

**Phillips County Commissioner
Meeting Minutes¹
March 10, 2025**

The board held a work session with Administrator/Planner Andrew Nygaard prior to the meeting.

Call to order

Chairman Tom Timm called the meeting of the Phillips County Commissioners to order and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 8:00 a.m. on March 10, 2025, at the County Courthouse in the Commissioner meeting room.

County Attendees

Chairman Tom Timm, Commissioners Terry Hofmeister and Garold Roberts, Administrator/Planner Andrew Nygaard, County Clerk Beth Zilla, County Sheriff Michael Beard, and Weed and Pest Manager Kerri Doleshall

Additional Attendees

Janelle Krueger, Ryan Kurtzer, Brittany Kurtzer, Tom Andersen, Rebecca Van Pelt, Ciara Peterson, and Brianna Brauer

Additions or Corrections to the Agenda

Additions:

- 11) Gravel Pits
- 12) Pleasant Valley Update
- 13) Bypasses for bridge construction

Hofmeister moved to approve the agenda as amended. Roberts seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Roberts moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Hofmeister seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda Items:

- a) Approval of the minutes of the BOCC 02.28.2025 meeting
- b) Approval of invoice list
- c) Approval of Veterans Service Officer monthly report
- d) Acknowledge receipt of Seaboard Foods 4th Qtr/annual reports
- e) Acknowledge receipt of Building permits
- f) Acknowledge receipt of Event Center/BOC Pavilion/Facilities rentals

Public Comments

None presented.

Public Hearing

Chairman Timm opened the public hearing at 9:00 a.m. to consider the major land use change application submitted by Ryan and Jared Kurtzer for the operation of their Walker Mower distributing and sales business out of their building in the NE 1/4 of Section 35, Township 8 North, Range 47 West. Administrator/Planner Andrew Nygaard read a letter from CoBank that said they had no objection to the proposed major land use change application so long as the project does not impede the bank's ability to develop its mineral estate. Nygaard also shared with Ryan and Brittany Kurtzer that the Planning Commission wanted to note that the land use change process and building permit process should have been completed before construction of the building began. Ryan said they did not intend to get ahead of the county in the process. He also described the drainage for the building. Chairman Timm, seeing no further public comments, closed the hearing at 9:05 a.m.

Appointments

The appointment with Vickie Sandlin regarding the Explore Magazine was moved to the next meeting.

The board met with Sheriff Michael Beard to discuss the step increase for Abelardo Magaña. Beard said Magaña is a valuable asset to the team and brings a wealth of experience to the position. Beard also

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

discussed a 2021 F-150 XLT pickup that he would like to purchase. The pickup needs a cage installed and Beard stated that he would try to sell the 2014 Ford Explorer for \$5,000. The pickup is the Eagle County undersheriff's vehicle, and it has new tires, new brakes, and the emergency lights are already installed.

The board met with Fair Board President Tom Andersen and Fair Manager Rebecca Van Pelt to give updates on the 2025 Fair. They reported that they have many local sponsors. They will be having a Hispanic Night and also an antique tractor pull this year.

The board met with Phillips County Fair Queen Ciara Peterson and Brianna Brauer, who asked for a discounted rate to rent the BOC Pavilion so she could host a Gymkhana Fair Royalty fundraiser event.

The board met with Weed and Pest Manager Kerri Doleshall. Doleshall has talked with Andrea Calhoon with the Haxtun Conservation District regarding a cost share program for \$750. The Insectary Biocontrol Subscription Program fosters relationships between the Palisade Insectary and Colorado public land managers. The consensus of the board was to move forward with the program, and Doleshall said he will be focusing mostly on puncturevine and bindweed.

Unfinished Business

Administrator/Planner Andrew Nygaard gave an update on the landfill's roll-off truck. The board discussed the Big Iron bid for a 2004 GMC Topkick, which is at \$5,900 and ends on March 12. Landfill Manager Bill Andrews and Road and Bridge Manager Kevin Scott will look at the truck and make sure it is suitable.

Motions/New Business

Roberts gave an update on the remediation of the standing water in the Biesemeier Pit. The state extended the deadline for remediation from March 17, 2025, to May 15, 2025. The plan is to push the water east and then pump it out. Roberts also discussed the Haynes Pit and said he had spoken to Jerry Haynes about the possibility of allowing the county to mine on the west side and reclaim as they go. Roberts said that the county should not be paying the state more than private landowners when it comes to gravel pits.

Roberts discussed a text message that he received from CDOT personnel concerning the bridge replacement project. Roberts mentioned his concerns about the map highlighting county roads 37, 41, and 43. Roberts is seeking confirmation from CDOT and has not received a response.

Timm and Roberts provided an update on the well for the Pleasant Valley Road and Bridge satellite building. Timm said he talked with Randy Kramer, Gary Kramer, and Ron Miles, and asked them if they knew anything about the well permit issued on the property. Administrator/Planner Andrew Nygaard said he could not find any pertinent records at the Phillips County Museum. Roberts said he contacted the Colorado Division of Water Resources and is waiting to hear back from them.

Hofmeister moved to allow Road and Bridge Manager Kevin Scott to bid up to \$12,000 on Big Iron for a 2004 GMC Topkick Truck if the specifications are suitable for the landfill roll-off truck. Roberts seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Roberts moved to approve the request from Phillips County Sheriff Michael Beard to move Abelardo Magaña to GN40 Grade 26 Step 4, effective March 1, 2025. Hofmeister seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Hofmeister moved to approve the request from Phillips County Sheriff Michael Beard to purchase a 2021 F-150 XLT pickup from Eagle County for \$15,000, half paid by the Sheriff's Office and half paid out of capital assets. Roberts seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Roberts moved to approve the request from Road and Bridge Manager Kevin Scott to move Jason Schmidt to a monthly wage increase of \$94.92 effective April 8, 2025. Hofmeister seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Roberts moved to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the major land use change application submitted by Ryan and Jared Kurtzer as presented, permitting the operation of their Walker Mower distribution and sales business out of their building in the NE 1/4 of Section 35, Township 8 North, Range 47 West. Hofmeister seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Roberts moved to increase the payment of \$0.60 per cubic yard to private landowners to match what is paid to the state for mined gravel to \$0.86 per cubic yard for gravel, to ensure the county pays private landowners the same as the state effective July 1, 2025. Hofmeister seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Hofmeister moved to approve the request from Brianna Brauer and Ciara Peterson to waive the fees for their Fair Royalty fundraiser at the BOC Pavilion at a date to be determined later. Roberts seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Adjournment

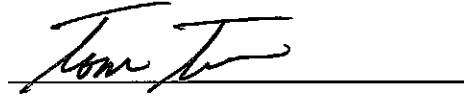
Chairman Timm adjourned the meeting at 10:34 a.m.

Minutes submitted by County Clerk Beth Zilla.

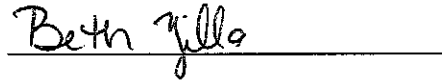
Next meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2025.

Phillips County Commissioners:

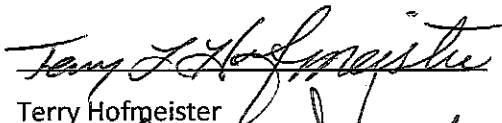
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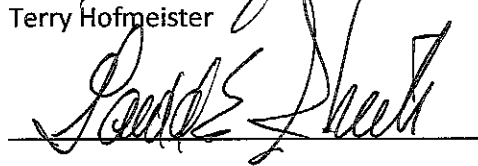
Tom Timm



Beth Zilla, County Clerk



Terry Hofmeister



Garold Roberts