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TO: Board of County Commissioners
Scott Vargo
Jeff Huntley
FROM: Sara R. Lopez
RE: Work Session Meeting of March 30, 2021
DATE: March 30, 2021

Attendees:

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

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

Staff (via Zoom): Sarah Vaine, Assistant County Manager; Bentley Henderson, Assistant County Manager; Marty Ferris, Finance Director;

Guests (via Zoom): Alison Mathes, Carly Nixon, Catherine Schaaf, Grant Anderson, Jason Laabs, Jen McAtamney, Kevin O'Reilly, Lucinda Burns, Sawyer DArgonne and others who did not sign in.

I. Head Start/Right Start Update

Sarah Vaine, Lucinda Burns, Catherine Schaaf, Carly Nixon and Jen McAtamney discussed several topics including but not limited to:

Carly Nixon gave an update on the Federal Review of Head Start Program conducted the week of March 8, 2021. The results are not available yet but the feedback has been positive.

She also gave an overview of funding opportunities that have become available and asked for the Board's approval in moving forward and submitting applications.

Lucinda Burns and Catherine Schaaf gave an overview of the Summit Preschool (SPK) Application Process for the 2021-2022 School Year. It is now open and will close on May 7, 2021. She also reviewed the different tuition funding options available to eligible families, and the industries that employ those families.

SPK Program Goals

- Professional Development through Colorado Shines Professional Development Information System (PDIS). A one-stop online resource for training related to early care and learning. PDIS offers a broad array of e-learning courses addressing all aspects of child development, health and safety, and quality instruction. PDIS is designed to support a variety of early childhood professionals at all levels of experience and education.*
- Provide education of local programs to hard-to-reach populations.

- A new child care center to be built in partnership with the Town of Silverthorne and the Summit County Government in the north end of the County.

The team discussed the many challenges the programs faces, including hiring qualified staff and keeping them in Summit County due to the high cost of living and the lack of affordable housing. Another issue is lack of capacity. They hope once the Silverthorne Childcare Center opens, this will make it easier to accept and fund additional pupils.

Ms. Burns gave an overview of the proposed SPK 2021 budget, and expressed gratitude for the Early Childhood position funded by the Strong Futures Grant with Summit School District

Commissioners thanked the team for their presentation and their work.

II. 2021 Communications Priorities

Nicole Valentine gave an update on the following topics including but not limited to:

Background:

As part of the Strategic Communications Plan for Summit County Government, key messaging priorities for 2021 have been identified to align with the Board's goals and seasonal messaging needs for other county elected offices.

Core Messaging

- Summit County Government Information Campaign – directing residents where to find resources
- About SCG – educational campaign covering all departments, current plans and projects
- BOCC – initiatives that the BOCC is working on, opportunities for engagement with the Board
- Fiscal Management – Your Tax Dollars at Work – current status of all projects and future planning
- Health & Human Services – This is a time of crisis for the county and making sure the community is informed about available mental health resources, substance use & abuse, affordable healthcare options and COVID response

Seasonal Messaging

- March through May – Vaccine Messaging
- April, June, July, October - Supporting Treasurer's Office with Tax messaging
- April through August – Supporting Assessor's Office with 2021 Property Reappraisal Season
- May through September - Wildfire Prevention
- October – Elections, Supporting Clerk & Recorder - coordinated election on November 2 for school board

Commissioner Lawrence noted that Wildfire Communications is a tremendous project for one person to handle, and since there are different entities involved, Commissioners would prefer to hire an outside company to manage it. They will put together a Request for Proposals (RFP) soon, especially with wildfire season fast approaching.

2021 Communications Priorities

- Community Health Updates in Response to COVID-19

- Public Health Orders and Policy Updates Testing and Vaccination information
- Health education, disease tracking, and symptoms
- 6 Commitments
- Environmental Sustainability
 - Climate Action Plan and Goals
 - Open Space and Trails
 - CORE Act, Planning, Land Use
- Economic Recovery & Smart Growth
 - Economic diversification/recovery
 - Countywide comprehensive plan
 - Master Plan - Open Space and Trails
 - Infrastructure planning and projects
- Mental Health Resources
 - Mental health awareness as part of COVID recovery
 - Community resources and support
- Community Affordability
 - Workforce housing
 - Early learning and child care programs
 - Quality of life amenities
 - Accessibility to outdoors and art

Ms. Valentine has been working with the towns in finding ways to encourage responsible tourism and provide destination guidelines for each location. Commissioner Lawrence would like to how to encourage the community to utilize free transportation to alleviate the number of cars on the roads.

Commissioner Pogue suggested contracting out the Mental Health Resources work to Building Hope in order to keep the message on topic. Ms. Valentine agreed with the suggestion to delegate to the experts the topics that cannot be handled in house. She also gave an overview of the Outreach Campaign Outline for 2021.

Commissioners thanked Nicole for her presentation and asked her to provide regular updates to the Board.

III. **CDOT Gap Project Update**

Grant Anderson, Jason Laabs, Kevin O'Reilly gave an update on the following topics including but not limited to:

21778 – Frisco Main to Iron Springs Phase 2A-2C

Mr. Laabs gave an overview of their goals for the summer season. They will continue work on the roundabout as well as Frisco Main Street and the timeline is from May to July 2021. CDOT will be working closely with the Town of Frisco to schedule road closures and have also taken into account the vaccination process at the bus barn.

Commissioner Lawrence asked them to share closure information with the county so they can assist in getting the information out, and Commissioner Blanchard advocated for the Exit 203/Exit 205 project to be prioritized.

Commissioners thanked the group for the update and presentation.

IV. Managers' & Commissioners' Issues

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

Scott Vargo gave an update on Congressman Neguse's Community Project Funding Project (CFP) program - this federal funding is to be allocated to community projects for the fiscal year of 2022. Through this new Community Funding Project (CFP) program, members are able to request funding for up to 10 community projects within their district to receive federal funds.

Sarah Vaine will schedule a meeting for the Silverthorne School-Aged Program Group. Commissioner Pogue and Commissioner Blanchard will attend.

Commissioner Lawrence gave an update on the following:

- Ski Area Fee Retention Act. Currently, ski area permit fees paid to the Forest Service are sent to the U.S. Department of the Treasury and then appropriated back to the Forest Service. This legislation would create a Ski Area Fee Retention Account under the National Forest System, in which a portion of the roughly \$37 million in annual fees generated by the ski areas would be retained by the National Forests they are generated in. This would ensure that the Forest Service has adequate resources to administer permits and review capital improvement project proposals in more heavily trafficked forests, such as the White River National Forest – the most visited National Forest in the country.
- The Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) has granted \$10M to Colorado to fund a campaign with the goal of bringing back conference events to the county. She met with the Ski Areas to find out what they would like to see addressed with this campaign.
- She also encouraged the other Commissioners to participate in the Listening Tour from the Governor.
- The Breckenridge Music Festival has purchased a portable AirStage. Their focus for 2021 is diversity and equity, and their goal is to bring music to areas and neighborhoods that normally do not hold musical events.
- The Summer CCI Conference is scheduled for June 7-9, 2021 in Eagle County. Commissioners will attend and agreed to cancel the June 8, 2021 BOCC Work Session and Regular Meeting, as well as the BOH/BOCC Joint Meeting Update.

Commissioners also reviewed schedules and upcoming calendar events.

V. Potential Land Acquisitions, Litigations, Legislative and Public Health Matters the Legal Advice related thereto. (Attorney) (Executive Session Recommended)

Jeff Huntley and Bentley Henderson requested an Executive Session to discuss Potential Land Acquisitions, Litigations, Legislative and Public Health Matters and the legal advice pertaining thereto.

A motion was made by Commissioner Blanchard and seconded by Commissioner Pogue to go into Executive Session to discuss Potential Land Acquisitions, Litigations, Legislative and Public Health

Matters and the Legal Advice related thereto. BOCC voted 3 to 0 to go into Executive Session per CRS 24-6-402 (4) (a)(b)(c)(d)(e) with particular reference to 25-1-122. The motion was approved.

Meeting Adjourned.

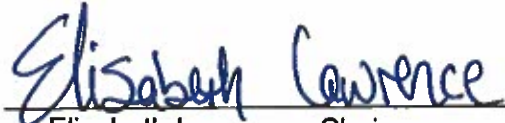
Respectfully submitted:



Sara R Lopez, Deputy Clerk



Approved by:



Elisabeth Lawrence, Chair