



**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 July 20, 2021  
**DATE:** Tuesday, July 20, 2021 @ Ten Mile Room

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**Attendees:**

Elected Officials: Elisabeth Lawrence and Tamara Pogue. Absent: Josh Blanchard – Commissioners

Staff: Scott Vargo, County Manager; Jeff Huntley, County Attorney; Bentley Henderson, Assistant County Manager; Brian Lorch, Open Space & Trails Director; Christine Zenel, Open Space Resource Specialist; Nicole Valentine, Communications Director; Peter Haynes, Undersheriff; Robert Jacobs, Road & Bridge Director; Sarah Vaine, Assistant County Manager and Sara R Lopez, Administrative Assistant.

Guests: Barbara Hukikova Erlebach, Ben Butler, Cyndi Ebbert, Chris Stewart, Haley Littleton, Jenna deJong, Lindsay Ryan, Rick Holman.

**I. Hub Provider Conversation**

Sarah Vaine and Kellyn Ender, from Building Hope, discussed the following:

Strong Future funding for Mental Health services has allowed the Strong Future committee to determine, through a thorough gap analysis, which services are most needed to expand the continuum of care for behavioral services in Summit County. Due to service constraints during COVID, a significant fund balance has accrued.

Recommendations Criteria for Strong Futures Fund Balance Distribution

Steps to Create Recommendations:

- Review of past needs assessments and recommendations from Nancy Van Demark
- Discussion and brainstorming activity with Strong Futures Committee
- Creation of list of draft recommendations from Committee
- Further discussion and prioritization with Building Hope staff
- Presentation of summary priorities back to Committee

Criteria to Select Recommendations:

- ✓ Is there an urgent and long-term gap the strategy will fill?
- ✓ Can the strategy be funded elsewhere, or should tax funds be used?
- ✓ Is the strategy sustainable over time?
- ✓ Is the strategy doable and impactful?
- ✓ Is the strategy a onetime infusion of funding?

## Recommendations as Ranked by Strong Future Committee Members

1. Healing Hub Start up Support -
  - a. Provide financial support to ensure that the behavioral health hub opens in the MOB. Services to be supported with funds include development of peer support program, support groups, walk in, life skills, and case management
2. Reserved therapy slots for individuals in crisis
  - a. Provide funding to reserve crisis support therapy sessions with local, qualified therapists for residents experiencing urgent need for follow up counseling
3. Building Hope Scholarship financial support
  - a. Provide direct financial support for Building Hope Scholarship Program.
4. Intensive Outpatient SUD Program Start Up
  - a. Provide start up financial support to Front Range Clinic to implement intensive SUD outpatient program and medication management
5. Recovery Resources Supplemental Funding
6. Strong Future Program Operating Reserves
  - a. Hold back a portion of the reserves for future mental health programming needs in the event a future initiative does is not continued by the voters.
7. Specific initiative that support Equity Services for vulnerable populations
8. Substance abuse monitoring and pretrial services
9. Professional Development & Scholarships for Bilingual and Bicultural Therapist and Specialist

Commissioners asked questions and provided feedback. Commissioner Pogue would like increased focus on options seven through nine. They also asked for Front Range Clinic staff to come and present to the Board at an upcoming Work Session.

## **II. Discussion of Legal Issues (Attorney) (Executive Session Recommended).**

Jeff Huntley requested an Executive Session to discuss a variety of legal issues including contract matters, personnel matters, real property matters and negotiations pertaining thereto, including general legal advice.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pogue and seconded by Commissioner Lawrence to go into Executive Session to discuss a variety of legal issues including litigation matters, contract matters, personnel matters, real property matters and negotiations pertaining thereto. The BOCC voted 2 to 0 to go into Executive Session per CRS 24-6-402 (4) (a)(b)(e)(f). The motion was approved.

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*Commissioners reconvened into Work Session at 10:35am. They will continue the Executive Session discussion after the Monthly BOH/BOCC Joint Meeting.*

## **III. McCullough Gulch Discussion (Open Space & Trails; Sheriff)**

Bentley Henderson, Brian Lorch, Robert Jacobs, Peter Haynes, Rick Holman, Ben Butler, Cindy Ebbert, Chris Stewart and Haley Littleton gave an update on the following topics:

Mr. Henderson gave an update on the plans to address parking issues at Quandary Peak. The plan for limiting parking on county roads is still effective, based on the feedback from Emergency Services and residents of the area. The Sheriff's Office will start enforcing parking rules in the area and ticketing violators. The parking area will be expanded, which will increase the number of parking spaces to around sixty, and delineate the helipad area for shuttle turnaround. The group discussed different shuttle stops, other options for reserved parking, and how this would affect locals.

Commissioners and staff decided to go with setting aside 10 spaces within the lot for short term/locals use. These spaces will be limited to three-hour increments. The balance of the lot will be offered on a reservations only basis, with two reservation blocks available. The long-term reservation blocks will be from 4:30 am to 11:30 am and from 12:00 pm to 7:30 pm. There will be a hotline for people to receive information on the Quandary Parking, a website for reservations, and a QR code to receive customer feedback. This summer pilot program will run until the end of October, depending on past visitation rates. Peter Haynes noted that although this is a pilot program, the Sheriff's Office will issue parking tickets.

The parking lot will be closed for two days for final grading, a magnesium chloride treatment and striping improvements, preferably on a Wednesday and Thursday. Road & Bridge will post information ahead of time.

The Commissioners expressed concern with staff's presentation and the failure to address all of the issues raised during the previous work session regarding McCullough Gulch. They asked to be updated at the August 10, 2021 Work Session to see how the program is progressing along.

#### **IV. Weekly Fire Restrictions Update (Sheriff)**

Peter Haynes gave an update on the current fire restrictions and noted that the US Forest Service (USFS) and surrounding counties are staying in Stage 1.

The Sheriff's Office has been issuing about 4-8 tickets per week for illegal campfires, but so far there have not been complaints about Stage 1 restrictions. Their recommendation is that we stay in Stage 1 for the time being, until we see more moisture.

#### **V. Managers' & Commissioners' Issues**

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

- Scott Vargo
  - Housing Actions Initiatives meeting will be held tomorrow at Beaver Creek Resort and parking is paid.
  - Berlin Placer - Up to two units available. Does the county want to purchase them? If so, should the funds come out of the housing fund or general fund?
- Nicole Valentine
  - The Town Hall on Housing will be held on July 30, 2021 via Facebook.
  - *Dish with the Commish* will not be held this week
  - Chatbot, a computer program that simulates a natural human conversation, has been deployed and the Communications Department has received many questions about it.

- Commissioner Lawrence
  - Requested update on the painting project on Huron Road, as people are still driving on the bike lane. Bentley Henderson said they will be doing that work later this week
  - The Summit Foundation has invited Commissioners to attend a Donor Reception event, as the County is a significant donor.

Commissioners also reviewed schedules and upcoming calendar events.

**VI. Monthly Board of Health/BOCC Special Work Session**

Amy Wineland gave an update on Summit County's latest case numbers, summary epi trends, vaccine updates, hospitalizations, etc.

For Summit County's Public Health Orders and latest information is available at [www.summitcountyco.gov](http://www.summitcountyco.gov). Click on Get COVID-19 Info and Updates.


**VII. Continuation of Discussion of Legal Issues (Attorney, Manager) (Executive Session Recommended).**

Jeff Huntley and Scott Vargo requested a continuation of the prior Executive Session regarding several issues including contract matters, personnel matters, real property matters and negotiations pertaining thereto. The request was made at the end of the Work Session and everyone but Commissioners, Mr. Huntley and Mr. Vargo left the room.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pogue and seconded by Commissioner Lawrence to go into Executive Session to discuss issues including contract matters, personnel matters, real property matters and negotiations pertaining thereto. The BOCC voted 2 to 0 to go into Executive Session per CRS 24-6-402 (4) (a)(b)(e)(f). The motion was approved.

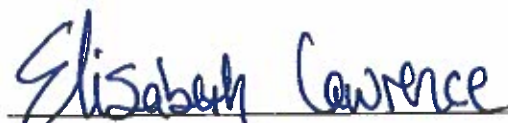
Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

  
 Sara R Lopez, Deputy Clerk



Approved by:

  
 Elisabeth Lawrence, Chair