

**COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**

**JULY 30, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Garcia 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 July 23, 2019 minutes. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

Public Comment:

10:01 A.M. Al Meisman spoke to the Board and presented them with a handout.

10:05 A.M. Jim Garcia gave the Board an update on Plaza de los Leones Fiesta. Festivities will be August 3, 2019 at Fiesta Park in Walsenburg.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to approve the following Abatements:**

- **Mark & Tanya White in the amount of \$161.93 for the 2018 tax year.**
- **Jeffery & Vicki Thompson in the amount of \$436.87 for the 2018 tax year.**
- **Charlotte Simmons in the amount of \$21.86 for the 2017 tax year and \$22.20 for the 2018 tax year.**
- **Foundation for the Holy Spirit in the amount of \$1,872.20 for the 2018 tax year.**

**Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to offer the position as a truck driver for the Huerfano County Waste Transfer Station to Jeremiah Hall at \$15.90 an hour for a permanent part-time position at approximately 24 hours a week. Employment is contingent on**

**successful completion of drug screen, CBI background Investigation, CDOT employment history verification and a six (6) month probation period. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to accept Notice of Resignation on behalf of Joe Benedetti, seasonal grounds maintenance employee effective August 15, 2019. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to postpone for a week regarding a salary increase for the Communication Center Manager. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to lift the Stage 1 Fire Restriction. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to approve the Schedule of Bills for July 23, 2019. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to apply to the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) for an Energy Impact Assistance Grant in the amount of \$850,000.00 to complete the enclosed walkway and jail addition related to the new Judicial Center. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

10:20 A.M. Veronica Maes, Council of Governments Area Agency on Aging Director, Region 12 for Las Animas and Huerfano counties spoke to the Board regarding the 2020 Census Outreach Grant Program.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to request the Council Of Government Board and the Executive Director to consider taking the lead on Outreach for the upcoming census and**

**that we would support in any manner possible, their efforts including getting a complete count committee put together. 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 Owner Contractor Agreement between Huerfano County and GH Phipps Construction Companies in the amount of \$9,589,000.00 for construction of the new Judicial Center. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to approve the Cuchara Mountain Park Maintenance Agreement for five (5) contractor/maintenance volunteers for a \$1.00 a year. The volunteers are Chris Smith, Jim Littlefield, Roger Therber, Bill Copola and Mike Fleener. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

10:35 A.M. DC Alder spoke to the Board in regard to the Volunteer Community based EL DEPOT in Gardner.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to allow Chairman Garcia to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for the Provision of Multi Agency Disaster Assistance Center when a Multi Agency Disaster occurs between Huerfano County, Town of La Veta and City of Walsenburg. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to approve the amendment to the Agreement For Exchange of Material and/or Services between Huerfano County and the Town of La Veta regarding prep and application of magnesium chloride. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to approve the potluck dinner night from Friday night to Tuesday night**

on behalf of Harlene Michaels at the Ray Aguirre Community Center in Gardner, Colorado. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to approve the Permit And Agreement For Bulk Water Use on behalf of Tara Reed, 5891 County Road 550 at the Gardner Water and Sewer Public Improvement District. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to approve the purchase of 220 joints of pipe in the amount of \$8,320.00, including freight, from Heath Andreatta Excavation, LLC and to authorize Road & Bridge Superintendent to secure an additional load at a cut rate in price if possible. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to approve sending one motor grader operator to attend the Colorado Local Technical Assistance Program subject to Road & Bridge Superintendent's approval and selection of an employee. The class will be held in La Junta at the cost of \$250.00. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to approve replacement of radios in the dispatch office from Motorola Solutions and Digitcom Electronics and to ask the E911 Board to split the cost. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to allow Chairman Garcia to sign Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA) with La Veta RE-1 School District and Huerfano County Fire Protection District for the November 5, 2019 Coordinated Election. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

County Administrator John Galusha and the Board reviewed correspondence.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to approve and support the Waste Tire Event on Saturday, October 12, 2019 and to allow the use of the La Veta 4-H Grounds and Huerfano County Community Center providing the tires go directly into a dumpster and hauled away according to State Regulations and to contact the Huerfano County Fair Board for scheduling. 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 10:58 A.M.



Nancy C. Cruz  
Nancy C. Cruz, County Clerk & Recorder  
Clerk to 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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