

Date Approved 8/24/2021



MINUTES
August 17, 2021

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Board met at 11:06 a.m. in regular session at the Rio Blanco County Annex Building, 17497 Hwy 64, Rangely, CO. Chairman Gary Moyer, Commissioner Jeff Rector, Commissioner Ty Gates, Board Assistant Vicky Edwards, County Attorney Don Steerman and Deputy Clerk to the Board Melissa Dembowski were present.

CALL TO ORDER - PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The meeting began with the pledge of allegiance.

AGENDA CHANGES: None

APPROVAL OF THE August 17, 2021 AGENDA

Commissioner Rector moved to approve the August 17, 2021 agenda including changes. Commissioner Gates seconded. Roll call vote: Gates-Aye, Moyer-Aye, Rector-Aye.

APPROVAL OF THE July 20 August 17

BOCC meeting minutes of August 3, 2021 Special Meeting
BOCC meeting minutes of August 10, 2021

Commissioner Gates moved to approve the August 17, 2021 Consent Agenda. Commissioner Rector seconded. Roll call vote: Moyer-Aye, Rector-Aye, Gates-Aye.

BUSINESS

Commissioner Rector moved to approve Second Amendment to and Extension of the AAA Grant Award #22-11-16 with the Area Agency on aging of Northwest Colorado. Commissioner Gates seconded. Roll call vote: Rector-Aye, Gates-Aye, Moyer-Aye.

Commissioner Gates moved to approve a letter of support for the Rio Blanco Water Conservancy District's application for a grant from the Colorado River District Community Funding Partnership. Commissioner Rector seconded. Roll call vote: Gates-Aye, Moyer-Aye, Rector-Aye.

Commissioner Rector moved to approve RFR #3 for Meeker Coulter Field, Federal Grant #3-08-0041-014-2021, in the amount of \$1,209.36, FAA Reimbursement amount of \$1,209.36. Commissioner Gates seconded. Roll call vote: Moyer-Aye, Rector-Aye, Gates-Aye.

Commissioner Gates moved to approve RFR #3 for the Rangely Airport, Federal Grant #3-08-0047-016-2021, in the amount of \$1,116.79, FAA Reimbursement of \$1,116.79. Commissioner Rector seconded. Roll call vote: Rector-Aye, Moyer-Aye, Gates-Aye.

BID AWARDS – None

MOU'S, CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

Commissioner Rector moved to approve the Agreement for Receipt of Court Security Grant Funds from the Colorado Judicial Department in an award amount of up to \$13,426.00. Commissioner Gates seconded. Roll call vote: Gates-Aye, Rector-Aye, Moyer-Aye.

Commissioner Gates moved to approve an Agreement for Services with Ducey's Electric for the 2021 Rio Blanco County Cathedral Tower Back-Up Power Project, in an amount not to exceed \$8,500.00. Commissioner Rector seconded. Roll call vote: Rector-Aye, Gates-Aye, Moyer-Aye.

Commissioner Rector moved to approve a Letter of Agreement with South Routt School District for the scheduling of a coordinated election. Commissioner Gates seconded. Roll call vote: Moyer-Aye, Rector-Aye, Gates-Aye.

Commissioner Gates moved to approve a Lease Agreement with Flintstone LLC for the removal of existing gravel, from the Haliburton Gravel Pit also known as the Piceance Pit or Box Elder Gravel Pit, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00. Commissioner Rector seconded. Roll call vote: Gates-Aye, Rector-Aye, Moyer-Aye.

RESOLUTIONS - None

OTHER BUSINESS

Public Comments – Scott Marsh, R&B Director- has received comments from local people, police department and other entities if we can get the speed limit reduced out by the hospital on Hwy 13 to 50 mph instead of 65. Scott would like to have Commissioner their support and have them talk with CDOT to help with this. They should set out reasons why we think it's important now that there's so many trucks and traffic going through Meeker now that Glenwood Canyon is closed. Scott said that people from CDOT have said they're previously done speed analysis and it's not warranted at this time.

County Commissioner Updates


Commissioner Gates attended a Rascal Recovery meeting and mentioned they are having another one September 8th in Meeker. Ty met with staff over various issues and worked with local governments regarding the opioid settlement.

Commissioner Rector had a Hwy 13 speed limit discussion with and met with Scott Marsh regarding new Ideas with R & B and the discussions they have had. Jeff stated he has had a lot of conversation about the 4 day work week. He set in on a WIR call where they talked a lot about the water issues and shortage of water.

Chairman Moyer went on the Drought Tour that was put on by the Water Conservation Board. The Director of Natural Resources, the Director of DOLA and the Commissioner of Agriculture and many of their staff were on this tour. They discussed both sides of the water issue, Steamboat Springs was the first stop and they went to other stops north of Craig that really emphasized the severity of the drought. The showers received in the White River valley put us in a lot better shape than folks north of us. Alden and Callie were presenters and the Governor who had just been to Glenwood Canyon was there and he indicated they would be opening the Canyon on Saturday, but there would be some scheduled closures at night in the Canyon to do additional work. Gary asked if he would notify the communities on the alternative route so they could have a heads up. The Governor indicated that they would. Gary asked the Governor about our county, as far as our BOCC, would appreciate it if we wouldn't see any COVID mandates coming from the state. The Governor stated he didn't see any more coming at this time. The next day was focused on forest health and the use of water.

With no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 11:29 p.m.

Attest:



Melissa Dembowski, Clerk to the Board
Boots M. Campbell



Gary Moyer, Chairman

