

Phillips County Commissioner

Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2020

The board held a work session with Maintenance Department Supervisor Dan Waln.

Call to order

Chairman Hofmeister called to order the regular meeting of the Phillip County Commissioners at 9:00AM.

Attendees

Chairman Terry Hofmeister, Commissioners Don Lock and Harlan Stern, County Administrator Pam Jensen, Deputy Administrator Laura Schroetlin for Clerk Beth Zilla, Commissioner candidates Garold Roberts and Tom Timm, Sheriff Thom Elliott, HUB International representatives Mark Thomas and Keith Pocock, and DHS Director Lori Lundgren.

Approval of Minutes and Consent Agenda

Stern made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Lock seconded and the motion carried.

Lock made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 7, 2020 meeting as presented. Stern seconded and the motion carried.

Appointments

The board became the Department of Human Services board at 9:35AM. The minutes from this portion of the meeting are maintained by DHS.

Elliott presented the board with information regarding his request to upgrade the department's current tasers and body cameras. SB 20-2017 mandates that all peace officers are required to wear body cameras which means his department would need another camera for jail transport.

Thomas and Pocock met with the board to review if there are options to reduce our current health insurance liability. Due to current employee demographic, a change in providers is not feasible.

Old Business

Approval of the telecommuting policy was tabled until elected officials review the final draft and their comments are solicited.

Updating facility user fees was tabled.

New Business/Motions

Stern moved to accept the request from Elliott to upgrade the Sheriff department's tasers and body cameras to a fully warrantied and supported model, adding a taser and a camera for a fifth deputy for a 5-year total cost of \$40,185.24, an additional \$14,822.60 from the previous contract. Lock seconded and the motion carried.

Stern moved to accept the application to renew the liquor license submitted by Ricos Dogs LLC, dba as Blisties, whose current license is set to expire on October 21, 2020. Lock seconded and the motion carried.

Lock moved to approve Resolution 2020-08-21-07 opposing the National Popular Vote compact which will appear on the 2020 General Election ballot as follows.

WHEREAS, America's Founding Fathers created a system of checks and balances to ensure that each state would have a unique voice in the election of a President; and that no city, state, or region would consolidate too much political power; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the National Popular Vote compact concentrates political power in a few large cities located in the most populous states; and

WHEREAS, Colorado's 9 Electoral Votes are highly coveted and pursued by presidential candidates, ensuring candidates listen to Colorado's unique interests on issues such as water, infrastructure, and taxes; and

WHEREAS, National Popular Vote compact requires Colorado's Presidential Electors to cast their votes for the candidate for President who received the most votes nationally, even if that candidate did not receive the most votes in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, requiring Colorado's Presidential Electors to cast their votes this way would give away Colorado's votes for President to more populated areas like Chicago, Los Angeles, New York and Washington, D.C., relegating Colorado's electorate to a mere bit play in Presidential elections; and

WHEREAS, National Popular Vote compact contains no majority requirement and would allow a candidate with a plurality, however small, to become President;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Phillips County Board of County Commissioners officially declares its opposition to National Popular Vote compact for the purpose of ensuring proper checks and balances against accumulation of political power and to protect Colorado's unique political voice in presidential politics.

Stern seconded and the motion carried.

Lock moved to accept the request from Waln to move Olga Baeza to GN40 Grade 16 Step 6 (\$37,724.00 annually, \$3,143.67 monthly), effective September 1, 2020. Stern seconded and the motion carried.

Lock moved to accept a roadway occupancy agreement with Rick Krueger for underground construction of a 1¼" water line buried 48" deep in a PVC pipe across County Road 59 from Section 23, T8N, R43W to Section 24, T8N, R43W. Stern seconded and the motion carried. Final approval is contingent upon a satisfactory inspection by Road Manager Mike Salyards when the project work is completed.

Stern moved to appoint Schroetlin as the 2021 budget officer. Lock seconded and the motion carried.

Hofmeister moved to accept the request from Waln to approve the Gold Service agreement for elevator service at \$254/month with Thyssen Krupp Elevator Company. Lock seconded and the motion carried. Furthermore, it was agreed that an estimated \$4,000 pending repair bill was approved should the state require it to be made immediately otherwise the repair will take place under the new contract.

Announcements

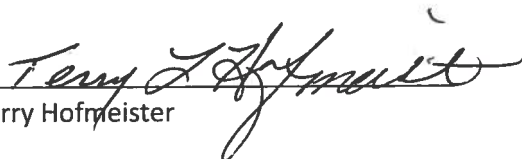
The commissioners set a tentative date of September 9th to tour county railroad crossings and look for railroad junk in railroad rights-of-way.

Next meeting is scheduled for August 31, 2020.


There being no further business to go before the board, the meeting adjourned at 12:49PM.

Minutes submitted by Laura Schroetlin.

County Commissioners:


Terry Hofmeister


Donald J. Lock


Harlan Stern

Attest:


Beth Zilla – County Clerk