



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 March 23, 2021
DATE: March 23, 2021

Attendees:

Elected Officials: Elisabeth Lawrence (via Zoom), Tamara Pogue and Joshua Blanchard – Commissioners

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

Staff (via Zoom): Sarah Vaine, Assistant County Manager; Bentley Henderson, Assistant County Manager; Marty Ferris, Finance Director; Jim Curnutte, Community Development Director; Jason Dietz, Housing Director; Brian Lorch, Open Space & Trails Director; Michael Wurzel, Sustainability Coordinator and April Paige, Executive Administrative Manager

Guests (via Zoom): Anna Bengtson, Christine Zenel, David Rossi, Marcus Dreux, Paul Semmer, Sawyer DArgonne and others who did not sign in.

I. Managers' & Commissioners' Issues

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

Michael Wurzel gave an update on the following:

- MT2030 Committee and whether Commissioners want the county to be part of it. Commissioners agreed and asked him to represent Summit County.
- The Transit Department asked for a letter of support for their grant applications to add additional electric busses. Commissioners agreed and he will create a letter and send it to the Board for review.

Marty Ferris reported that David Reynolds has accepted the position of Assistant Finance Director.

Commissioners also reviewed schedules and upcoming calendar events.

II. 2020-2021 Budget Amendment

Martina Ferris gave an update on the following topics including but not limited to:

The 2020 and 2021 Budget Amendment and the various expenditures that required these amendments.

III. Discussion of Potential Land Transfers & Exchanges with USFS (OS&T, Attorney) (*Executive Session Recommended*)

Brian Lorch, Anna Bengtson and Paul Semmer gave an update on the following topics including but not limited to:

Overview of the US Forest Services (USFS) past and ongoing efforts associated with land exchanges and other potential land transfers between the US Forest Service and Summit County. As well as an overview of the structure and hierarchy of the USFS.

Overview of USFS Land Adjustments

- Small Tracts Act
 - Mineral Fractions, Encroachments and R-O-W
- Conveyance Program
 - USFS Administrative Sites
- Land & Water Conservation Fund
 - Critical Inholdings & Recreation Access
- Land Exchange
 - Legislative
 - Administrative

Jeff Huntley and Scott Vargo requested an Executive Session to discuss Real Estate Transactions and the legal advice pertaining thereto.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pogue and seconded by Commissioner Blanchard to go into Executive Session to discuss Real Estate Transactions and the Legal Advice related thereto. BOCC voted 3 to 0 to go into Executive Session per CRS 24-6-402 (4) (a)(b)(e). The motion was approved.

The Executive Session was postponed until later today to provide enough time for discussion.

Commissioners reconvened into Work Session at 10:45 a.m.

IV. County Surveyor Overview with Commissioners

Gary Wilkinson provided an overview of his position as Summit County Surveyor and what his duties include. Commissioners thanked him for his presentation.

V. CSU Extension: Board Candidate Interviews

Commissioners interviewed Mary Gessner, Phil Davis and Tom Koehler for positions with the CSU Extension Advisory Board.

VI. Building Board of Review, Candidate Interview

Commissioners interviewed Todd D. Taylor for a position with the Building Board of Review.

VII. Real Estate Acquisitions and the Legal Advice related thereto (Open Space; Attorney) (*Executive Session Recommended*)

Jeff Huntley and Scott Vargo requested an Executive Session to continue discussion of Real Estate Acquisitions, negotiations and the legal advice pertaining thereto.

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BOCC voted 3 to 0 to go into Executive Session per CRS 24-6-402 (4) (a)(b)(e). The motion was approved.

Commissioners reconvened into Work Session at 12:30 p.m.

Extended Afternoon

VIII. Working Lunch Discussion/Debriefing

Commissioners and staffed reviewed different topics including but not limited to:

North End School Wraparound Care

Commissioners discussed the challenges of activities for school-aged children on the north-end of the county as well as other areas of the county. Commissioner Pogue noted that the issue is financial and needs addressing by the county and towns. Commissioners discussed that the problem is that the need at a higher rate than providers can meet those needs. They also agreed that whatever solution needs to be available to all children as one of the biggest issues is the lack of transportation getting kids to the available programs, and parents cannot always afford to leave work.

Sarah Vaine noted that these programs are not currently part of Youth and Family as they mainly focus their programs on older kids and at-risk kids. Commissioner Lawrence noted that any kid that does not have after-school care is at risk.

Commissioners and staff discussed holding a meeting with the Town of Silverthorne, Town of Dillon, The Keystone Science School, etc. Sarah Vaine will arrange the meeting. Commissioner Lawrence suggested communicating with the Town of Breckenridge and the Town of Frisco and ask for their input and let them know that the group would like to include them in the conversations at a later date.

Equity Discussion

Commissioner Pogue noted the difficulty in increasing diversity within the different Board of Reviews. She suggested providing community trainings that include groups not normally included. She also realizes how intimidating it can be to walk into a room full of new people, even less be expected to provide opinions. She suggested a mentoring program where a new participant is paired with an existing team member to offer guidance through the process. Maybe a partnership with organizations like Family Intercultural Resource Center (FIRC).

Scott Vargo asked Commissioners for recommendations on individuals and organizations that can assist the county with the equity process.

ATU and Substance Abuse

Commissioner Blanchard asked to keep in mind that the type of needs will be very different in 3 to 5 years, after the community recovers from COVID.

Commissioner Pogue and Sarah Vaine noted the importance of keeping track of available and existing programs within the county. discussed avoiding duplications with the processes and making sure that Building Hope has the resources to communicate what services are available to the public.

Stimulus Funding

Scott Vargo and Marty Ferris reviewed the current expenses as well as projected expenses related to COVID.

Ms. Ferris also gave an overview of the *American Rescue Plan* and what it means for Summit County:

- Summit County's Allocation is \$6,014,392
- We will receive one-half of the allocation 60 days after the bill is signed
- We will receive the other half 12 months later
- We have until December 31, 2024 to spend these funds

Commissioner Pogue suggested additional funding for the Search and Rescue (SaR) facility. The number of calls for their services increased tremendously as people flocked to the high country to be outside during the pandemic. Many visitors are not prepared for the outdoor conditions and end up needing rescue; the current SaR facilities are inadequate.

She would also like to continue providing pre-trail services to keep people out of jail. This process was implemented to avoid jail overcrowding due to the pandemic but she would like to keep it going.

Commissioner Lawrence also mentioned the Open Space and Trails Department and the additional work they had to do with the increased number of visitors to the open areas and trails.

Co-responder Program

Commissioner Pogue said that the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) reduced the funding to the co-responder program for the county. Commissioners and staff will meet with the towns to discuss other funding options, including Nicotine funds and the Strong Futures Grant, as those are related to Public Health.

Strong Future Reserve

Scott Vargo gave an overview of the reserved funds and asked for Commissioners' feedback on how the funds will be used.

Early Childhood

Sarah Vaine discussed the ways the Head Start funds were used since 2019, after it was approved by voters in 2018. Once the COVID pandemic hit, the preschool programs stopped growing as the county struggled to assist child-care centers with holding off to staff and for families to keep their children's spots with the program. The programs funded by Strong Futures are aware of what the voters approved and keep to those requirements.

Recycling

Bentley Henderson said that the Strong Futures funds related to recycling have been managed in partnership with the Zero Waste Taskforce and they put together a very strong program and they have been working on the items, including improving the Food Scrap program. There have been updates to the Municipal Recycling Program (MRP) that are finally starting to pay off.

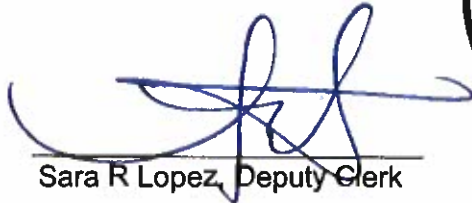
There is also the development of a new Compost Pad and additional facilities at the SCRAP that will allow people to drop off their recycling items outside the facilities. These are big ticket items.

Wildfire

Mr. Henderson also gave an update on funds for wildfire prevention.

Meeting Adjourned.

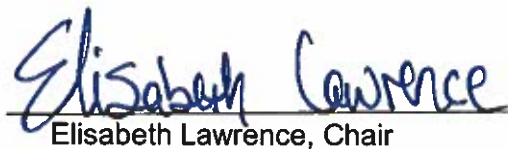
Respectfully submitted:


Sara R Lopez, Deputy Clerk



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Approved by:


Elisabeth Lawrence, Chair