

**Commissioners' Meeting  
December 13, 2016**

Chairman Ray Garcia called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiances.

Commissioners Gerald Cisneros, Ray Garcia and Max Vezzani were present.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to approve the minutes of December 13, 2016. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to adopt RESOLUTION #16-127, A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JOSEPH G. TAYLOR AND PROCLAIMING DECEMBER 18, 2016, AS JOSEPH G. TAFOYA DAY IN HUERFANO COUNTY, COLORADO, for his service and accomplishments in the United States Navy. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

10:05 A.M.-Public Comment

City of Walsenburg Administrator, Leslie Klusmire, met with Board in regards to the Economic & Planning Systems, Inc. contract.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to allow Chairman Garcia to sign Economic & Planning Systems, Inc. Amended Attachment A, Phase II, Scope of Work, Revised December 2, 2016. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to advance the cash match of \$2,500.00 for the DOLA Downtown Grant in cooperation with the City of Walsenburg. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to approve a payroll status change from \$47,000.00 to \$47,476.00**

annually on behalf of Melanie Bounds, Public Works Coordinator for Road & Bridge. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to approve a one-time payroll status change of comp time pay down for the following Sheriff's Office employees, effective December 15, 2016:

- Dave McCain                    \$2,238.90
- Milan Rapo                    \$1,074.29
- Craig Lessar                   \$2,061.03
- Joe Albano                    \$ 837.30
- Ray Walsh                    \$ 690.03
- Clint Boehler                \$ 331.66
- Corey Daniels                \$ 991.38
- Diana Pacheco                \$ 651.20

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to approve Abatement #16-23, on behalf of Huerfano River Wind, LLC, in the amount of \$255,658.33 for the 2015 tax year. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to sign letter on behalf of Cucharas Sanitation and Water District, requesting a workshop to discuss the possibility of suspending water assessments and fees regarding County land purchase of ski resort base area. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to hire Rick Jennings at \$18.00 an hour, on an as needed basis, to fill in for Steve Channel and allow him to drive county vehicle while doing building inspections. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to hire Gabriel J. Martinez as an EMT-B IV, with Huerfano County Ambulance Service at \$125.00 per 24 hour shift. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to hire Cindy A. Gutierrez as a Paramedic, with Huerfano County Ambulance Service at \$250.00 per 24 hour shift. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to approve proposal on behalf of Common Construction in the amount of \$17,944.00, for squad room expansion at Sheriff's Office, subject to execution of Agreement with the City of Walsenburg regarding law enforcement services. Common Construction was only bid submitted. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to approve 2017 Budget and adopting RESOLUTION #16-128, A RESOLUTION SUMMARIZING EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES FOR EACH FUND AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR HUERFANO COUNTY, COLORADO, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR BEGINNING ON THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, 2017, AND ENDING ON THE LAST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2017. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to adopt RESOLUTION #16-129, A RESOLUTION MAKING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF 2017 TO DEFRAY THE EXPENDITURES OF THE VARIOUS OFFICES AND DEPARTMENTS OF THE COUNTY OF HUERFANO. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to adopt RESOLUTION #16-130, A RESOLUTION TO SET MILL LEVY FOR**

**GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES TO HELP DEFRAID THE COSTS OF GOVERNMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF HUERFANO, COLORADO, FOR THE 2017 BUDGET YEAR. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

10:20 A.M. Lonnie Brown representing Planning Commission and Steve Channel Planner/ Code Enforcement Officer met with the Board regarding the re-zoning of Conditional Use Permit #16-013, known as Pennington Place.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to approve CUP #16-013, on behalf of Pennington Place as recommended by Planning Commission. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

10:40 A.M. Elevated Elements represented by Brandon Shepard and Sam Karouni met with the Board regarding Conditional Use Permit #16-030. Lonnie Brown representing Planning Commission and Steve Channel Planner/Code Enforcement Officer were also present.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to approve Conditional Use Permit Application #16-030, on behalf of Elevated Elements with the following conditions:**

- **Signs will conform to the Huerfano County Sign regulation and content of the sign shall only include the name with an emergency phone number.**
- **The BOCC may hold a compliance review after one year of CUP Approval or before starting on any new facilities as warranted.**
- **The CUP will not be transferred.**
- **Operation of the facility must begin within one (1) year of the approval.**
- **At a minimum, fifty-one (51%) of the facility's payroll shall be attributable to employees permanently residing within Huerfano County.**
- **State licenses must always be current.**
- **Exterior lighting will only be for security, directed toward the ground.**
- **Filtration system must be maintained in food operating condition.**

**Staff Recommendations as follows:**

1. Staff must be in receipt of a list of names and contact information for all owners of Elevated Elements, LLC.
2. Staff must be in receipt of the Articles of Incorporation for Elevated Elements, LLC.
3. Applicant must submit a Certificate of Good Standing to Staff.
4. Applicants must provide a letter from the City of Walsenburg regarding the use of water as per the Agreement between the City of Walsenburg and DDS Limited.
5. If noxious weed Tamarisk is found it must be treated on-site.
6. If Phase I is approved, all other phases of construction will require a separate application with the associated fees, not to include the \$10,000.00 Operating Fee.
7. A Site Plan which includes all sites and directional signs at intersections delineating each site must be in place for Emergency Response purposes. Signs must be a minimum of Engineered Grade quality.
8. Mark site with an Elevated Elements sign for emergency response purposes. Signs must be a minimum of Engineered Grade quality.
9. Applicant must submit a copy of the Drainage Designs and calculations for all phases.
10. Applicant is subject to annual review by Staff after one (1) year from the date of approval.
11. Applicant must maintain State of Colorado Marijuana Enforcement Divisions Cultivation license at all times.
12. Facility must be in operation within one (1) year from the date of approval.
13. A material safety data sheet shall be posted on-site and filed with the Huerfano County Office of Emergency Management.
14. Conditions 1-4, 7-9 and 13 must be submitted to appropriate Staff prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy.

**Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

10:57 A.M.- Jean Schwarz, Jay Davis and Edna Schmidt representing La Veta Village Living Center met with the Board asking for a general Letter of Support

and the willingness of the County to act as the pass-through agent for a \$500,000.00 Block Grant Application.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to sign a Letter of Support on behalf of the La Veta Village Living Center and commended everyone for the hard work they have done. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros allowing Huerfano County to act as pass-through agent for the proposed Block Grant Application for La Veta Village Living Center. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to approve on behalf of the District Attorney's Office the Supplemental Appropriation of \$2,100.00 for one of his staff members. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros approve up to \$30,000.00 for the District Attorney to hire a full time experienced felony prosecutor who lives in Huerfano County and works strictly on Huerfano County cases and not to work in Las Animas County. Money will come out of PILT. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 A.M.

Nancy C. Cruz

Nancy C. Cruz, County Clerk & Recorder  
Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners



**Commissioners:**

Edward R. Garcia

Edward R. Garcia, Chairman

Gerald A. Cisneros

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