

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
February 5, 2019

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 January 29, 2019 minutes. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

10:01 A.M. Public Comment-None

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

- **Abatement #19-03 on behalf of Joe & Luciano Benavidez for the 2018 tax year in the amount of \$1,792.08.**
- **Abatement #19-04 on behalf of Ricardo Alas & Rafael Leon for the 2018 tax year in the amount of \$413.01.**
- **Abatement #19-05 Fred Douglas & Peggy Bidy for the 2018 tax year in the amount of \$313.65.**
- **Abatement #19-06 Fred Douglas & Peggy Bidy for the 2018 tax year in the amount of \$299.07.**

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to approve a one dollar per hour increase in pay on behalf of Deborah Bernal (Treasurer's Office) to offset time and expense of becoming a Certified Notary for the county effective February 1, 2019. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to approve a one dollar per hour increase in pay on behalf of Rhonda Kelley (Treasurer's Office) to offset time and expense of becoming a Certified Notary for the county effective February 1, 2019. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to promote Sherrill Hurt to Detention Officer Captain (Jail Administrator) effective February 1, 2019. This offer is presented with a \$6,000.00 pay increase and a six month probationary period. If after the six month period then Sherrill will either continue as the Jail Administrator or if the county feels she is not performing as needed she will return to her now current position of Detention Center Captain and the increase in pay discontinued. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to adopt RESOLUTION #19-07, A RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING ROBERT MARTIN TO THE HUERFANO COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT FOR A TERM EXPIRING ON DECEMBER 31, 2020. 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 adopt RESOLUTION #19-06, A RESOLUTION APPOINTING KAREN WILSON TO THE TOURISM BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING DECEMBER 31, 2020. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to approve the Notice to Proceed with the Contract Agreement between Huerfano County and Nunn Construction for Phase 1 of the Huerfano County Justice Center project dated 1-8-19. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Cisneros to deny the request of the Spring Health Expo Committee the use of the Huerfano County Community Center on May 19, 2019 as the County is not able to accommodate them on that date. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to approve purchase of four (4) 525 gallon Gravity Flow Fuel Tanks not to exceed \$4,859.80. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to approve Liquor License Renewal on behalf of Timbers Restaurant in Cuchara. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to approve purchase of a back-up generator for the Upper Huerfano Fire Protection District from Western Power Group, Inc in the amount of \$20,427.00 from donations that came in from the Spring Fire. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to approve Consulting Agreement between Huerfano County and Homegrown Strategy Group, LLC, (Carl Young) effective today and not to exceed September 30, 2019 in the amount of \$5,000.00 per month. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

10:20 A.M.-Jose Baros spoke with the Board in regard to the conditions of Lascar Road.

County Administrator John Galusha and the Board reviewed correspondence.

10:39 A.M. Ray Fischer met with the Board regarding illegal dumping within the county.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to approve a one-time pilot program for 60 Walsenburg families of little means who will receive vouchers for a free day of dumping at the transfer station. The county will also purchase a dozen (12) illegal dumping signs to be placed throughout the county. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

10:58 A.M. Marcos Prom did not show up for appointment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to refund to Marcus Prom his \$5,000.00 advanced fee for a marijuana license application that did not happen. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

11:00 A.M. Dan Wachob with Wachob & Wachob Surveying met with the Board in regard to LU#18-035 representing Patricia McMahon and asking for approval to sub-divide a twenty-six acre parcel into 2 lots on County Road 360.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to approve the subdivision (LU#18-035) of twenty-six (26) acres into two lots on behalf of Patricia McMahon. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

11:15 A.M.-Chairman Garcia called for a five minute break.

11:16 A.M.-Chairman Garcia called the meeting back into session.

11:19 A.M.-Jason Hartman Director Generation Project engineering and Allison Haraminac with Pinyon Environmental Inc. met with the Board in regard to approval LU#18-013A and CUP#18-013B on the Busch Ranch Phase II Wind Farm project.

John and Janice Troha with Tinaja Canyon Road, LLC express their concerns over the approval of this wind project and presented the Board with their letter of concerns.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to postpone action for one week, giving Black Hills Electric Generation, LLC an opportunity to respond to the property owners concerns as written in a letter from John and Janice Troha. The Board wants to know how does the surety of the operation survives the dissolution of the LLC and asked Administrator John Galusha to refer these matters to the county attorney. 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 12:15 P.M.



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