,000 to renovate its existing structure for future use. The Town Board determined it at that time that the money would be better spent constructing a new Town Hall that will be ADA accessible as well as provide meeting and community center space.

Cost will be $628,000 for the new structure. DOLA will provide 50 percent of funding for the building.

The board determined to research fees charged to other municipalities for building department services. As the meeting continued, Development Services Director Swallow and Director of General Administration Christiansen researched the issue.

After the rest of the regular meeting's business was conducted, the board returned to hear their findings.

Prior to 2009, the County received a retainer from the County's municipalities, under which costs of building permits and fees were absorbed. An IGA was eventually put in place that moved to entities paying for actual building permits and fees incurred, dropping the retainer. The County has been charging municipalities for permits and fees in compliance with the agreement.

Director of Development Services Dan Swallow said the County could lose tens of thousands of dollars in funding if the board began granting fee waivers for municipal projects.

Discussion was held. Chairman Giese noted several large construction projects on the horizon, including potential new school buildings in Buena Vista.

Commissioner Holman moved, though he noted he wished he could waive the fees, to deny the request as it set a precedent for fee waivers for municipalities. Commissioner Potts seconded the motion. On the question, the motion carried 3-0.

Agenda Item E
Consider a request for a change in ownership of Bioenergetic Healing Center, Recreational Marijuana Optional Premise Cultivation, owned by Dawn Mlatecek to Prestige, CO LLC.

County Planning Manager Jon Roorda noted the business is in good standing with the County, and its existing license is approved until 2018.

Chairman Giese moved and Commissioner Holman seconded approval of the change in ownership pending obtaining a State permit to do so and an executed lease between the parties. On the question, the motion carried 3-0.

Agenda Item F
Consider a request from Krahmer Holdings LLC, to release lots 31, 32, 33 and 34 in Filing 3 and Lot 51 in Filing 4 of the Westwinds Subdivision.

Discussion was held. The planning commission recommended approval of the request.

Commissioner Potts moved and Commissioner Holman seconded Resolution 2016-29 approving release of lots 31, 32, 33 and 34 in Filing 3 and Lot 51 in Filing 4 of the Westwinds Subdivision. On the question, the motion carried 3-0.

**Agenda Item H**

Appoint a new director for the Chaffee County Facilities Corp.

Chairman Giese moved and Commissioner Holman seconded Resolution 2016-30 appointing Commissioner Potts as director for the Chaffee County Facilities Corp.

On the question, the motion carried 3-0.

**Agenda Item I**

Set dates for Board of Equalization hearings for July 29 and August 1 and possibly July 28.

Discussion was held.

The Commissioners will convene as the Board of Equalization during their regular meeting Aug. 2, 2016.

**Agenda Item J**

Administrative Assistant Baldwin said County Assessor Brenda Mosby and her staff do a tremendous job working with the public, keeping equalization hearings to a minimum.

Linda Post, Debbie Gardner and Irena Wilder do a tremendous job as referee appointees on the board of equalization. Nancy Hollen and Janet Sellers are licensed appraisers that serve as arbiters in disputes.

Chairman Giese moved and Commissioner Holman seconded a motion to approve Resolution 2016-31 naming referees and arbiters to the Board of Equalization. On the question, the resolution carried 3-0.

**Agenda Item K**

Set date for a public hearing for a 1041 Permit request for the Homestake Water Project’s Homestake Suction Pipeline Replacement Project and consider engaging a consultant to review the application and set permit fee.
Discussion was held.

Chairman Giese moved and Commissioner Holman seconded a motion to approve $5,000 to pay the consulting fees of WW Wheeler and Associates. The fee will be billed to the applicant. If fees charged are less than $5,000, the difference will be refunded to the applicant.

**Agenda Item L**  
Consider a request for a Renewal Application for a Hotel and Restaurant Liquor License from the Ponderosa Lodge, Inc., dba Ponderosa Guest Ranch, 9010 County Road 240, and Salida.

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

**Consent Agenda**
- Ratify Core Services Contract between West Central Mental Health dba SolVista Health and Chaffee County Dept. of Human Services  
- Ratify Agreement between Aspen Pointe Health Network and Chaffee County Dept. of Human Services.  
- Pay Bills

Chairman Giese made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Potts seconded the motion. On the question, the motion carried 3 – 0.

**Old Business**
- Madison House Update

Chaffee County EMS is finalizing their planning for the event. Madison House believes fewer than 20,000 people will attend.

Chairman Giese said he received an email from a concerned citizen that said Madison House uses a ‘Green Brush’ but does not actually recycle.

The company’s agreement to recycle will be reviewed in the contract.

**Roundtable**
- Chairman Giese revisited the May 31 special meeting request for additional District Attorney’s Office funding.
The District Attorney has requested an additional $100,000 in funding this year to hire an additional attorney. The office will see another $100,000 shortfall next year.

Chairman Giese noted Fremont County pays the lion’s share of the District Attorney’s budget. Chaffee County pays about 25 percent. Park County has fewer people but more crime.

The Public Defender’s Office is funded by the State of Colorado and has four attorneys to the District Attorney’s one.

Roundtable

Director Christiansen said blueprints of the proposed remodel project of the Chaffee County Administration Offices will be received today. Bids for project work will be sought.

Commissioner Holman moved and Commissioner Potts seconded a motion to adjourn at 10:52 a.m. On the question, the motion carried 3-0.

Attest:

Lori Mitchell, County Clerk