The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, July 12, 2016 in the Commissioners Meeting Room at the Courthouse. 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, Chaffee County Planning Manager Jon Roorda, County Attorney Jennifer Davis 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 McGinnis for verification regarding the distribution of the Board of Commissioners’ Agendas. Deputy McGinnis reported that the agendas were properly distributed.

Items for Review
A list of public meetings the board may attend was reviewed.

Public Comment
There was no public comment.

Agenda Item A
Consider setting a hearing to determine whether American Medical Response of Colorado, Inc. (AMR), a licensed ambulance service in Chaffee County, has violated the Chaffee County Ambulance Regulations (Resolution 2006-57).

Attorney Davis said a potential hearing was on the agenda in response to a citizen’s complaint about AMR’s failure to provide transportation during a recent medical emergency. Chaffee County is the licensing agency for the service. The contract for transport is between Heart of the Rockies Regional Medical Center and AMR.

Chaffee County Emergency Medical Service Director Josh Hadley said he has asked his ambulance crews to let him know how often Front Range transport is an issue. He said issues occur on a weekly basis. He suggested the County look at the AMR contract and review what response time AMR is allowed.

Chairman Giese said citizens assume the County covers emergency transport to Front Range hospitals. He said it is important to note it is the County’s responsibility to get patients to Heart of the Rockies Regional Medical Center. Heart of the Rockies then contracts with AMR to transport patients by ground out of the County. A plane or helicopter may also be called. Chaffee County used to provide ground transfers to the
Front Range, but could not afford to continue to do so. The County talked to HRRMC about the issue, HRRMC elected to contract with AMR for the service.

Director Hadley said the emergency room or floor physician determines who qualifies as an emergent patient – someone who needs immediate transportation for services not provided at HRRMC. If AMR is not available and Chaffee County EMS is called, it is treated as a 911 situation and a local ambulance will be dispatched. If a patient is non-emergent, EMS will not pull someone on duty to make a transport. A call will be made to off-duty staff to try to arrange a trip, but doing so is not always possible.

Chairman Giese made a motion to call a Special Meeting July 26, 2016 to determine whether the AMR contract has been violated. Representatives from HRRMC and from AMR will be asked to attend. Commissioner Holman seconded the motion. On the question, the motion carried 3-0.

Agenda Item B
Consider a recommendation for the Chaffee County Administration Offices Remodel.

Director Christiansen said he is reviewing bids received for the project and considering other factors. He asked the Board to continue consideration of the matter until the July 19 meeting.

Chairman Giese moved and Commissioner Potts seconded the motion. On the question, the motion carried 3-0.

Agenda Item C
Public Hearings and consideration of recommendation from the June 28, 2016 Planning Commission Meeting with regard to the following matter:
Willows Subdivision Final Plat - Applicant: Casey Everett/V bar X Inc. Location: County Road 150/166, N1/2S1/2, S27, T15S, R79W, 6th P.M. Salida Zone: Rural Request: To divide 38.79 acres into 5 lots with the minimum lot size being 2.05 acres. Water by wells, wastewater treatment by septic systems.

The Public Hearing was called to order at 9:16 a.m.

No public comments were made on the proposal.

Commissioner Holman moved and Commissioner Potts seconded a motion to direct County Attorney Davis to prepare a resolution approving the request, pending conditions outlined by the Chaffee County Planning Commission are met, such as provisions made for wildlife in the area.

On the question, the motion carried 3-0.
Agenda Item D
9:30 a.m. Public Hearing to consider a request for a Final Plat for the Schwitzer Minor Subdivision. Applicant: Irene Schwitzer. Location: 10350 CR 155, Tract A, Schwitzer Lands in the W1/2, Section 24, Township 50 North, Range 8 E, NMPM, Salida. Zone: Rural. Request: To divide 11.88 acres into 2 lots with the minimum lot size being 3.78 acres. Water by wells, wastewater treatment by on-site wastewater systems.

Agenda Item D was considered after Agenda Items E and F due to the meeting running ahead of schedule.

Discussion was held. Surveyor Mike Henderson said the request is to allow Mrs. Schwitzer to split her property in to two parcels so her daughter may build a house on the property. Mr. Henderson asked the Board to allow the split without requiring designated open space, a fire suppression source or the acquisition of a well permit at this time. Mrs. Schwitzer’s daughter will purchase the well permit when she builds her house.

No other comments were heard regarding the request. The public hearing was closed.

Commissioner Holman moved to direct Attorney Davis to prepare a resolution to approve the Final Plat. Commissioner Potts seconded the motion. On the question, the motion carried 3-0.

Agenda Item E
Consider a request for a Plat Amendment for Southwinds Minor Subdivision. Property is located on County Road 371, Buena Vista, within the SW1/4SW1/4& the NW1/4SW1/4, Section 21, Township 14 South, Range 78 West, 6th P.M., Buena Vista.

The Board considered whether the Plat should be amended to allow single-family dwellings with administrative review. The site is currently zoned industrial. The original Plat restricted residential dwellings to accessory dwellings on the property, which limits the size of those dwellings. The restrictions were deemed voluntary by County staff and not a requirement.

Commissioner Potts moved and Commissioner Holman seconded a motion to grant the plat amendment. On the question, the motion carried 3-0.

Agenda Item F
Consider a request for a Boundary Line Adjustment from the Colorado Division of Wildlife and the Heart of the Rockies Regional Medical Center. Property is located at 1000 Rush Drive, Salida, in the S1/2NE1/4, SE1/4NW1/4&SW1/4NW1/4 of Section 31, Township 50 North, Range 9 East, NMPM.

Manager Roorda noted the Colorado Division of Wildlife, not Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife as it is now known, is the deed holder.
Manager Roorda said the boundary line adjustment is one of the steps needed to allow the hospital to expand its campus, including the relocation of CR 154. CPW is exchanging 21.97 acres of land at the location for Lot 3 of the Salida Natural Resources Center Subdivision. The City of Salida anticipates annexation of the HRRMC campus expansion.

Commissioner Potts moved the Board direct County Attorney Davis to prepare a resolution approving the request. Commissioner Holman seconded the motion. On the question, the motion carried 3-0.

**Agenda Item G**
Consider Resolution 2016-36 for a variance of Chaffee County Land Use Code 7.8.1E, regarding Accessory Dwelling Units to be served by the same well and septic.

Chairman Giese moved and Commissioner Holman seconded a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-36. On the question, the motion carried 3-0.

**Agenda Item H**
Consider a resolution for the Davis Major Impact Review application.

Chairman Giese recused himself from consideration of the resolution, due to personal involvement in the matter.

Commissioner Potts moved to adopt Resolution 2016-37 approving the Major Impact Review application. Commissioner Holman seconded the motion. On the question, the motion carried 2-0.

**Agenda Item I**

Dan Osborn from the City of Salida said the City intends to annex the parcel and the portion of CR 105 adjacent to the property. The City will then maintain the road.

Mr. Osborn said he was appearing before the Board to inform them of the plan, per the Intergovernmental Agreement.

**Agenda Item J**
Consider request for the annual application to the Colorado Division of Housing (CDOH) for funding and continuation of the Single Family Owner Occupied (SFOO) Housing Rehabilitation Program.

Upper Arkansas Area Council of Governments Director Judy Lohnes said Fremont County is the sponsor, but six counties are involved in the program.

The program allows low-cost loans for necessary home improvements. Doing so preserves housing stock, she said. $14,000 is the average amount of a loan. There are
16 available loan units between the six counties. Since 1987 when the program began, 319 loans have been made.

Director Lohnes said Chaffee County has previously participated in matching funds for the program by reducing building permit fees.

Commissioner Holman moved to continue to participate in the program and offer reduced building permit fees to be used as matching funds for the program. Commissioner Potts seconded the motion. On the question, the motion carried 3-0.

Consent Agenda
- County Veteran’s Service Officers Monthly Report for June 2016
- Pay bills.

Commissioner Holman made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Potts seconded the motion. On the question, the motion carried 3-0.

Old Business
- Ballot question regarding excise tax for marijuana
- Madison House Update
- Development of County Road 177 Railroad
- County Project Status Report

No reports were given under Old Business, as the topics were covered the previous day during the Commissioners Work Session.

Roundtable
Director of Finance Dan Short said money from the Conservation Trust Fund will be allocated toward building an 8-foot wide trail on County Road 317.

Director Christiansen said The County should hear by August 1st if it qualifies for FLAP funding for improvements on Cottonwood Pass.

Findings from the Housing Advisory Committee study should be available in late July or early August.

Who will be responsible for payment of cost overruns on a bridge replacement project on CR 397 needs to be determined. Chairman Giese said the County is not interested in incurring extra costs of the project.

Director Short said the bridge replacement project began when the County received a grant for a portion of the cost of construction. Knowing that the bridge needs to be replaced, the County decided it would be a great way to leverage funds for the project. Since then, added requirements have created a situation where the job has taken on a life of its own.
Chairman Giese said few property owners benefit from the bridge and he has been approached by a private party to buy the structure.

Commissioner Potts asked to add a budget review to the agenda for the July 26 Special Meeting.

The Board thanked Commissioner Potts for picking up the airport fuel truck from Cañon City on July 11.

County Attorney Davis said her office will file a motion to dismiss a lawsuit in Federal Court against the Chaffee County Trustee. The suit is regarding foreclosure action and also names the Governor, several Courts and several lenders.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Potts made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Holman seconded the motion. On the question, the motion carried 3 – 0. The meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

Attest:

Lori Mitchell, County Clerk