

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

December 4, 2018

The meeting was called 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 November 20, 2018. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

10:00 A.M. Public Comment

Robert Wilson spoke to the Board asking for an update on the Sheep Mountain road.

10:16 A.M. Al Meisman spoke to the Board asking what information the Commissioners returned from the conference with. Commissioner Vezzani announced that they found out that the county had been awarded a \$225,600.00 grant for a two (2) year period to hire a Huerfano County Recovery Manager. No county match required. This was for both Huerfano County and Costilla County.

10:20 A.M. Chairman Garcia called for a recess from the regular meeting to go into a Public Hearing. County Administrator John Galusha was appointed as Hearing Officer for the 2019 Budget. No action was taken. Chairman Garcia adjourned the Public Hearing and returned to the regular session.

10:29 A.M. Mary Norby asking what is the job responsibilities of the Code Enforcement Officer and the Chief Building Inspector. She stated that there are people east of her property living in a RV with possibly no sanitation facilities. She asked who was in charge of taken care of the problem whether it was Frank Martin, Code Enforcement Officer or Terry Sandoval, Chief Building Inspector.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to hire Debra Bernal as a part time (20 hours a week) as an Administrative Clerk II, in the Huerfano County Treasurer's Office at \$13.00 an hour. Employment contingent upon required background check and employment drug test with a negative result. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to hire David Vucetich as an operator for the Huerfano County Road and Bridge Department at \$32,995.00 annually contingent upon required background and DOT background check and employment drug test with a negative result with a six (6) month probationary period. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to hire Justin Noga as an operator for the Huerfano County Road and Bridge Department at \$32,995.00 annually contingent upon required background and DOT background check and employment drug test with a negative result with a six (6) month probationary period. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to pay out compensatory time on behalf of Terry Sandoval, Chief Building Inspector so that he can use his vacation time before year end. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to purchase a hydraulic wood chipper up to \$3,000.00 for post-fire clean up. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to renew the annual maintenance contract with Pam Archuleta for the Ray Aguirre Community Center in Gardner. 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 Road & Bridge Application for Right-of-Way Excavation Permit #18-04 (G) in the amount of \$320.00 on behalf of White's Excavation for work to be done on County Road #540, Farasita, Colorado. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to approve the Replacement Water Lease Agreement between Huerfano County and Huerfano County Water Conservancy District in the amount of \$10,731.00 with an Administrative fee of \$1,073.10. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to approve the Replacement Water Lease Agreement between Gardner Public Improvement District and Huerfano County Water Conservancy District for 5 acre-feet. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to approve the Grant Extension 2018 JRNAA UNDR 02 from the Colorado Judicial Department Underfunded Courthouse Facility Commission that was previously approved until December 31, 2019. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

10:50 A.M. Malea Schmidt Director of the La Veta EMS spoke to the Board in regard to the ambulance service license renewal.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to approve ambulance renewal for the La Veta Fire Protection District for the following three (3) ambulances: 2009 Dodge Braun, 1999 Ford Wheeled Coach and 1992 Chevy Wheeled Coach. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to approve Colorado Department of Transportation State Highway Access Permit off of Highway 69 and County Road 611 on behalf of APC Southern Co., LLC. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

10:49 A.M. Chairman Ray Garcia opened one bid for scope of work on the Huerfano County Judicial Center Phase 1 in the amount of \$198,913.00 from Nunn Construction. No action was taken.

County Administrator John Galusha and the Board reviewed correspondence.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to provide a copy of CTSI Technical Update regarding appliances and personal heaters in the county building to each department. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to provide a copy of CTSI Technical Update to each department requesting that candles be removed from all offices in the building. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

10:56 A.M. Nick Perrino with Monte Fiore, LLC met with the Board asking for a catch up plan on excise tax.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to allow Monte Fiore to submit their excise taxes as proposed by December 20, 2018 with any 10% late fees applied. In the event the excise taxes are not paid, the Conditional Use Permit will be immediately revoked. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

An amendment was added to Commissioner Vezzani motion by Commissioner Cisneros allowing Monte Fiore to pay excise tax on their medical marijuana and

treat it as recreational marijuana on a one time only basis, after that they are to go back to the original Conditional Use Permit which was for recreational marijuana only. Amendment died from lack of a second.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Garcia to allow Monte Fiore to provide Huerfano County with a voluntary contract to treat their medical marijuana as recreational marijuana and agree to voluntarily pay a fee equal to a 5% excise tax. The contract is to be received by County Administrator John Galusha by December 15, 2018. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

11:10 A.M. Commissioner Vezzani left the meeting to attend another meeting.

11:11 A.M. Lee Kahn spoke to the Board in regard to her building permit.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Garcia authorizing Terry Sandoval, Chief Building Inspector to issue a variance on the building permit making the commercial structure a habitable residence within the next five years. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:27 A.M.

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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