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TO: Board of County Commissioners
Scott Vargo
Jeff Huntley
FROM: Sara R. Lopez
RE: Work Session Meeting of June 15, 2021
DATE: June 15, 2021

Attendees:

Elected Officials: Elisabeth Lawrence, Tamara Pogue and Joshua Blanchard – Commissioners
Frank Celico – Assessor
Jaime FitzSimons – Sheriff
Regan Wood – Coroner
Ryne Scholl - Treasurer

Staff: Scott Vargo, County Manager; Jeff Huntley, County Attorney; Bentley Henderson, Assistant County Manager; Brandon Howes, Housing Planner II; Cameron Turpin, Assistant County Attorney; Dan Hendershott, Environmental Health Director; Jason Dietz, Housing Director; Jim Curnutte, Community Development Director; Keely Ambrose, Assistant County Attorney; Nicole Valentine, Communications Director, Peter Haynes, Undersheriff; Sarah Vaine, Assistant County Manager and Sara R Lopez, Administrative Assistant.

Staff (via Zoom): April Kroner, Planning Director; April Paige, Executive Administrative Manager; David Reynolds, Assistant Finance Director; Ian Corder, Planning Technician; Jessica Potter, Senior Planner; Suzanne Pugsley, Planner I.

Guests (in person or via Zoom): Avery Turman, Brian Bernardoni, Brian Denison, Dan Bjork, Della Crone, Gary Siebein, Jenna deJong, Kim Ramey, Lee & Shelly Wasson, Mac Hiller, Marilyn Roa, Phil Lindeman, Robin Robson, Sarah Thorsteinson, Scott Meyer, Thomas Little, Tom Kroenke.

I. Elected Officials Roles & Responsibilities

Commissioners and County Elected Officials continued the discussion started at the April 13, 2021 BOCC Work Session, including but not limited to:

- Understanding one another's relationships and roles
- Recognition that the Elected Offices are unique and have different authorities and responsibilities compared to other county departments.
- Importance of working together as a team and understanding the county's financial and operational big picture
- Policies and procedures that respect those authorities and responsibilities and maintain consistency where appropriate, limit conflict and administrative bureaucracy
- Other meeting goals from attendees

It was decided that a Commissioner will work with an Elected Official as follows:

- Commissioner Lawrence
 - Kathy Neel, Clerk & Recorder
- Commissioner Pogue
 - Jaime FitzSimons, Sheriff
 - Gary Wilkinson, County Surveyor
- Commissioner Blanchard
 - Ryne Scholl, Treasurer
 - Frank Celico, Assessor

Commissioners and Elected Officials will meet again at the Work Session scheduled for August 10, 2021.

II. Shooting Range Noise Study Report (Landfill, Managers)

Bentley Henderson, Aaron Byrne, Jennifer Miller, Gary W. Siebein and Marilyn Roa gave an update on the following topics including but not limited to:

County Staff has worked with Siebein Associates, Inc., and Summit Range Association including discussion with local residents in neighboring communities and discussed the different models identified throughout the sound study. Based on the sound study results, several of these models including a hybrid of other options discussed throughout this process could be options going forward.

The group discussed the options presented, as well as wildfire concerns and safety issues. Being able to control access to the range was also discussed as local residents are well aware of hours of operation and have reported usage outside those hours.

It was suggested to proceed with proposition N: constructing a berm across the backside of the range and a fence, with some modifications. The group discussed the cost to implement this solution and the need to find an outside contractor and involve the County's Engineering Department with the construction of the berm. The possible schedule would be end of summer and early fall.

Commissioner Lawrence noted she expected to do more sooner and suggested looking into different materials for the roofing or completely enclosing the spaces. Commissioners will discuss this topic further. Mr. Vargo suggested bringing back the team of consultants to conduct another noise study after the solutions have been implemented.

Commissioners thanked staff and SRA members for their presentation.

Commissioners made a motion to move into a Special BOCC Meeting to discuss wildfire restrictions at 11:28 a.m.

III. Weekly Fire Restrictions Update (Sheriff)

Jaime FitzSimons gave an update on the following topics including but not limited to:

The current weather conditions and the short and long weather outlooks are for below-average precipitation. No relief seems to be in sight. There is a cold front coming but there is concern that instead of moisture, it will bring lightning.

Sheriff FitzSimons said at this point the county has met the three requirements to move into Stage I Fire Restrictions. Most of the surrounding towns and the US Forest Service will also implement Stage I Restrictions, some are waiting for the County to make a decision. The Sheriff noted that we are quickly approaching requirements for Stage II levels. Commissioner Lawrence asked the Sheriff if he thought the county would stay in Stage I or if the county will quickly move into Stage II. Sheriff FitzSimons said it depends on the weekend and whether the county experiences lightning. If not, the expectation is to stay in Stage I level at least through next week.

Jeff Huntley gave an overview of the proposed resolution to move into Stage I Fire Restrictions to reduce fire hazards. Commissioner Lawrence urged the community to make good decisions and take personal responsibility for their decisions and to keep in mind.

Commissioners approved the resolution to move into Stage I Fire Restrictions.

Commissioners made a motion to adjourn the Special BOCC Meeting at 11:43 a.m. and move back into Work Session.

IV. Wildfire Prevention Grant Application (CSU Extension)

Dan Schroder and Jim Curnutte gave an update on the following topics including but not limited to:

BACKGROUND

In 2021, staff modified the grant submission schedule to invite awarded applicants to begin projects a few weeks early. This year the pre-application was due at the end of March and the full application was due at the end of April. Both items were due one month earlier than prior years. On May 5, 2021, a small group of SCWC members met to review each application in order to provide the full SCWC background and staff recommendations for funding projects under the HFR and the CWPP Implementation Grant programs.

This year 11 applications were submitted for funding. A summary of the recommended projects are included below for your review. In addition to the grant requests, prior funding allocations include the Emergency Fire Fund, CSU Extension staff, chipping campaign outreach education, ongoing grant follow up work conducted by the Weed Control department, and the Chipping Program contractor fee.

This staff report is provided to recommend the Board support all seven (7) of the HFR Grants totaling \$167,660.12 and all four (4) CWPP Implementation Grants totaling \$160,590.00. The total recommendation for funding is \$328,250.12.

Among other items, the 2010 Fund is the primary mechanism which supports the Grant programs. The Grant program allocation identified in the 2010 Fund table below reflects an available balance of \$39,634. In years past, the 2021 SFF budget recognized the possibility of grant requests in excess of the 2010 Fund allowance. Staff request the Board consider a supplement to the 2021 wildfire prevention grant program to pay for the proposed grant requests which exceed the 2010 Fund budget in the amount of \$288,616.12.

V. Monthly Board of Health/BOCC Special Work Session

Dan Hendershott gave an update on Summit County's latest case numbers, summary epi trends, vaccine updates, etc. For Summit County's Public Health Orders and latest information is available at www.summitcountyco.gov. Click on Get COVID-19 Info and Updates.

VI. Housing Plan

Jason Dietz gave an update on several topics including but not limited to:

Providing an update on the County's housing plan, strategies, programs and priorities to move forward, mitigate the impacts of the housing crisis and bring on additional housing.

- Short Term Rental (STR) to Long Term Rental (LTR) Conversion Incentive Program
- Hotel to Condo Master Leasing
- Master Leasing of Seasonal Resort Housing for the Off-Season
- Use Vacant County Land as Tiny Homes on Wheels (or foundations)/Van Life
- Use of USFS Campground in the Off-Season
- Housing & Development Code Audit
- Increase in SCHA Down Payment Assistance Programs
- Waive or Reduce all County Fees on Workforce Housing Projects for Next 12 Months
- New Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) Grant Program
- Non-Compliant ADU Amnesty Program:
- Workforce Housing 101 and Updated Housing Brochure
- Habitat for Humanity Partnership
- Leasing, Property Management and Incentive Programs
- Land re-zoning and entitlement (Short Term)
- Zoning / Housing Code updates, fee waiver, ADU incentive, ADU stock plans
- Buy Downs and Housing Helps:
- Housing Helps, buy downs, real estate and resale management (In House)
- Existing deed restriction inventory management (In House)
- County Owned Land Development
- Land Development, Project/HOA Setup and Vertical Construction
- Land Acquisitions

Denver Water Owned Properties

- Silverthorne Elementary Parcel Updates
- Justice Center Parcel
- Lake Hill Project
- Bill Ranch Parcels
- County Commons Parcels
- US Forest Service (USFS) Land Trade
- Frisco Transit Center Update

Analysis, Acquisition & Development of Privately Held Parcels for Workforce Housing

- Transitional Housing Program

Housing Department Staff

- The Housing Department currently has a staff of two (2) and will need an additional two (2) full time employees (FTE's) in order to make significant headway on the priorities identified by the Board.
- The will need to engage consulting help for many of these projects, even with the addition of 2 FTE's.
- Estimated that a budget for consulting help could range from \$500K to \$1M or more depending on how many projects are pursued concurrently.

Commissioners agreed to the staffing and consultants requests. Mr. Scott Vargo said available funds for these projects is about \$17M. He noted that there are big-ticket items under progress, as the Dillon Valley Roundabout, but at this point, the county does not need to look for outside financing.

VII. Managers' & Commissioners' Issues

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

Bentley Henderson shared that the county has hired Dan Osborn as Director of the Snake River Water Treatment. He also noted that Teddy Wilkinson has accepted a position with the Town of Frisco. The Public Works Director position is still open.

Nicole Valentine: The Sustainability Town Hall will be held on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 and the Wildfire Town Hall will be held on Friday, June 18, 2021 on the county's Facebook page. She is also working with fire departments about getting emergency preparedness information out to the community.

Commissioner Lawrence: update on the CCI Conference the Board attended last week, and she has applied to be part of the Early Childhood Committees.

Commissioner Pogue: The first Opioid Treatment Committee Meeting will take place on June 28th at 10am.

Commissioners also reviewed schedules and upcoming calendar events.

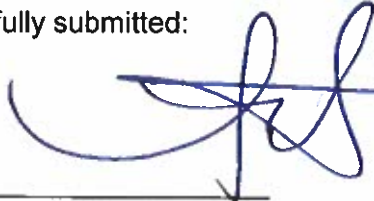
VIII. Legal Issues, Property Issue and the legal advice related thereto (Attorney) (Executive Session Recommended).

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

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

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

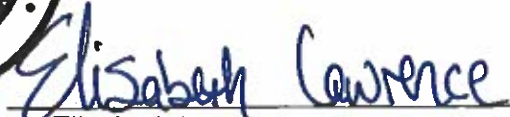


Sara R Lopez, Deputy Clerk

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Approved by:



Elisabeth Lawrence, Chair