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**MINUTES**  
**March 23, 2021****BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**Rio Blanco County**

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The Board met at 11:02 a.m. in regular session at the RBC Courthouse, 555 Main St., Meeker, CO. Chairman Gary Moyer, Commissioner Jeff Rector, Commissioner Ty Gates, Board Assistant Lori Zentmeyer, Attorney Todd Starr, Budget Director Janae Stanworth and Clerk to the Board Boots Campbell were present.

**Call to order – Pledge of Allegiance:** The meeting began with the pledge of allegiance. A minute of silence was held in honor of the 10 people who were killed in Boulder yesterday.

**AGENDA CHANGES** - none

**Approval of the March 23, 2021 agenda**

Commissioner Gates moved to approve the March 23, 2021 agenda with no changes. Commissioner Rector seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Rector-Aye, Moyer-Aye, Gates-Aye.

**CONSENT AGENDA – Approval of the March 23, 2021 consent agenda**

- BOCC Meeting minutes of March 16, 2021.
- Special Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2021.
- Payroll Management Reports for March 19, 2021.

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

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Gates moved to approve Request for Reimbursement #15 for the Meeker Airport Coulter Field, Federal Grant #3-08-0041-013-2018, State Grant #18-EEO-01, in a total amount of \$5,621.25, FAA reimbursement of \$5,059.13, CDOT reimbursement of \$281.06 and a sponsor commitment of \$281.06. Commissioner Rector seconded. Roll call vote: Rector-Aye, Moyer-Aye, Gates-Aye.

Commissioner Rector moved to approve Request for Reimbursement #17 for the Meeker Airport Coulter Field Federal Grant #3-08-0041-013-2018 and State Grant #18-EEO-01 in a total amount of \$2,496.25, FAA reimbursement of \$2,246.63, CDOT reimbursement of \$124.81 and a sponsor reimbursement of \$124.81. Commissioner Gates seconded. Roll call vote: Moyer-Aye, Gates-Aye, Rector-Aye.

Commissioner Gates moved to approve a County Liquor License renewal for Ripple Creek Lodge. Commissioner Rector seconded. Roll call vote: Gates-Aye, Rector-Aye, Moyer-Aye.

Commissioner Rector moved to approve a letter to the House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure regarding natural resources, water policy and management, energy development and critical infrastructure. Commissioner Gates seconded. Roll call vote: Rector-Aye, Moyer-Aye, Gates-Aye.

Commissioner Gates moved to approve an amendment to the Personnel Policy Handbook regarding Public Health Emergency Leave. Commissioner Rector seconded. Roll call vote: Moyer-Aye, Gates-Aye, Rector-Aye.

Commissioner Rector moved to appoint Jeffrey Prystupa to the Board of Health for a term expiring January 2023. Commissioner Gates seconded. Roll call vote: Gates-Aye, Rector-Aye, Moyer-Aye.

Commissioner Gates moved to approve an advertisement for a Public Health Nurse - Rangely, not to exceed the appropriated budget. Commissioner Rector seconded. Roll call vote: Rector-Aye, Moyer-Aye, Gates-Aye.

Commissioner Rector moved to approve an open letter from the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County Colorado and the Rio Blanco County Sheriff, to the residents of Rio Blanco County, Senator Bob Rankin and Representative Perry Will opposing Senate Bill 21-062 Concerning Measures to Safely Reduce Jail Populations by Amending Procedures Prior to Conviction. Commissioner Gates seconded. Sheriff Mazzola explained the negative effect this bill would have on jails and patrol officers. Commissioner Moyer stated the AGNC is opposed to the bill. Commissioner Rector noted that the patrol officers should be able to do their job referring to a decision for issuing a summons and jail or release an offender. Anthony stated they got some amendments which could help. Roll call vote: Moyer-Aye, Gates-Aye, Rector-Aye.

Commissioner Gates moved to approve a letter in support of keeping the Bureau of Land Management Headquarters in the West. Commissioner Rector seconded. Vicky Edwards noted that Governor Polis supported this also. Commissioner Moyer noted it helps BLM management understand the culture of living here. Roll call vote: Gates-Aye, Rector-Aye, Moyer-Aye.

Commissioner Rector moved to approve a decision letter to the Colorado Department of Wildlife regarding the XTO-CPW Land Exchange and authorize staff to draft the letter accordingly. Commissioner Gates seconded. Roll call vote: Rector-Aye, Moyer-Aye, Gates-Aye.

Commissioner Gates moved to approve the settlement of an office investigation regarding wage and hour issues and approval of Form WH56. Commissioner Rector seconded. Attorney Starr stated that an error was discovered and the County is doing the right thing. Roll call vote: Moyer-Aye, Gates-Aye, Rector-Aye.

#### **BID AWARDS**

Commissioner Rector moved to award the Lower White River Pest Control District 2021 Aerial Spraying Project to Coulter Aviation, in an amount not to exceed \$171,500.00. Commissioner Gates seconded. Roll call vote: Rector-Aye, Moyer-Aye, Gates-Aye.

Commissioner Gates moved to award the Lower White River Pest Control District 2021 Commercial equipped applicator for Noxious Weed Control Ground Spraying Project to Rocky Mountain Weed Management, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00. Commissioner Rector seconded. Roll call vote: Moyer-Aye, Gates-Aye, Rector-Aye.

Jane Turnburke read the only helicopter bid received.

Commissioner Rector moved to approve the 2021 RBC Weed and Pest Helicopter Bid to CO Fire Aviation and added the provision that if it exceeds \$40,000 it would come back to the BOCC for approval. Commissioner Gates seconded. Roll call vote: Gates-Aye, Rector-Aye, Moyer-Aye.

#### **MOU'S, CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS**

Commissioner Gates moved to approve an Agreement for Services with Rocky Mountain Weed Management for the Lower White River Pest Control District 2021 Commercial Equipped Applicator for Noxious Weed Control Ground Spraying Project, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00. Commissioner Rector seconded. Roll call vote: Gates-Aye, Rector-Aye, Moyer-Aye.

Commissioner Rector moved to approve an Agreement for Services with Coulter Aviation for the Lower White River Pest Control District 2021 Aerial Spraying Project, in an amount not to exceed \$171,500.00. Commissioner Gates seconded. Roll call vote: Rector-Aye, Moyer-Aye, Gates-Aye.

Commissioner Gates moved to approve a Consulting Services Agreement with One Technology Corporation for the Rio Blanco County Broadband Project, in an amount not to exceed \$9,980.00. Commissioner Rector seconded. Trevor Nielsen stated this refers to the replacement project last week and is an extension of their agreed hours. Roll call vote: Moyer-Aye, Gates-Aye, Rector-Aye.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Public Comment - None**

**County Commissioner updates**

Commissioner Rector set in on CCI legislative calls. He worked on and cooked for the County's Meat-In Day BBQ that was held at the Rio Blanco County Annex and stated that they fed over 1000 people.

Commissioner Gates listened to an AGNC board meeting and dealt with some clean up upriver. He had several meetings with Eddy regarding the Rally preparations as there are a few roadblocks, the Title 3 funding meeting, the wildfire plan and search and rescue.

Chairman Moyer served on the AGNC wolf subcommittee. He had a face to face meeting Wednesday. Gary also went over bills coming at AGNC in Rifle with Perry Will regarding reclassifying a solar farm bill that was killed in committee. He stated the front page in a Denver newspaper was carrying information regarding RBC's wolf sanctuary resolution. Other counties and cities have reached out to the commissioners regarding the resolution. Gary also helped with the BBQ at the Rangely county shop.


Commissioner Rector moved to go into Executive Session pursuant to §24-6-402(4)(e), C.R.S. to conference with the Rio Blanco County Attorney, Todd M. Starr, for the purpose of receiving legal advice relating to existing contracts and agreements that may be subject to negotiation or to develop a strategy for negotiations. Commissioner Gates seconded. Roll call vote: Rector-Aye, Moyer-Aye, Gates-Aye.

Attorney Starr stated the people in the meeting would be the 3 commissioners, Attorney Don Steerman, Janae Stanworth, Vicky Edwards and himself.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:13 p.m.

Attest:

  
Boots M. Campbell, County Clerk

  
Gary Moyer, Chairman

