

**Commissioners' Meeting  
December 20, 2016**

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

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

**A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to approve the minutes of December 13, 2016, and to add from previous meeting, the motion forgiving the \$30,000.00 loan debt on behalf of the Tourism Board that died from lack of a second motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

10:03 A.M. Public Comment

Paul Kronk from Navajo Ranches met with the Board in regards to limiting the amount of medical marijuana plants that people can grow.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to accept the resignation of Donald R. Mercier, Director of Huerfano Division of Emergency Services and thanked him for his service. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to adopt RESOLUTION #16-131, A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING ALBINO MANZANARES AND PROCLAIMING DECEMBER 23, 2016, AS ALBINO MANZANARES DAY IN HUERFANO COUNTY, COLORADO, for his accomplishments and service in the United States Army. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

10:20 A.M. County Administrator John Galusha opened up Public Hearing regarding the Supplemental Budget where the County incurred expenditures which were unanticipated and unbudgeted but necessary for County operations.

No public comment. County Administrator John Galusha closed the meeting at 10:25 A.M.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to adopt RESOLUTION #16-138, A RESOLUTION BUDGETING AND APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL SUMS OF MONEY TO DEFRAY EXPENSES IN EXCESS OF AMOUNTS BUDGETED AND APPROPRIATED FOR HUERFANO COUNTY, COLORADO, DURING 2016. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to adopt the following Resolutions:**

- **RESOLUTION #16-132, A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING DON BACA AND PROCLAIMING DECEMBER 30, 2016, AS DON BACA DAY IN HUERFANO COUNTY, COLORADO, for his service and achievements in the United States Air Force.**
- **RESOLUTION #16-133, A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING ROBERT TAPIA AND PROCLAIMING JANUARY 6, 2017, AS ROBERT TAPIA DAY IN HUERFANO COUNTY, COLORADO, for his service and accomplishments in the United States Army.**
- **RESOLUTION #16-134, A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING EDWARD TRUJILLO AND PROCLAIMING JANUARY 7, 2017, AS EDWARD TRUJILLO DAY IN HUERFANO COUNTY, COLORADO, for his achievements and service in the United States Navy.**
- **RESOLUTION #16-135, A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING ROBERT W. SONGER, JR. AND PROCLAIMING JANUARY 13, 2017, AS ROBERT W. SONGER, JR. DAY IN HUERFANO COUNTY, COLORADO for his service and accomplishments in the United States Air Force.**
- **RESOLUTION # 16-136, A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING CELESTINO SANTISTEVEN AND PROCLAIMING JANUARY 14, 2017, AS CELESTINO SANTISTEVAN DAY IN HUERFANO COUNTY, COLORADO, for his accomplishments and service in the United States Army.**

**Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

Commissioner Vezzani opened up discussion on the County purchase of the Cuchara Mountain Property and stated that he would like to see a Board of volunteers who would like to serve on this Board.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to set up and appointing a seven (7) member Advisory Board consisting of a member from each of the following: Cucharas Sanitation and Water District, Huerfano County Park & Recreation, Cuchara Foundation, a representative from the businesses in the Cuchara Village area and three (3) at-large members and to write a mission statement for this Board. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

10:35 A.M. Keith Bouchard representing Acme Growers, met with the Board asking the Board to lift suspension and reinstate CUP #15-006. The following conditions have been met; the State Application has been approved, he has received a letter from the State Division of Water Resources and has acquired three (3) acre feet of water for 2017, from Water Conservancy District.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to lift the suspension of Conditional Use Permit #15-006, allowing them to go forth with the condition that a review of the CUP will be held in May 2017. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros moved to advertise for a two week period, the vacancy on the Board of Adjustments (4 seats); Planning Commission (2 seats) and Tourism Board (3 seats). Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to re-appoint the following people to the Ray Aguirre Community Center Advisory Board in Gardner: Dr. Margaret Hetch, John "Jack" Yule,**

**Mickey D'Ambrosia, terms to end December 2018. Danielle Seawell and Duane Martin terms will end December 2017. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to pay Schedule of Bills for December 2016. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to adopt RESOLUTION #16-137, A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING JANUARY 22-28, 2017, SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK IN HUERFANO COUNTY, COLORADO. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to waive rental fee on behalf of Knights of Columbus for a spaghetti dinner to be held on January 27, 2017, at the Huerfano County Community Center. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to approve a \$2,200.00 purchase for a trailer to haul the snow grooming machine and snowmobile for cross-country skiing on behalf of Centennial Leasing. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

County Administrator John Galusha and the Board reviewed correspondence.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:58 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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Max Vezzani  
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