

Phillips County Commissioner

Meeting Minutes

March 31, 2021

The board held a work session with DHS Manager Lori Lundgren 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 March 31, 2021 at the County Courthouse in the Commissioner Meeting room.

County Attendees

Chairman Terry Hofmeister, Commissioners Garold E. Roberts and Tom Timm, County Administrator Laura Schroetlin, County Clerk Beth Zilla, Admin. Assistant Nici Akey, Landfill Manager Bill Andrews, BOC Pavilion Reservationist Carrie Anderson, Maintenance Supervisor Dan Waln.

Additional Attendees

Tom Bennett, Andrew Nygaard, Lori Nelson, Kari Linker, Trisha Herman, Greg Etl, Amber Donovan

Additions or Corrections to the Agenda

Schroetlin removed line item

#4- Help for Abused Partners appointment

Schroetlin added line item

#23- CSU Hiring Committee member

#24- Larry Abbey Region 1 complaint

#25- Jerry From - Marijuana Ordinance

Approval of Consent Agenda

Item f was removed from the Consent Agenda. Timm made a motion to approve the remaining consent agenda. Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Consent Agenda Items:

- a. 03.19.2021 BOCC minutes
- b. 03.26.2021 Special Meeting minutes
- c. Payroll
- d. Invoice List
- e. Event Center/BOC Pavilion rentals
- f. ~~PC Economic Development~~

Public Comments

Vice President Nici Akey and Board member Tom Bennett of Phillips County Economic Development, met with the board to request an increase in the County's 2021 contribution. The increase would go as salary support to Trisha Herman.

Appointments

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

Lori Nelson, Holyoke High School FBLA Sponsor, met with the board to discuss the Lions Club booth at the fair. Nelson asked the commissioners for their plan regarding the booth. The board stated it has no plans for the booth as it belongs to the Lions Club.

Senator John Hickenlooper Northeast Regional Representative Kari Linker and Phillips County Economic Development Director Trisha Herman met with the board. Linker introduced herself and outlined the committees that Hickenlooper serves on.

The board met with Amber Donovan from Northeast Health, Carrie Anderson and Dan Waln at the BOC Pavilion kitchen. There are no issues should a commercial caterer wish to work out of the kitchen. Donovan requested spec sheets so that any such request could be processed quickly. Waln will locate these.

BOC Pavilion reservationist presented draft contracts for two ongoing rentals – team roping and barrel racing. The board approved the contracts as presented. In a separate issue, Anderson will check with Little Britches personnel regarding their use of the facility.

Greg Etl, DOLA Representative, met with the board. He gave guidance on the RF063 COVID-19 grant and information on a possible funding opportunity regarding broadband services.

Landfill Manager Bill Andrews reviewed a letter from Logan County Solid Waste requesting an increase in the e-waste fee paid to them for receiving Phillips County electronics for disposal. The request was tabled until more information is obtained.

Old Business

The board heard back from the City of Holyoke and the Town of Haxtun, and both entities approve the resolution relating to Domestic Sludge.

Roberts made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-10 for Domestic Sludge Regulation 5-year Moratorium as follows.

Whereas, the application of domestic sludge on cropland and/or range land has occurred in surrounding Colorado counties; and

Whereas, said application of domestic sludge can be harmful to the public due to potential buildup of excessive concentrations of metals in the soil and/or potential existence of live pathogens in the material; and

Whereas, the Phillips County Commissioners are considering whether to enact a Moratorium for any domestic sludge to be transported into Phillips County to be applied on any cropland and or range land.

Whereas, after giving study upon the application of domestic sludge the Phillips County Commissioners have not concluded if the product is totally beneficial or whether great harm can be caused by the product so that there is need of additional study of the same;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Phillips County Commissioners of the State of Colorado as follows;

1. That the transportation of domestic sludge into Phillips County for the purpose of being applied to cropland and/or range land be prohibited for 5 years commencing on March 31, 2021 and continuing until March 31, 2026. This is to allow further study and evaluation of this type of land application and to monitor applications that are occurring in other Colorado Counties. At the end of the said period of time the BOARD again will decide whether to continue the prohibition, modify it or discontinue it and/or allow the standards adopted by the Colorado Department of Health to apply.
2. That the term domestic sludge is defined as being solid, semi-solid, liquid residue or contained gaseous materials generated from a municipal, commercial or industrial wastewater treatment plant, water supply treatment plant, air pollution control facility or any other such waste having similar characteristics and effects, generated during the treatment of domestic sewage and/or combination of domestic sewage, industrial waste of a liquid nature in treatment work resulting from industrial or commercial operations or from community activities. Domestic sludge includes but is not limited to domestic sewage, scum or solids removed in primary, secondary or advance wastewater treatment processes, and the material derived from the sludge. Sludge does not include the ash generation during incineration of sewage sludge or grit and screening generated during preliminary treatment of domestic sludge in treatment work.
3. That this regulation shall take effect immediately upon its adoption this 31st day of March 2021 and shall be given publication in the Holyoke Enterprise, a newspaper of general circulation within Phillips County, Colorado and deemed necessary to pursue the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Phillips County, Colorado.

Timm seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0

OEM position update. Interviews have been done but no final decision has been reached.

The Ovid Senior Center funding request was tabled pending information on a possible federal funding opportunity.

CDOT MMOF Courthouse Sidewalk Project update: The Grant requires an Engineer. Schroetlin asked Lou Harmon to be the County Engineer for the Sidewalk Project. Harmon agreed and has spoken to the CDOT contact. The board will pay Harmon out of County Funds and not part of the Grant.

Motions/New Business

Bennett and Akey to present the request in September to be considered for the 2022 budget.

Roberts made a motion to accept the proposal from MGT of American Consulting, LLC to provide to the Department of Human Services cost allocation services, as outlined in their proposal for a total amount not to exceed \$5,000.00. Timm seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

2021 Raceway mini-mods: Schroetlin noted that Maintenance Supervisor Dan Waln had approved the request from Joe Bellm of BST Racing/Phillips County Raceway to use the outdoor arena for mini-mod racing during race day intermissions. Bellm stated that no surface preparation would be needed. Waln will monitor to ensure there are no unintended consequences to the arena.

Timm made a motion to approve the application from the East Phillips County Ambulance Service to renew the license to provide ambulance service in Phillips County. Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. The license will run from April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022.

Timm made a motion to approve the application from Haxtun Ambulance Service to renew the license to provide ambulance service in Phillips County. Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. The license will run from April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022.

Timm made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-09 to oppose Ballot Initiative 16 as follows:

**OPPOSING BALLOT INITIATIVE 16
IN ORDER TO PROTECT OUR LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY AND PREVENT NEEDLESS ANIMAL SUFFERING**

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2021 a citizens initiative entitled "Protect Animals from Unnecessary Suffering and Exploitation (PAUSE) was approved by the Title Board of the Colorado Secretary of State for petition to the November 2022 General Election as Initiative 16; and

WHEREAS, the initiative would broadly redefine animal sexual abuse in a manner that would criminalize many common and necessary veterinary and animal husbandry practices: and

WHEREAS, the initiative would additionally require tremendous delays, in some cases years, prior to humane slaughter of livestock for food; and

WHEREAS these delays (of up to one-quarter of an animals statutorily defined lifespan) would greatly increase the cost to ranchers to feed and care for these animals which at slaughter would produce meat of low value to the consumer at much higher purchase costs; and

WHEREAS, for many meat producing animal varieties (specifically poultry) bred for rapid weight gain, the result of delayed slaughter will be the suffering of morbidly obese animals unable to support their own body weight for years prior to processing; and

WHEREAS, it has been reported that Governor Polis agrees that the PAUSE initiative would "hurt Colorado, and destroy jobs"; and

WHEREAS, this board is absolutely against the infliction of needless suffering of animals and recognize that our cattle and livestock producers take great effort to treat their animals humanely.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE PHILLIPS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PHILLIPS COUNTY, COLORADO oppose this Initiative and urges the Governor of Colorado and Commissioner of the Colorado Department of Agriculture to continue to do the same: and

FINALLY, SHALL IT BE RESOLVED, that all people who care about the well-being of animals such as livestock, pets, service animals and others take action to defeat this measure.

Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

The board approved sending a letter to Governor Polis expressing their opposition to Ballot Initiative 16.

CTSI Loss Trending Review: Board had no comments regarding the reports.

Roof claims: Schroetlin noted that as an insurance adjuster had worked with a local company (Spelts Roofing) in preparing the claim information, bids would not have to be solicited. She noted that Spelts would be completing the shingle portion of the project, but they would not be doing the asphalt portion - the Courthouse roof and the Resource Center roof. Spelts is willing to advise that contractor on what had previously been done on each roof if needed.

Roberts and Timm will be attending the NECALG Annual Meeting April 21. Hofmeister will check his calendar.

The board appointed Roberts to sit on the CSU Extension Agent Hiring Committee.

Schroetlin will call identified residents regarding Region TV reception issues.

No action was taken on the request from Jerry From to place a question on the ballot asking voters if Phillips County Ordinance 2012 prohibiting the operation of marijuana cultivation facilities, marijuana product manufacturing facilities, marijuana testing facilities or retail marijuana stores within the unincorporated boundaries of Phillips County, State of Colorado should be overturned.

Adjournment

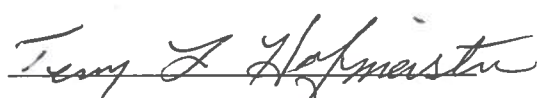
Commissioner Hofmeister adjourned the meeting at 3:07 P.M.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 09, 2021.

Minutes submitted by County Clerk Beth Zilla.


Phillips County Commissioners

Attest:


Terry Hofmeister, Chairman


Beth Zilla, County Clerk


Tom Timm


Garold Roberts

