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March 9, 2021

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Rio Blanco County

The Board met at 11:06 a.m. in regular session at the RBC Courthouse, 555 Main St., Meeker, CO. Chairman Gary Moyer, Commissioner Jeff Rector, Board Assistant Vicky Edwards, Attorney Todd Starr, Budget Director Janae Stanworth, Clerk to the Board Boots Campbell were present. Commissioner Ty Gates attended via teleconference.

Call to order – Pledge of Allegiance: The meeting began with the pledge of allegiance.

AGENDA CHANGES - none

Approval of the March 9, 2021 agenda

Commissioner Rector moved to approve the March 9, 2021 agenda. Commissioner Gates seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Rector-Aye, Moyer-Aye, Gates-Aye.

CONSENT AGENDA – Approval of the February 9, 2021 consent agenda

- BOCC Meeting minutes of February 23, 2021
- DHS EBT Register and Warrant Register February 2021.
- AP Management Report for February 2021.
- Payroll Management Reports for March 5, 2021.
- Motor Vehicle Publication Report for February 2021.

Commissioner Rector moved to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Gates seconded. Roll call vote: Moyer-Aye, Gates-Aye, Rector-Aye.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Commissioner Rector moved to approve a County Retail Liquor License for Kum & Go. Commissioner Gates seconded. Roll call vote: Gates-Aye, Rector-Aye, Moyer-Aye.

Commissioner Rector moved to approve the 2021 Rio Blanco County Wildland Fire Operating Plan. Commissioner Gates seconded. Roll call vote: Rector-Aye, Moyer-Aye, Gates-Aye.

Commissioner Rector moved to approve Request for Reimbursement #4 for the Rangely Airport, Federal Grant #3-08-0047-014-2020, in a total amount of \$7,572.26, FAA reimbursement of \$7,572.26. Commissioner Gates seconded. Roll call vote: Moyer-Aye, Gates-Aye, Rector-Aye.

Commissioner Rector moved to approve Request for Reimbursement #16 for the Meeker Airport Coulter Field, Federal Grant #3-08-0041-013-2018, State Grant #18-EEO-01, in a total amount of \$5,250.23, FAA reimbursement of \$4,725.21, CDOT reimbursement of \$262.51 and sponsor commitment of \$262.51. Commissioner Gates seconded. Roll call vote: Gates-Aye, Rector-Aye, Moyer-Aye.

Commissioner Rector moved to approve a recommendation to the Colorado Department of Transportation that the CR 73 Bridge Replacement Project be given to Old Castle SW Group dba United Companies in an amount not to exceed \$1,933,336.70. Commissioner Gates seconded. Roll call vote: Rector-Aye, Moyer-Aye, Gates-Aye.

MOU'S, CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

Commissioner Rector moved to approve Equipment Location Sublease Agreement with Union Telephone for the Douglas Pass communications facility, in an amount not to exceed \$7,800.00 per year. Commissioner Gates seconded. Roll call vote: Gates-Aye, Rector-Aye, Moyer-Aye.

Commissioner Rector moved to approve an Agreement for Services with Van Diest Supply for the 2021 Weed and Pest Herbicides in an amount not to exceed \$116,713.06. Commissioner Gates seconded. Roll call vote: Rector-Aye, Moyer-Aye, Gates-Aye.

Commissioner Rector moved to approve a Temporary Construction Easement Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, Careus Piceance LLC, The Oil Shale Corporation, and Puckett Land Company for the CR-5 Stockpass 3 Project. Commissioner Gates seconded. Roll call vote: Moyer-Aye, Gates-Aye, Rector-Aye.

Commissioner Rector moved to approve a Grant of Permanent Easement and Right of Way Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, Careus Piceance LLC, The Oil Shale Corporation, and Puckett Land Company for the CR-5 Stockpass 3 Project. Commissioner Gates seconded. Roll call vote: Gates-Aye, Rector-Aye, Moyer-Aye.

RESOLUTIONS

Commissioner Rector moved to approve Resolution 2021-05, a resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado recognizing the many past and current contributions of livestock producers and supporting the local ranching industry proclaiming March 20, 2021 as Meat-In Day. Commissioner Gates seconded. Roll call vote: Rector-Aye, Moyer-Aye, Gates-Aye.

OTHER BUSINESS

Public Comment – Sharon Day was in attendance and made some suggestions to the Commissioners on how she thought we could make our voices heard regarding agriculture and oil and gas issues that are now before the legislature. She suggested we could even invite legislators to Rio Blanco County to show them the blue skies by the coal plants and how we rely on oil, gas and coal in this area.

County Commissioner updates

Commissioner Rector reported he had a good meeting with the Western States Tribal Nation and spent time on the phone visiting with constituents.

Commissioner Gates reported he had spent a couple of weeks with CCI Commissioner Training. He was also busy with an AGNC legislative call, CCI Steering Committee, Club 20 Orientation and a conference call with Alice and Michelle with CDPHE.

Chairman Moyer reported he had been working with or new emergency manager/natural resource director Ed Smercina and Carly who went Denver with him and testified on the two wolf bills. Gary mentioned the support for the counties to control introduction and the bill was postponed indefinitely in committee. The bill for not allowing damages to come from the wildlife fund passed. Gary noted that Ed did an impressive job testifying on both bills.

Commissioner Rector moved to go into Executive Session pursuant to §24-6-402(4)(b) to conference with the Rio Blanco County Attorney, Todd M. Starr, for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions. Commissioner Gates seconded. Roll call vote: Moyer-Aye, Gates-Aye, Rector-Aye.


Attorney Starr stated they would be talking about the County Attorney Position. The three commissioners, Vicky Edwards and Todd would be in attendance.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Attest:


Boots M. Campbell, County Clerk




Gary Moyer, Chairman