

Phillips County Commissioner  
Meeting Minutes<sup>1</sup>  
May 19, 2023

**Call to order**

Chairman Roberts called the meeting of the Phillips County Commissioners to order and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 8:00 a.m., on Friday, May 19, 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, Sheriff Michael Beard, County Assessor Doug Kamery, Department of Human Services Director Lori Lundgren, and Deputy Administrator/Planner Andrew Nygaard

**Additional Attendees**

Janelle Krueger

**Additions or Corrections to the Agenda**

New Business: #10 – Event Center Rental Issue and #11 – Ford Expedition Issue

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

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

**Consent Agenda Items:**

- a. Approval of the minutes of the BOCC 05.09.2023 meeting
- b. Approval of invoice list
- c. Acknowledge receipt of Treasurer's report
- d. Acknowledge receipt of finance reports
- e. Acknowledge receipt of CAPP report
- f. Acknowledge receipt of workers' comp reports
- g. Acknowledge receipt of HUTF summary
- h. Acknowledge receipt of Mobile Food Pantry report

**Public Comments**

County Assessor Doug Kamery provided the board information on Senate Bill 23-303, referred to as Proposition HH.

**Appointments**

The board met with Sheriff Michael Beard regarding personnel and a vehicle quote.

The board convened as the Board of Human Services at 9:35 a.m., meeting with Director Lori Lundgren. The minutes from this portion of the meeting will be maintained by the Department of Human Services. The board reconvened as the Board of County Commissioners at 9:43 a.m.

The board reviewed the junk complaint that was received and authorized the issuance of a clean-up directive.

**Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business.

**Motions/ New Business**

Hofmeister made a motion to approve the request from Sheriff Michael Beard to purchase a 2023 Ram 1500 SSV Crew Cab 4X4 from Larry H. Miller Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram for \$50,138.41, which includes the vehicle and outfitting. Timm seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Hofmeister made a motion to approve the appointment of Jack Wieland as Undersheriff by Phillips County Sheriff Michael Beard, effective June 1, 2023. Timm seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

<sup>1</sup>Minutes prepared by Andrew Nygaard are a summary of discussions, not a verbatim account.

Timm made a motion to approve the appointment of Robert Corrado as Deputy Sheriff by Phillips County Sheriff Michael Beard, effective May 12, 2023. Hofmeister seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Hofmeister made a motion to approve the appointment of Emali Torres as a .80 FTE by Phillips County Sheriff Michael Beard, effective May 13, 2023. Timm seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Timm made a motion to approve the request from Road and Bridge Manager Mike Salyards to raise the hourly pay for Gary Hershfeldt to \$21.00 per hour, effective May 19, 2023. Hofmeister seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The board tabled the request from Road and Bridge Manager Mike Salyards to hire Kenny Gaskill on a part-time basis.

Timm made a motion to approve the request from Landfill Manager Bill Andrews to hire Dylan Clapper as a full-time landfill worker at GN40 Grade 11 Step 2, effective May 22, 2023. Hofmeister seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Hofmeister made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-05-19-01, which reads:

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PHILLIPS COUNTY, COLORADO, IN SUPPORT OF  
ADVANCE COLORADO AND ITS COMMENCEMENT OF LITIGATION CONCERNING SENATE BILL 23-303 AND PROPOSITION  
HH.

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 23-303 was hastily enacted by the General Assembly on the last day of the 2023 legislative session without prior consultation with local governments; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 23-303 purports to provide tax relief but would give only a 0.5% reduction in the assessment rate in the first year while simultaneously taking away TABOR refunds, with the result being that more tax relief is withheld from taxpayers than is saved by reduced property taxes; and

WHEREAS, a portion of Senate Bill 23-303 requires the Secretary of State to refer a ballot measure to the voters (Proposition HH) which asks whether property taxes should be reduced in exchange for voter approval of the state's retention and spending of excess state revenues; and

WHEREAS, as constructed, Proposition HH creates the illusion that the state's retention and spending of excess state revenue will be used to backfill and offset the local government's lost revenue caused by reduced property taxes; and

WHEREAS, Advance Colorado is seeking the support of counties and special districts in filing a lawsuit that challenges the legality of Proposition HH and the deception it involves.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Phillips County Colorado that Phillips County supports and joins in the efforts of Advance Colorado to contest the legality of Proposition HH before it is submitted to the voters during the upcoming November election and encourages Advance Colorado to press forward with those efforts on our behalf.

Timm seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The board approved continuing with the Harvest Snack Sacks promotion.

The board discussed the notice of the COGCC vs. Omimex hearing.

The board discussed an outstanding building permit issue and Event Center rental issue with Deputy Administrator/Planner Nygaard.

The board approved H-R Tire Co. in Sterling to perform an alignment on the county's Ford Expedition.

**Adjournment**

Chairman Roberts adjourned the meeting at 11:29 a.m.

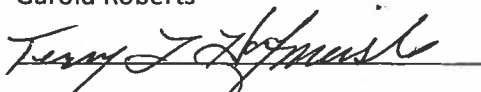
Minutes submitted by County Clerk Beth Zilla.

Next meeting is scheduled for May 26, 2023.

Phillips County Commissioners:



Garold Roberts

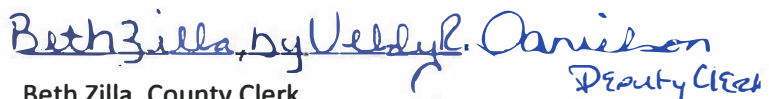


Terry Hofmeister



Tom Timm

Attest:



Beth Zilla, County Clerk

Deputy Clerk