

**Commissioners' Meeting
May 16, 2017**

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 Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to approve the minutes of May 9, 2017. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

- **RESOLUTION #17-55, A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING RUBEN R. MARTINEZ AND PROCLAIMING MAY 21, 2017, AS ROCKY MARTINEZ DAY IN HUERFANO COUNTY, COLORADO, for his accomplishments and service in the United States Army. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**
- **RESOLUTION #17-56, A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING WILLIAM N. HOAGLAND, JR AND PROCLAIMING MAY 20, 2017 AS WILLIAM N. HOAGLAND, JR DAY IN HUERFANO COUNTY, COLORADO, for his service and accomplishments in the United States Air Force.**
- **RESOLUTION #17-57, A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING BOBBY MASTERS AND PROCLAIMING JUNE 3, 2017 AS BOBBY MASTERS DAY IN HUERFANO COUNTY, COLORADO, for his service and accomplishments in the United States Marines.**
- **RESOLUTION #17-58, A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING ELWIN G. MCLAUGHLIN AND PROCLAIMING JUNE 10, 2017, AS GUY MCLAUGHLIN DAY IN HUERFANO COUNTY, COLORADO, for his service and accomplishments in the United States Army.**

- **RESOLUTION #17-59, A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING WALTER C. NIELSON AND PROCLAIMING JUNE 17, 2017 AS WALTER C. NIELSON DAY IN HUERFANO COUNTY, COLORADO, for his service and accomplishments in the United States Army.**
- **RESOLUTION #17-60, A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING GABRIEL VIGIL AND PROCLAIMING MAY 19, 2017, AS GABRIEL VIGIL DAY IN HUERFANO COUNTY, COLORADO, for his service and accomplishments in the United States Marines.**
- **RESOLUTION #17-61, A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MORRIS LYNCH AND PROCLAIMING MAY 27, 2017, AS MORRIS LYNCH 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 – Cassie James spoke on behalf of New Hope Community Church about the Food Pantry to be held every 4th Tuesday of every month, at the Community Center Gym from 7:30am to 3:30 pm and requested the waiver of the rental fee for the Community Center Gym.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to approve for New Hope Community Church to handle the food distribution at the Community Center every 4th Tuesday of the month thru December 31, 2017. It was approved to waive the rental fee for the Huerfano County Community Center, subject to the deposit of the damage/cleaning fee; and for New Hope Community Church to report back to the BOCC in 90 days as to how the program is doing. The Motion passed by unanimous vote.

10:07 A.M. – Dr. John P. Janovec, representing NuGro Industries, Inc. and John Sakun representing SCG Services, LLC brought before the Board their concern about the condition of Bennet Road due to construction traffic and weather and that there was still money owed (for road improvement) by Acme Growers, LLC. Chairman Garcia acknowledged that Acme Growers, LLC has an appointment later in this meeting and that the issue be addressed at that time.

10:08 A.M. – Matthew Rhoads of Black Blind Land Management Group and Rochelle Venckus of Jojo's Echo Ranch were at the meeting to see if their request, to be allowed to apply for a Colorado Marijuana Medical License; (this being an exemption from the moratorium), would be approved. Commissioner Chairman Garcia said they were not making any exemptions to the current moratorium at this time.

10:15 A.M. – Al Meisman, Huerfano County citizen, spoke in support of Mr. Matthew Rhoads' presentation on the topic of creating energy and water from aluminum and the R&D ventures accompanying that project and feels the project would be very valuable to Huerfano County. (Mr. Matthew Rhoads of Black Blind Land Management Group spoke on this topic at a previous Board meeting.)

10:20 A.M. Michael Stewart, Executive Director of the Santa Fe Trail Council of the Boy Scouts of America spoke about the upcoming camping season at Spanish Peaks Scout Ranch and the improvements that have been made and which are ongoing at the campground.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to accept the resignation of Sandy Vigil, Administrative Assistant/ HR Coordinator. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to approve the transfer of four (4) vehicle titles over to the Spanish Peaks Hospital District.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to approve waiving the late fee of \$25.00 on behalf of Kevin Gohn to the Gardner Public Improvement District (PID) until May 31, 2017 at 5:30 P.M.; after which, if payment has not been made, then the late fee will be due. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to approve for Dale Lyons and Lonnie Brown to be members of the Action 22 Board. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

County Administrator John Galusha and the Board reviewed action items.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to approve the license for Ambulance Service for the La Veta Fire Protection District, for the period of January 1, 2017 to January 1, 2018. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to approve that Administrator John Galusha have the authority to expend up to the amount of \$14,257.00 for replacement of Huerfano County Rock Crusher equipment wiring that was damaged due to burglary. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

County Administrator John Galusha and Board reviewed correspondence.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to suspend sale of all County property for a period of six months until an evaluation of property values can be completed. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

10:50A.M. – Keith Bouchard of Acme Growers, LLC and Bruce Roscoe, Engineer of Roscoe Engineering, LLC both representing CUP #15-006 asked for the condition #7 – “Construction of the facility must begin within six (6) months of CUP approval” be extended until July 20, 2017.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to approve the extension requested by Keith Bouchard on behalf of Acme Growers, LLC, to the date of July 20, 2017, subject to the following:

- 1) The date of July 20, 2017 being the “construction begin” date.**
- 2) Prior to any building permits the access road will be upgraded so it can handle emergency services traffic and afterwards the road is to be kept up and maintained.**
- 3) Acme will limit the trimming process to “wet trimming” only and any areas where drying will take place will be in an area with four (4) hour fire walls and two (2) hour ceilings and doors. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to approve Huerfano County Water Conservancy District's CUP#17-018 for a gravel pit west of Gardner. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

11:20 A.M. – Joseph Edes and Jonathon James on behalf of Citizens for Huerfano County met with the Board seeking a letter of support, per the recommendation of John Srmeins, Eastern Colorado Resource Management Plan (ECRMP) and also provided a FAQs sheet and a template for the letter of support. This information was turned over to Planning and Zoning to review.

11:30 A.M. – Michael Graber Engineer and Project Manager for RJH Consultants Inc., met with the Board to discuss the Walsenburg City Lake Dam Rehabilitation and Enlargement. Mr. Graber's recommendation at this time was for the Commissioners to meet with him at the Dam site to get a better understanding of the complexity and urgency of this project.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:48 A.M.



Nancy C. Cruz

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

Commissioners:



Edward R. Garcia, Chairman



Gerald A. Cisneros



Max Vezzani