

Phillips County Commissioner
Meeting Minutes¹
February 17, 2023

Call to order

Chairman Roberts called to order the meeting of the Phillips County Commissioners and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 8:00 A.M., on February 17, 2023, at the County Courthouse in the Commissioner Meeting room.

County Attendees

Chairman Garold Roberts, Commissioners Tom Timm and Terry Hofmeister, County Administrator Laura Schroetlin, Assistant Administrator/Planner Andrew Nygaard, County Clerk Beth Zilla, and County Treasurer Steve Young

Additional Attendees

Andrew Turck, County Attorney Tammy Kelley, Economic Development Director Mikey Brown, Victoria Dunker, Tim Becker

Additions or Corrections to the Agenda

Add appointment with County Attorney Tammy Kelley.

Add appointment with County Treasurer Steve Young.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Timm made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Hofmeister seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda Items:

- a. Approval of the minutes of the BOCC 02.08.2023 meeting
- b. Approval of invoice list
- c. Acknowledge receipt of Treasurer's reports
- d. Acknowledge receipt of Finance reports
- e. Acknowledge receipt of Event Center/BOC Pavilion rentals

Public Comments

Holyoke Enterprise Reporter Andrew Turck met with the board to interview them regarding the late County Sheriff Thomas Elliott and the time he served as Sheriff.

Appointments

The board met with County Attorney Tammy Kelley. Timm made a motion to go into executive session for a conference with the County Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(b). Hofmeister seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The regular meeting recessed at 8:34 a.m. and reconvened at 9:23 a.m. Chairman Roberts stated the participants in the executive session were Terry Hofmeister, Tom Timm, Laura Schroetlin, Tammy Kelley, Andrew Nygaard and himself. Participants in the executive session were asked if they believed that any substantial discussion of any matters not included in the motion to go into executive session occurred during the executive session, or that any improper action occurred during the executive session in violation of the Open Meetings Law, to state their concerns for the record. No concerns were stated.

The board met Economic Development Director Mikey Brown. Brown discussed being the grant writer for the Housing Authority Development Grant.

The board met with Holyoke Recreation Director Victoria Dunker and Tim Becker about the damage done to the wash bay and frozen pipes at the BOC Pavilion during their event, Showdown of the Plains. The board inquired as to the recipients of the event proceeds. Dunker and Becker stated that all funds go to the kids that participate.

The board met with County Treasurer Steve Young to discuss obtaining a financial advisor to help direct county funds. Young suggest having a meeting with Peaks Investment. Board agreed to a meeting.

The board reviewed the Economic Development incentive program. Board tabled discussion until the board has time to review other incentive programs.

¹ Minutes prepared by Beth Zilla are a summary of discussions, not a verbatim account.

The board reviewed the FCE (Family Consumer Education) fundraiser request. Linda Langelo, member of the FCE, inquired about holding a garage sale using the same concept as trunk or treat, and to use the parking lot at the Event Center. Board has no objections.

The county reviewed the cumulative county credit card limits. Administrator Schroetlin asked the board to raise limit from 10,000 to \$20,000.

Old Business

The board reviewed the ARPA funds update.

Motions/New Business

Hofmeister made a motion to approve the request from County Assessor Doug Kamery to move Nick Flaa to GN Grade 23 Step 1, effective March 01, 2023. Timm seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Timm made a motion to approve the request from Communication Center Director Sara Kumm to hire Kenny Gaskill on a part-time basis as a fill-in for dispatch at an hourly rate of \$22.00, effective February 01, 2023. Hofmeister seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Hofmeister made a motion to approve the request from Road and Bridge Manager Mike Salyards to move Patrick Dick to RB Grade 16 Step 2, effective February 15, 2023. Timm seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Timm made a motion to approve the request from Landfill Manager Bill Andrews to purchase 4 Top Hat 12x77 trailers from MW Equipment LLC to be used in recycling operations, at a total cost of \$9,720.00. Hofmeister seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Hofmeister made a motion to approve the request to extend the DHS Coast Allocation Contract with MGT of America Consulting, LLC, for a one (1) year agreement beginning February 15, 2023, and expiring on February 15, 2024, at a total cost of \$5,350.00. Timm seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Timm made a motion to approve the request from Jessie Ruiz, Jr. representing the non-profit Cinco de Mayo Committee, to sell alcohol at their upcoming event scheduled for May 5, 2023, from 2:00 P.M. to 12:00 A.M. May 6, 2023, with the condition that a special events permit is obtained from the City of Holyoke, the required liquor liability insurance is acquired, and the additional alcohol deposit is paid. Hofmeister seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Hofmeister made a motion to waive the Event Center rental fee in the amount of \$355.00 for the 2023 Phillips County Ogallala Commons entrepreneurship fair. Timm seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Hofmeister made a motion to waive the Holyoke Recreation Department’s damage fee due, \$508.67 for parts from MC Hardware, for the repair cost to the wash bay at the BOC Pavilion. Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Timm made a motion to approve the accumulative credit limit on the county credit cards to \$20,000.00. Hofmeister seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The board reviewed the request from Rick Krueger to expand his confined cattle operation to 950 head. As the current operation was in operation when the zoning regulations were adopted, the operation was considered non-conforming. Section 6-108 of the Phillips County Zoning Regulations states:

- (A) Expansion of nonconforming feed lots shall be permitted in accordance with Section 6-108 (B) and (D) of this resolution so long as such expansion, enlargement, or alteration does not occur toward any unrelated dwellings, schools, churches, or any residentially zoned district located within one thousand five hundred (1,500) feet of the feed lot boundary line.
- (B) Any nonconforming commercial feed lot in operation at the time of the adoption of this resolution will be limited in expansion to a capacity of fifteen hundred (1,500) head of livestock. However, any proposed expansion beyond one thousand head of livestock up to fifteen hundred head of livestock will require the feedlot to submit a conditional use permit application. That application could be approved, approved with conditions, or denied.
- (D) Before the expansion of any nonconforming feed lot is allowed, the applicant shall provide evidence to the Phillips County Planning Commission that the appropriate

number of head of livestock were confined in the feed lot facilities in 1973, 1974, or in 1975 prior to the date of adoption of this resolution.

Jay Dean Krueger supplied a letter indicating that the feedlot was in operation during the period specified in the regulations and at its current level. Planner Nygaard has received input from the Planning Commission that the letter provided sufficient evidence to them that the non-conforming feedlot was in operation at time of adoption. The Commissioners and the Planning Commission agree the expansion would be permitted based on these facts.

Adjournment

Chairman Timm adjourned the meeting at 10:58 A.M.

Minutes submitted by County Clerk Beth Zilla

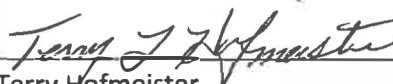
Next meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2023.

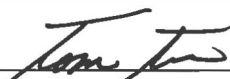
Phillips County Commissioners:


Garold Roberts

Attest:


Beth Zilla, County Clerk


Terry Hofmeister


Tom Timm

