

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

December 10, 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 November 26, 2019 meeting. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

10:01 A.M. Public Comment

Joshua Jetton with Food Science and a food science chemist, a third generation chef and also a consultant for the State of Colorado Department of Agriculture on manufacturer wholesale division. Bought a building on 124 W 8th Street, Walsenburg and moved here to help build an assisted living center because his family is a third generation hospice care. His frustration is with the City of Walsenburg and was told he was not in compliance with zoning regulations. He was told by the Board of Commissioners that he needs to go to a City Council meeting and that the County had no jurisdiction over the city.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to pay out comp time accrued during the 2019 elections for County Clerk employees. Elaine Perrino 20 hours; Angie Glover 48.75 hours; Joyce Bestol 20 hours and Erica Vigil 28.25 hours, total payout is \$2,169.00 to be paid on December 13, 2019 paychecks. Motion passed by unanimous vote

A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to approve payroll augmentation up to \$75,000.00 as directed by the Board of Commissioners. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

10:13 A.M. Rio Grande County Commissioner John Noffske spoke to the Board regarding the San Luis & Rio Grande Railroad. The railroad owes back taxes to Huerfano County and other surrounding counties. The Board discussed partnering with the other counties and the San Luis Council of Governments to spend up to \$10,000.00 for legal fees.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to approve paying the San Luis Council of Governments an amount of \$10,000.00 for legal fees for collection of back taxes from the San Luis & Rio Grande Railroad. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to go into recess for the 2020 Budget Hearing. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

10:17 A.M. Budget Hearing (No action taken)

A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to come out of Budget Hearing and go into regular session. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Board of County Commissioner thanked County Administrator John Galusha and Finance Director Kristy Johnson for their hard work on the budget and for grants that brought in revenue to the county. John Galusha thanked the elected officials in the County Clerk's, Treasurer and Assessor's office for their part in bringing in revenue for the county.

10:26 A.M. Kelly Burgess spoke to the Board in regard to LU Application#19-029.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to approve LU Application #19-029 on behalf of Kelly Burgess to consolidate Lots 12 & 13 Navajo Ranch Estates with Staff and Planning Commission's recommendation. 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 amend Resolution #18-53, Huerfano County Grants Management Policy with the amended date of December 10, 2019. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to approve Quit Claim Deed from Huerfano County to City of Walsenburg for Lot 1, Spanish Peaks Village Tract 1, Addition 1. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to postpone Roscoe Engineering documents for a week so that errors may be cleaned up. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to open a safety deposit box at Community Banks of Walsenburg in the amount of \$45.00 per year for documents that should not be held in the office. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to allow Chairman Garcia to sign letter to Henry Chung who owns property at 719 Main Street, Walsenburg to open up negotiations for the property. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to waive rental fees on behalf of Two Peaks Fitness Inc at the Huerfano County Community Center for youth basketball games beginning January 2020 through March 2020 (subject to scheduling). Deposit is required. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to allow Chairman Garcia to sign two letters to Clint Evans State Conservationist USDA-NRCS regarding work extensions on EWP#5078 NE-1 and EWP#5078 Huerfano NE-2. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Garcia to approve submitting application form to the 2019 Huerfano County Federal Mineral Leasing District grant cycle in the amount of \$15,000.00 which goes along with funding requested from Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) and the county. Motion passed by unanimous.


A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to approve upgrades to AWOS equipment at the Huerfano County Spanish Peaks Airfield on behalf of VAISALA Inc. in the amount of \$6,700.00. Motion passed by unanimous.

County Administrator John Galusha and the Board reviewed correspondence.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to appoint Wayne Smith to the La Veta Cemetery expiring on December 31, 2025. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:54 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