

**COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**  
**March 12, 2019**

Vice Chairman Max Vezzani called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioners Gerald Cisneros and Max Vezzani were present. Chairman Ray Garcia was absent.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to approve the March 5, 2019 minutes. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

Public Comment

10:01 A.M. Edie Flanagan from Walsenburg spoke to the Board with data she has researched regarding the Second Amendment Sanctuary County Resolution and asked the Board to consider this data before voting to pass this resolution.

10:06 A.M. Sheila Cataford from Gardner spoke to the Board voicing her concern and asking the Board to not pass the Second Amendment Sanctuary County Resolution.

10:10 A.M. Chief Wasaka met with the Board asking questions in regard to a solar farm proposal.

10:15 A.M. Chip Kraynyk from LaVeta spoke to the Board with his concerns over the Second Amendment Sanctuary County Resolution.

10:20 A.M. Dale Lyons from Gardner addressed the Board with her concerns over the Second Amendment Sanctuary County Resolution.

10:37 A.M. Melanie Bounds brought to the Board Application LU#18-022 for lot consolidation on their property.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to approve Land Use permit #18-022 on behalf of Ben and Melanie Bounds for a plat amendment consolidating their two lots totaling 4.19 acres. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to approve Abatement #19-15 on behalf of Michael M. Castine in the amount of \$912.89 for the 2018 tax year. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to approve Right-of-way Excavation Permit #19-03(L) for Jade Communication at Wahatoya Subdivision on County Rd. 358 and to waive the permit fee with the condition that a \$5,000.00 bond be put in place. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to approve Bulk Water Use permit at the Gardner Water and Sewer Public Improvement District on behalf of Lee Kahn at 3000 County Road 570. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to approve joining of "Employers Council" legal advice, training classes, website research. Annual membership based on employer portion of FICA tax with a maximum charge of \$5,800.00 annually which provides legal representation and advice for \$485.00 per month. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to approve pay increase of \$5,000.00 on behalf of Paul Branson, effective March 1, 2019 and pay a one-time bonus of \$5,000.00 on March 15, 2019 paycheck for working extreme hours with Americorp and keeping up with other assigned duties. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to approve the hiring of Alex Gillette as a Sheriff's Deputy at \$33,920.00 annually. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to approve a bid from SBJ Painting Services to paint the Clerk's Office in the amount of \$2,800.00. Motion passed unanimous vote.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Garcia to table the Second Amendment Sanctuary County resolution until next week. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

County Administrator John Galusha and the Board reviewed action items.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to approve the purchase order to the Colorado Department of Homeland Security, POGGI Stream Gauge Grant Application Agreement. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to allow Vice Chairman Vezzani to sign the La Veta Fire Protection District Ambulance License dated January 1, 2019 through January 1, 2020. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

10:50 A.M. Jimmy Garcia President of the Eagles 1187, spoke to the Board in regard to possibly securing Fiesta Park for La Plaza De Los Leones event this August or September.

County Administrator John Galusha and the Board continued with action items.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to approve a grant for \$3,920,000.00 for Phase 1, from NRCS Emergency**

**Watershed Protection Program SFS-424. The total amount of the project is \$5,145,000.00. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to allow Vice-Chairman Vezzani to sign the Grant Award Letter from the State of Colorado Department of Public Safety and Homeland Security for the emergency watershed protection program in the amount of \$1,626,228.00. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to adopt RESOLUTION #19-12, A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION #18-77 CREATING THE HUERFANO COUNTY BUILDING AUTHORITY. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

County Administrator John Galusha and the Board reviewed correspondence.

11:06 A.M. Mary Hensen addressed the Board with her concern over the adoption of the Red Flag Resolution and asked the Board to vote against it.

11:12 Chief Washaka expressed his concern regard to the Red Flag Resolution stating that he feels it is defective in the way it was written.

11:14 A.M. Gary Baldwin also expressed his concern that HB 19-1177 was a bad law with no due process.

11:18 A.M. Keith Parsons asked the Board for an address waiver so that he may register his vehicle.

11:22 Eric Mullens address the Board in regard to the Red Flag Resolution, stating that the concept of HB 19-1177 is a great concept, however, he did not think it was written in a way that it will not accomplish what it wants to accomplish and thinks that it opens a very dangerous door for law enforcement.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to approve an address waiver on behalf of Keith Parsons with the condition that he pays for his foundation permit prior to him getting an address.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M.



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

**Commissioners:**

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Edward R. Garcia, Chairman

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