

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS'
AUGUST 27, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ray 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 August 13, 2019 minutes. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Public Comment:

10:01 Dorothy Caddell addressed the Board asking for support to get a rural development loan for the La Veta Village Assisted Living Center project and noting that having the County as an Associate carries a lot of weight when submitting their application.

10:11 A.M. Al Meisman-Building Denver in Walsenburg will not get us anywhere.

10:12 A.M. Chairman Ray Garcia representing the Board of County Commissioners read a letter in response to a letter that was published in the Chronicle News dated July 12, 2019 by the District Attorney and the same article published in the August 15, 2019 World Journal.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to approve publishing the letter in the World Journal and a copy be sent to District Attorney Solano. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to approve the August 2019 Payables. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

10:20 A.M. Huerfano County Planning Director, Vickie Koepsel spoke to the Board in regard to Application #19A/15-010, Jack Pendleton dba/Twin Peaks Joint Venture who has filed an application requesting approval of an amendment to Secondary Condition Use Permit #15-010, which was originally approved for his on June of 2015 on his property located at 23054 State Highway 160, #1.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to approve the transfer of Application #19A/15-010 to Jack Pendleton dba/ Twin Peaks Joint Venture with the original 2015 approved conditions amending condition #3 to read as follows:

- **The CUP may be transferred to another entity providing the BOCC reviews and approves the proposed transfer arrangement and new owner ahead of time.**
- **The transfer fee will be \$5,000.00.**
- **New owner will need an air filtration system to control odor.**

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to purchase a track hoe from Fred White in the amount of \$30,000.00 for the Road & Bridge Department. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to approve the purchase of supplies for the Noxious Weed Department in the amount of \$5,038.15 from Ranch Wholesale Range & Pasture Supply. 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 #19-26, DAY LODGE CONCEPT PLAN AT CUCHARA MOUNTAIN PARK. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

10:35 A.M. Stan Mann, Manager of The Walsenburg Company, LTD and Lola Spradley spoke to the Board regarding a Conservation Easement on the land the County has Real Property Purchase Option Agreement on.

10:46 A.M. Alan Wehe representing Jade Communications asked the Board if they could put about 20-25 poles on County Road 442 right-of-way to hang their fiber optics in order to get service restored in the washed out area.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to give preliminary approval on behalf of Jade Communications to look at constructing a pole line to hang their fiber optic cables on with the condition that perhaps other utility companies could hang their service lines on the same poles. He was directed to work with the Public Works and Road & Bridge Department to make sure the poles will only be located on county right-of-way and not on privately owned properties. The Board stated they would waive permit fees to Jade Communications; however, they will be responsible for any other permits that could be required. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to allow Chairman Garcia to sign De-obligation of Funds for Contract #H7CDB17009 for CDBG Rehabilitation Program in the amount of \$57,741.82 with the Colorado Department of Local Affairs which expired on March 31, 2018. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to approve the purchase of fluorescent light bulbs in the amount of \$242.45 from The Home Depot Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to approve the annual renewal of service contract with Trane U.S. Inc. for heating and cooling in the amount of \$3,898.00. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to approve the re-stretch of carpet at the District Attorney's office in the amount of \$699.32 on behalf of TBJ Enterprises, Inc dba/Final Step Floors. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to consider including the \$5,000.00 in the 2020 budget for the FY2020 for Economic Development Services reserving final decision until budget time. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to approve CTL Thompson's proposal regarding Construction Observation and Materials Testing Services for the Huerfano County Justice Center in the amount of \$82,914.00. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to approve hiring Direct Discharge Consulting, LLC for sanitary sewer cleaning at the Gardner Public Improvement District in the amount of \$8,000.00 and the Road and Bridge Department will uncover the manhole covers. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to approve Town of La Veta Flood Evacuation Plan as presented dated August 2019. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to approve Office of Emergency Management Special Project Grant in the amount of \$4,935.08 with a 50% cash only match. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to approve application to Electronic Recording Technology Board (ERTB)

for a grant in the amount of \$189,893.67 for the Clerk & Recorder Office for the Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to accept the Award from the Electronic Recording Technology Board (ERTB) to have all property records on line for Public access and all records archived. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to approve the Agreement for Exchange of Material and/or Services between Larry Morgan and Huerfano County for County Road 442. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to approve AIA Document G802-2017, Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement regarding the Huerfano County Judicial Center in the amount of \$157,891.00. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to approve signing the de-allocation letter for the 2018 REDI Award (REDI-18-142) from the Department of Local Affairs. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to waive the rental fees on behalf of the Spanish Peaks International Celtic Music Festival at the Raymond Aguirre Community Center in Gardner on September 19-22. A cleaning deposit of \$150.00 is required. Motion passed by unanimous vote.


County Administrator John Galusha and the Board reviewed correspondence.

The Board announced that this past weekend, they presented a plaque honoring Gary Hanisch's dedication and tireless work in securing FAA grants for the Spanish

Peaks Airport which has brought the airport up to modern standards and brought in more income for the county with no compensation.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:39 A.M.



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




Commissioners:



Edward R. Garcia, Chairman



Gerald A. Cisneros



Max Vezzani