

Phillips County Commissioner
Meeting Minutes¹
October 18, 2022

Call to order

Chairman Timm called the meeting of the Phillips County Commissioners to order and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at 10:03 a.m. on October 18, 2022, at the County Courthouse in the Commissioner Meeting room.

County Attendees

Chairman Tom Timm, Commissioners Garold Roberts and Terry Hofmeister, County Administrator Laura Schroetlin, County Attorney Tammy Kelley, Sheriff Thom Elliott (via phone) and Assistant Administrator Andrew Nygaard.

Additional Attendees

Trisha Herman, Tom Bennett, Holly Ferguson, Ronny Farmer, Rep. Richard Holtorf, Dennis Hunt (via phone), and Sheriff Thom Elliott (via phone).

Additions or Corrections to the Agenda

None presented.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Roberts 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 10.07.2022 meeting
- b) Approval of A/P invoice list
- c) Approval of Veterans Service Officer monthly report
- d) Approval of Public Trustee 3rd quarter report
- e) Acknowledge receipt of CSU Golden Plains Director message
- f) Acknowledge receipt of Treasurer's monthly reports
- g) Acknowledge receipt of finance monthly reports
- h) Acknowledge receipt of CAPP reports
- i) Acknowledge receipt of workers' comp reports
- j) Acknowledge receipt of Mobile Food Pantry report
- k) Acknowledge receipt of Event Center/BOC Pavilion rentals

Public Comments

None presented.

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Appointments

The board met with Trisha Herman and Tom Bennett, representing Phillips County Economic Development, for updates on the Holyoke Community Child Care Initiative. They requested in-kind assistance from the county. The consensus of the board is that they would like the county to assist, but more specifics about the project are needed before proceeding.

The board met with Holly Ferguson regarding the possibility of creating a county-wide chamber of commerce director position that would oversee both the Haxtun and Holyoke Chambers of Commerce. Ferguson requested \$10,000 from the county for its membership package. The board did not act on the request at the meeting.

The board met with State Rep. Richard Holtorf for updates from his office.

The board met with Ronny Farmer regarding the county's budget and best practices for designating funds for capital purchases.

The board called Dennis Hunt with CTSI for a procedural question.

The board called Sheriff Thom Elliott regarding a personnel issue.

Executive Session

The board went into executive session for discussion of a personnel matter under C.R.S sections 24-6-402(4)(f)(I) & (II). The regular meeting recessed at 1:15 p.m. and reconvened at 2:03 p.m.

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

Chairman Timm stated the participants in the executive session were: Terry Hofmeister, Garold Roberts, Laura Schroetlin, Tammy Kelley, Darrell Smith, 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.

Unfinished Business

The board reviewed the Colorado Rural Jump-Start Program and the tavern license renewal request from Ricos Dogs LLC.

Motions/New Business

The board acknowledged that the Planning Commission recommended the adoption of the proposed wind energy facilities amendment to the county's zoning regulations.

Roberts made a motion to approve the tavern license for Ricos Dogs LLC, dba Blisties. Hofmeister seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Hofmeister made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-10-18-01 authorizing Phillips County's participation in the Rural Jump-Start Program. The Resolution reads:

STATE OF COLORADO)
) ss. RESOLUTION No. 2022-10-18-01
COUNTY OF PHILLIPS)

AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATING IN THE RURAL JUMP START PROGRAM

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners of Phillips County recognizes that it would be beneficial to increase economic development in the county; and,

WHEREAS, the state of Colorado has enacted the Rural Jump-Start Zone program (CRS 39-30.5-106) for the express purpose of encouraging economic development in the rural areas of Colorado; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Phillips County has determined that it is in the best interests of the county to participate in the Rural Jump-Start program,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of Phillips County authorizes the county to participate in the Rural Jump-Start program; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in the course of this participation, Phillips County does hereby agree to provide incentive payments, exemptions, or refunds, as appropriate, for 100% of the county business personal property tax imposed on all new businesses that are approved by the Colorado Economic Development Commission to participate in the Rural Jump-Start program, for as long as the Colorado Economic Development Commission designates these new businesses as approved for the Rural Jump-Start program, understanding that such tax relief is limited by statute to eight years for each new business.

Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Hofmeister made a motion to approve the request from County Administrator Laura Schroetlin to move Kerri Doleshall to GN40 Grade 26 Step 7, effective October 1, 2022. Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Roberts made a motion to approve the request from Road and Bridge Manager Mike Salyards to move Walter Juarez to RB Grade 16 Step 8, effective September 22, 2022. Hofmeister seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Hofmeister made a motion to approve a step increase for Mike Salyards, moving him to RB Grade 36 Step 9, effective October 9, 2022. Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The board tabled taking action on the 2023 BST racing schedule and contract.

Adjournment


Chairman Timm adjourned the meeting at 2:32 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Andrew Nygaard.

Next meeting is scheduled for October 31, 2022.

Phillips County Commissioners:

Attest:



Tom Timm



Beth Zilla, County Clerk



Terry Hofmeister



Garold Roberts