

**COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
JULY 16, 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 9, 2019 minutes. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to add an Executive Session with the County Attorney Garrett Sheldon to the Agenda. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Public Comment:

10:01 A.M. Al Meisman gave the Board a handout to read.

10:03 A.M. Nancy Coe representing Farm Bureau asked the Board for a donation for the Ag Appreciation Dinner.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to approve a \$300.00 donation for the Ag Dinner to be held during the County 4-H Fair. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to put in place a Stage 1 Fire Restriction for Huerfano County until further notice. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to approve bid 19-005 EWP Phase 1a: Exigent and Early Action Projects

on behalf of Meridiam Partners in the amount of \$1,498,416.84. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to terminate Transfer Station truck driver Jessie Ortiz, per resignation as he is moving to New Mexico. He is asking that his last three days of work be on his July 30, 2019 paycheck. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to approve a (six) 6 yard trash container with an auto lock system for a onetime fee of \$200.00 and a monthly fee of \$110.60 at the Community Center. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to deny request a tax refund for Danette & Charles Barrett from the Huerfano County Board of Equalization. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to approve a donation of \$2,000.00 on behalf of Economical Development for bookkeeping software. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to hire consultants Banner & Bower, P.C. at \$250.00 an hour and travel time at \$200.00 an hour to be capped at 20 hours for legal services for the rest of this year. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to approve bid based on County Engineer, Bruce Roscoe PE recommendation on behalf of GH Phipps in the amount of \$9,589,000.00 for the Judicial Center. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to approve the Notice of Award for the Judicial Center. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to award EXEMPLARY COMMUNITY SERVICE to the First United Methodist of La Veta and UMCOR in recognition of Exceptional Community Service through flood disaster mitigation and wildfire recovery efforts. 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 signage for flood areas on Pass Creek road and surrounding areas in the amount of \$4,286.00 on behalf of A1 Barricade and Signs. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to approve purchase of three (3) air conditioner units for County Offices at Washington School in the amount of \$1,134.33 from Home Depot. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to approve the Huerfano County Treasurer's Semi Annual report ending on June 30, 2019. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to approve the 2019 Semi Annual Revenue and Disbursements Report. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros authorizing Chairman Garcia to sign Letter of Support regarding

Citizens' Institute on Rural Design supporting Huerfano County Economic Development. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

County Administrator John Galusha and the Board reviewed correspondence.

10:30 A.M. Mesa Entertainment Holdings, co owner David Boenig owner of Lot 3-10, La Veta Pines, apologized again to his neighbors in regard to the noise and disturbance from an event he hosted three weeks ago. He also requested a waiver for the upcoming Sunwhence event this weekend.

Tom Weber with River Ridge Ranch spoke to the Board giving a list of concerns in regard to the upcoming Sunwhence event. Cheryl Ames, Albert Anselmo, Bob Martin with the Huerfano County Fire Department, Don May, Mike Komorowski, Jerry Albert and a few other neighbors also voiced their concerns. Richard Goodwin with River Ridge Ranch also gave a presentation and list of concerns from the River Ridge homeowners.

Commissioner Vezzani stated that he is not against these events but does not want to move in a hasty manner and we do have a Stage 1 Fire Restriction in place.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to deny this waiver and to not approve any waivers for the next 30 days while staff is addressing the kind of issues that have been brought up today and to put in place a Citizen's Advisory group that will include the Fire Department, Health Department and Sheriff Department and other individuals and the staff will work to get our regulations in place for the future events. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

11:30 A.M. Calvin and Sylvia Smith spoke to the Board requesting a waiver/variance for their property Lot 43, Antelope Valley Drive, River Ridge Ranch. They want to construct a workshop to store supplies and building material in a safe protected place while constructing their home.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to approve waiver/variance on behalf of Calvin and Sylvia Smith. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

11:35 A.M. Susan Malloy spoke to the Board asking for a building waiver on her property while building her home on Lot 33, Cuchara Pass Ranches.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to approve Susan Malloy's building waiver request on her property to secure building materials, however, she needs to have her permit processed within the next six (6) months. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

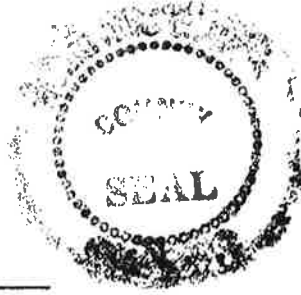
11:38 A.M. Scott Davis addressed the Board requesting an address waiver on Tract #7, Eagle Flats Unit 1 so that he may register vehicles, get a Post Office Box, complete his loan application and to keep his health insurance active while he builds his retirement home.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to approve address waiver on behalf of Scott Davis with the stipulation that the permit process be complete with a year. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to go into Executive Session with County Attorney Garrett Sheldon in regard to a response letter to the District 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.



Nancy C. Cruz

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

Commissioners:

Edward R. Garcia

Edward R. Garcia, Chairman

Gerald A. Cisneros

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