

*Phillips County Commissioners*  
*Meeting Minutes*  
*February 26, 2021*

The board held a work session with Road and Bridge Supervisor Mike Salyards and Assistant Supervisor Kevin Scott prior to the meeting.

**Call to order**

Chairman Hofmeister called to order the meeting of the Phillips County Commissioners and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 9:00 A.M. on February 26, 2021 at the County Courthouse in the Commissioner Meeting room.

**Attendees**

Chairman Terry Hofmeister, Commissioners Garold E. Roberts and Tom Timm, County Administrator Laura Schroetlin, and County Clerk Beth Zilla.

**Additional Attendees**

Jerry Wagoner, Jake Adler, Chelsea Adler, Brandy Sharp, Jim Sharp, Erika Luedke, Andrew Nygaard, Darlene Carpio, Aaron Schlachter, Aaron Tilden, Maintenance Supervisor Dan Waln, Fairgrounds Complex Supervisor Lonnie Vernon and County Assessor Doug Kamery.

**Additions or Corrections to the Agenda**

- Schroetlin added the following to the Agenda:
  - Road and Bridge Truck Purchase
  - Conditional Use Permit for Reed Jablonski
  - Wrestling Tournament
  - Cattlemen's Appreciation Day
  - Building of County Rd. 35
  - Abatement Request

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

Roberts made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Timm seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously, 3-0

**Consent Agenda Items:**

- a. February 18, 2021 BOCC Minutes
- b. Payroll
- c. Invoice List
- d. Event Center Rentals

**Public Comments**

Jerry Wagoner asked about the building of County Road 25 located between County Roads 6 and 10. The board stated that the project is scheduled to be completed in 2021.

Jake Adler, Chelsea Adler, Brandy Sharpe, Jim Sharpe, and Ericka Luedke from the Holyoke Youth Wrestling Club requested approval from the commissioners for use of the event center for a wrestling tournament on April 10<sup>th</sup>. Approval was given as the State Health Department had granted a variance allowing the event. They were directed to follow all the guidelines outlined in the variance approval.

**Appointments**

The board met with Holyoke Enterprise Reporter Andrew Nygaard for the monthly briefing. The prepared press release will be sent to the Haxtun Fleming Herald.

The board met with Darlene Carpio, Representative from Congressman Ken Buck's office. Carpio updated the board on passed and pending legislation.

Hofmeister declared the USDA Grant Hearing open at 10:00 a.m. Those present were Chairman Hofmeister, Commissioner Roberts, Commissioner Timm, Administrator Schroetlin, County Clerk Zilla

and Darlene Carpio. There were no comments from the Public. Chairman Hofmeister closed the hearing at 10:05 a.m.

The board met with Aaron Schlachter with the Holyoke Gun Club to discuss their upcoming event at the BOC Pavilion on May 01, 2021. The Holyoke Gun Club plans to serve alcohol at their event. The board approved the use as long as the liquor liability insurance is obtained, and the alcohol damage deposit is paid. No special permit is required.

The board met with Aaron Tilden to listen to his presentation of his business Millig Designbuild.

The board met with Waln and Vernon to discuss the purchase of a loader bucket manure fork which would be used to move panels at the BOC Pavilion.

### **Old Business**

The board discussed the Human Waste Metro Grow Resolution draft. Board decided to share the draft with the Town of Haxtun, City of Holyoke and Town of Paoli and make a final decision after feed-back from these municipalities.

The board tabled the discussion of the Agricultural Grain Bags until next meeting awaiting cost to put in loading dock and loader bucket attachment.

The board reviewed the CVRF CM102 remaining grant funds. The remaining balance is \$1,427.05. None of the available supplement grant funds have been allocated.

The board discussed the OEM vacancy and tabled any further discussion until next meeting when Timm and Roberts will present more information regarding available options.

### **Motions/ New Business**

Hofmeister left the meeting for a CCI legislative sub-committee meeting at 1:15. Timm became the temporary chairman.

Timm made a motion to approve the request from Road Supervisor Mike Salyards to purchase a used single axle truck, not to exceed \$5,000.00. Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously 2-0.

The board requested that Reed Jablonski submit a conditional use permit application per Phillips County Zoning Regulations for his property located at 26164 Co Rd 19, Paoli.

Roberts made a motion to accept the request from Waln to purchase a manure fork from QuickAttach for the BOC Pavilion for no more than \$1,295. Timm seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously 2-0.

Roberts made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-08:

**RECOGNIZING THE MANY PAST AND CURRENT CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE PHILLIPS COUNTY  
CATTLMEN AND OTHER LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS AND SUPPORTING THE LOCAL RANCHING  
INDUSTRY**

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of Colorado has proclaimed a boycott of meat products, referred to as a "MeatOut" - I order to promote meatless diets as promoted by the Farm Animal Rights Movement (FARM), to be observed by Coloradans on March 20, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, cattle and other livestock production has historically been, and continues to be, one of the key economic drivers in Phillips County; and

**WHEREAS**, Phillips County cattlemen and our ranching families are part of a \$3.4B state industry with \$40B economic impact and accounts for 10% of the states total export sales; and

**WHEREAS**, employment in the agriculture sector and related industries provides jobs to a great number of Phillips County citizens, a very large number of which are involved in ranching and livestock production; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2020-2025 Dietary Guidelines issued by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration recognizes that a variety of animal and plant proteins is important to a healthy diet; and

**WHEREAS**, Phillips County is a declared "Right to Farm" county and has taken regulatory steps to protect our active farms and ranches; and

**WHEREAS**, the Colorado General Assembly is considering passage of Senate Bill 21-079 which concerns deregulation of direct to customer meat sales in support of ranch to table private enterprise.

**NOW, THEREFOR, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE PHILLIPS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PHILLIPS COUNTY, COLORADO** declares its support for our cattlemen and other livestock producers and proclaims March 20, 2021 as Phillips County Cattlemen's Day; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Commission express their concern that the Governor of Colorado would call for a boycott, even of on-day duration, of an industry that is key and essential to both our local and state economy; and

**FINALLY, SHALL IT BE RESOLVED**, that the Commission supports Senate Bill 21-079 concerning deregulation of direct to customer meat sales in support of ranch to table private enterprise and all other legislative actions that support strengthening Colorado agriculture. The effective date hereof shall be the date of adoption of this Resolution.

Timm seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously 2-0.

The board approved notifying adjoining landowners of the plan to open and maintain County Rd 35 from US Highway 6 north to County Rd 24.

Assessor Doug Kamery notified the board of a tax abatement. Roberts made a motion to approve an abatement of \$3,920.52 plus interest. Timm seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously 2-0.

#### V. Adjournment

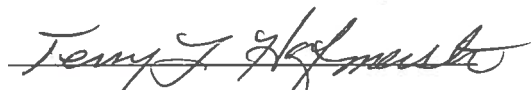
Temporary Chairman Timm adjourned the meeting at 1:48 P.M.

Minutes submitted by County Clerk Beth Zilla.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 09, 2021.


Phillips County Commissioners

Attest:

  
Terry Hofmeister, Chairman

  
Beth Zilla, County Clerk

  
Tom Timm

  
Garold Roberts

