

**MINUTES**  
**July 13, 2021**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**Rio Blanco County**

The Board met at 11:01 a.m. in regular session at the RBC Courthouse, 555 Main St., Meeker, CO. Commissioner Jeff Rector, Commissioner Ty Gates, County Attorney Don Steerman, Board Assistant Vicky Edwards, Budget Director Janae Stanworth and Clerk to the Board Boots Campbell were present. Commissioner Gary Moyer was absent.

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

**AGENDA CHANGES** - none

**Approval of the July 13, 2021 agenda**

Commissioner Gates moved to approve the July 13, 2021 agenda including changes. Commissioner Rector seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Rector-Aye, Gates-Aye.

**CONSENT AGENDA – Approval of the July 13, 2021 consent agenda**

- Payroll Management Reports for June 25, 2021
- BOCC meeting minutes of June 22 meeting and June 23 special meeting
- Payroll Management Reports for July 9, 2021
- Motor Vehicle Publication List June 2021
- AP Management Reports June 2021
- DHS EBT Register and Warrant Registers June 2021

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

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Gates moved to ratify Amendment No. 1 to Grant Agreement CMS 21 IHFA 161816 for Rio Blanco County Department of Human Services cost share participation in the Wendy's Wonderful Kids Program, extending the term to June 30, 2022 and increasing the award amount by \$4,500.00. Commissioner Rector seconded. Roll call vote: Gates-Aye, Rector-Aye.

Commissioner Gates moved to approve Application for Federal Assistance SF-424 for the Meeker Coulter Field in the amount of \$22,000. Commissioner Rector seconded. Roll call vote: Rector-Aye, Gates-Aye.

Commissioner Gates moved to approve Application for Federal Assistance SF-424 for the Rangely Airport in the amount of \$22,000. Commissioner Rector seconded. Roll call vote: Gates-Aye, Rector-Aye.

Commissioner Gates moved to approve RFR #5 for the Rangely Airport Federal Grant #3-08-0047-014-2020, total payment of \$22,792.09, FAA Reimbursement of \$22,232.56, Sponsor Reimbursement of \$559.53. Commissioner Rector seconded. Roll call vote: Gates-Aye, Rector-Aye.

Commissioner Gates moved to approve Final Outlay Report and Request for Reimbursement for Federal Grant #3-08-0047-014-2020, in the amount of \$22,232.56. Commissioner Rector seconded. Roll call vote: Rector-Aye, Gates-Aye.

Commissioner Gates moved to approve Federal Financial Report for Federal Grant #3-08-0047- 014-2020. Commissioner Rector seconded. Roll call vote: Gates-Aye, Rector-Aye.

Commissioner Gates moved to approve CDOT Utility Permit for drainage and grading to route storm water from Rio Blanco County Airport. Commissioner Rector seconded. Roll call vote: Gates-Aye, Rector-Aye.

Commissioner Gates moved to approve a letter to the Town of Meeker Honorable Mayor and Board of Trustees, granting the Meeker Lions Club permission to serve alcohol at the RBC Fairgrounds during the KCBS Backyard Cook off, on August 6, 2021 from 4 PM to 10PM. Commissioner Rector seconded. Roll call vote: Rector-Aye, Gates-Aye.

Commissioner Gates moved to approve an Agreement for Services with Downstream Advisors to provide litigation support. Commissioner Rector seconded. Roll call vote: Gates-Aye, Rector-Aye.

Commissioner Gates moved to approve the changing of the appointment of counsel of the Hostile Workplace Claim Investigation from Todd M. Starr to Donald L Steerman. Commissioner Rector seconded. Roll call vote: Gates-Aye, Rector-Aye.

Commissioner Gates moved to approve Engagement Letter from Employers Council for conducting a workplace investigation. Commissioner Rector seconded. Roll call vote: Rector-Aye, Gates-Aye.

Commissioner Gates moved to approve Transfer of Ownership of the Pollard Hill Communications Tower Site from 7 Lakes Ranch, LLC to Elk Creek Ranch Owners Association. Commissioner Rector seconded. Roll call vote: Gates-Aye, Rector-Aye.

Commissioner Gates moved to approve advertising for a White River Roundup Relief Cook, not to exceed the appropriated budget. Commissioner Rector seconded. Roll call vote: Gates-Aye, Rector-Aye.

Commissioner Gates moved to approve renewal of the Meeker Golf Course Liquor License. Commissioner Rector seconded. Roll call vote: Rector-Aye, Gates-Aye.

Commissioner Gates moved to approve Amendment No. 1 to the Rangely Airport AIP Grant No. 3-08-0047-014-2020, increasing the maximum FAA obligation by \$5,025.00 to a total amount of \$305,025.00. Commissioner Rector seconded. Roll call vote: Gates-Aye, Rector-Aye.

Commissioner Gates moved to approve advertising for a Patrol Deputy, not to exceed the appropriated budget. Commissioner Rector seconded. Roll call vote: Gates-Aye, Rector-Aye.

#### **BID AWARDS**

Commissioner Gates moved to table the award for the Rio Blanco County 2021 Airport Outfall Project to TDA Construction, Inc. Commissioner Rector seconded. Roll call vote: Gates-Aye, Rector-Aye. This item has been tabled until the BOCC meeting in Rangely on July 20<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Gates moved to award the 2021 Pavement Marking Project to Stripe-A-Lot in an amount not to exceed \$101,691.00. Commissioner Rector seconded. Roll call vote: Rector-Aye, Gates-Aye.

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

Commissioner Gates moved to approve Agreement and Authorization of David Morlan for the Release of Executive Session Recordings and other Recordings relating to the employment of David Morlan. Commissioner Rector seconded. Roll call vote: Gates-Aye, Rector-Aye.

Commissioner Gates moved to approve Agreement and Authorization of Roy Gilbert for the Release of Executive Session Recordings and other Recordings relating to the employment of David Morlan. Commissioner Rector seconded. Roll call vote: Gates-Aye, Rector-Aye.

Commissioner Gates moved to approve Modification #2 of US Forest Service Agreement #19-PA-11021500-077 to include additional US Forest Service funding in the amount of \$10,000 and to incorporate mandatory provisions and operating and financial plan. Commissioner Rector seconded. Roll call vote: Rector-Aye, Gates-Aye.

Commissioner Gates moved to approve a Letter of Agreement with the Meeker School District for the scheduling of a coordinated election and appointing the County Clerk as the Coordinated Election Official for all political subdivisions involved. Commissioner Rector seconded. Roll call vote: Gates-Aye, Rector-Aye.

Commissioner Gates moved to approve a Letter of Agreement with the Rangely School District for the scheduling of a coordinated election and appointing the County Clerk as the Coordinated Election Official for all political subdivisions involved. Commissioner Rector seconded. Roll call vote: Rector-Aye, Gates-Aye.

Commissioner Gates moved to table the Contract for Services with TDA Construction Inc., for the Rio Blanco County 2021 Airport Outfall Project, in an amount not to exceed \$238,500.00. Commissioner Rector seconded. Roll call vote: Gates-Aye, Rector-Aye. This item has been tabled until the BOCC meeting in Rangely on July 20<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Gates moved to approve Agreement for Services with Stripe-A-Lot for the 2021 pavement Marking Paint Project, in an amount not to exceed \$101,691.00. Commissioner Rector seconded. Roll call vote: Gates-Aye, Rector-Aye.

Commissioner Gates moved to approve Memorandum of Understanding with the US Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, White River Field Office, establishing a Cooperating Agency relationship for the purpose of preparing an Environmental Assessment for an Alternate Route for the Gateway South Transmission Line. Commissioner Rector seconded. Roll call vote: Rector-Aye, Gates-Aye.

## **RESOLUTIONS - None**

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **Road & Bridge Monthly Update – Scott Marsh**

##### **Rangely**

Crews installed a cattle guard and made cattle guard repairs, did flood clean up, spot graveling, should repair and a culvert installation on various county roads. They had roller training in Meeker, hauled water to the fire on CR116 and had cross training on motor graders and dozers.

##### **Meeker**

Crews did tree and brush clearing, bladed the road into Meadow Lake, replaced cattle guards at the landfill, did flood clean up and graveled several county roads.

##### **Landfill**

Work was done to the scales, crews did clean up and signs were moved.

##### **Projects Update**

Finished chip seals, set girders on the CR73 Bridge, collected info for paving in Rangely next year and they're putting together info for a guardrail project to use impact fees on CR5.

**Public Comment** – District 57 Representative Perry Wills was in attendance. He reported on the redistricting that is going on that affects Garfield, Rio Blanco, Moffat and Routt counties. The redistricting involves the counties in District 57 as well as District 55. Representative Wills also stated that he was a sponsor on 30 legislative bills this year.

**County Commissioner updates**


Commissioner Gates attended the Oil Springs fire cooperators meeting, met with members of staff and was continuing to work on the lack of housing issue. He had conversations with members of Senator Hickenlooper and Senator Bennett's offices. Ty has contacted a development company. Ty also mentioned help received from Public Health Director Alice Harvey who helped members of the BLM firefighting unit work through a COVID outbreak.

Commissioner Rector stated he is very appreciative to the community for its support regarding his wife Rebecca's accident and hospitalization. Rebecca is recovering at home.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

Attest:

  
Boots M. Campbell, Clerk to the Board

  
Jeff Rector, Chairman Pro-Tem

