



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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TO: Board of County Commissioners
Scott Vargo
Jeff Huntley
FROM: Sara R. Lopez
RE: Work Session Meeting of January 12, 2021
DATE: January 12, 2021

Attendees:

Elected Officials: Elisabeth Lawrence, Tamara Pogue and Joshua Blanchard – Commissioners

Staff: Scott Vargo, County Manager; Jeff Huntley, County Attorney; Sarah Vaine, Assistant County Manager and Sara R Lopez, Administrative Assistant.

Staff (via phone or Zoom): Bentley Henderson, Assistant County Manager; Marty Ferris, Finance Director; Jim Curnutte, Community Development Director; Michael Wurzel, Sustainability Coordinator and April Paige, Executive Administrative Manager

Guests (via phone or Zoom): Antonio Olivero, Braig McGary and others who did not sign in.

I. Summit Stage New Board Members (Transit)

Chris Lubbers presented his request for approval of the appointments to the Summit Stage New Board Members. Commissioner Pogue suggested adding a member of the Latino community to the Board in the future and Mr. Lubbers agreed this was a good idea. This item is on the consent agenda for the BOCC Regular Meeting this afternoon.

II. Xcel Energy Audits of County Facilities (Sustainability)

Michael Wurzel gave an update on the results of the Xcel Audits conducted at county facilities. The county did really well with only minor details found to be improved. Mr. Wurzel also noted that the county did not spend any money, besides staff hours, to participate in this audit.

Commissioner Pogue asked for the data collected to be shared with Commissioners. Mr. Wurzel will share the information with Commissioners.

III. Managers' and Commissioners' Issues

Senior Management and Commissioners discussed several topics including but not limited to:

Bentley Henderson gave an update on the following topics:

- The Frisco Terrace Homeowners Association has asked CDOT to install a noise wall along the property. They have requested a support letter from the Board and commissioners agreed.

- The Highway User Tax Fund (HUTF) is the largest source of transportation funding. The HUTF revenues come from state motor fuel taxes, vehicle registration fees, and smaller sources like driver's license fees and fines. These funds are then portioned out to cities and counties across the state. Counties are required to submit to CDOT all improvements information like lane miles, surface preparation, etc., CDOT then allocates funding to counties.
- Mr. Henderson requested the Board's approval to submit the information. Commissioner Pogue asked for clarification on the data being submitted to CDOT, specifically how the county determines whether it maintains a road, and the last time a road was removed or added.
- The Road & Bridge team conducts an annual evaluation to determine the condition of roads; they attach a number to it, which helps them determine which roads need to be updated. He also noted that when new subdivisions are built, the county adopts the new road. The county does not go back and adopt current roads because they were probably not built to required standards.
- The job posting for Public Works Director will be advertised this week, and stay posted for two weeks. Mr. Henderson believes it will take from 1 month to 6 weeks to find a suitable candidate.

Commissioner Blanchard discussed the following topics:

- After meeting individually and virtually with department heads, there seem to be several projects that were put on hold due to the COVID-19 crisis. He asked if there is a way to track these postponed projects to make sure they are completed. Scott Vargo said Bentley Henderson would be able to provide an update.
- He also discussed the Zero Waste program and suggested finding out what other counties are doing, and adding the topic to an upcoming work session. High County Conservation Center (HC3) is scheduled for an update to the Board on Tuesday, February 2, 2021.

Commissioner Pogue discussed the following topics:

- Economic Resilience for the county. She suggested a meeting with the Summit Chamber of Commerce and with town leaders.
- Wait times at the US Postal Service office. She would like to meet with the Post Master General to discuss what can be done to reduce wait time for residents. Mr. Vargo noted there is interest in this topic and he will look into it and give an update.
- She requested an update from Jim Curnutte and April Kroner on the Dillon Valley Project at an upcoming Work Session. Mr. Henderson will work with them to schedule it.
- There has been an increase in substance abuse due to the Pandemic and Commissioner Pogue suggested scheduling a Town Hall and inviting Building Hope.
- The county is in the process of hiring a new Communications Director. Commissioner Pogue suggested contracting additional support to keep the community updated. She also suggested adding graphics and charts to Press Releases so it is easier to glance through them. Her goal is to diminish the spread of misinformation on social media and she is happy to communicate in any way with the community.
- Commissioner Pogue also suggested scheduling Work Session meetings with Town Elected Officials, and separately, with the Strong Futures subcommittee.

Commissioner Lawrence discussed the following topics:

- The BOCC Schedule of Meetings may need to be reviewed and adjusted around the Summit School District calendar, as all three Commissioners have children in the school system. She wants to avoid scheduling meetings on Tuesday and Thursday during school breaks in February and April.
- She requested an update on the Child Care Center and Lake Dillon Preschool remodels as a topic for an upcoming Work Session. Scott Vargo said the bid on Lake Dillon Preschool was significantly higher than expected, and there was only one bidder, which made it even more difficult.
- Committee Share Outs: moving forward the Board will try to provide a monthly update from the different committee meetings Commissioners attend.

Commissioners also reviewed schedules and upcoming calendar events.

Respectfully submitted:



Sara R Lopez, Deputy Clerk



Approved by:



Elisabeth Lawrence, Chair