

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

January 7, 2020

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 December 24, 2019 minutes. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

Public Comment:

10:01 A.M. Brian Woodley representing Michelle Epps, Green Leaf Growers, LLC located at 480 Turkey Ridge Road, Walsenburg. Mr. Woodley read a letter to the Board on behalf of Ms. Epps asking per her request, to reconsider their decision and approve a waiver for the one thousand foot (1000') setback requirement addressed in Section 18 of the County Land Use Regulation. The property was previously licensed and permitted to be a marijuana cultivation facility but was un-expectantly shut down due to the actions of the previous owner, Mr. Skylar Walker. Commissioner Vezzani stated that we should accept the conditional use application and give staff a chance to review it.

10:12 A.M. Greg Sund South Central Council of Government 2020 Census Coordinator gave an update to the Board on the importance of an accurate count of the residents of Huerfano and Las Animas counties.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to approve increase in salary for Julie Valdez who is moving into a training position for Finance Manager and after a six (6) month probation and an evaluation will be performed. The salary increase will increase \$2,000.00 bringing the salary to \$52,400.00. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to layover paying out vacation time to the employees of the Sheriff's Office until next week's meeting to allow the County Administrator to look it over. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to approve placing an additional moratorium for Special Event Application until February 29, 2020 as requested by Planning Director Vicki R. Koepsel giving additional time needed to complete adoption of the new regulations. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

Huerfano County Recovery Manager, Brittany Ciarlo and the Board reviewed action items.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to approve and sign the application documents for the 2020 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG)- Local Emergency Management Support (LEMS) on behalf of Office of Emergency Management. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to approve a \$26,700.00 proposal for providing construction plans for chip sealing and minor drainage work on Yellow Stone Road (County Road 520) on behalf of Roscoe Engineering. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to approve the proposal for providing design for pedestrian access to the museum in the amount of \$5,000.00 on behalf of Roscoe Engineering. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to approve Change Order #E-13008 for electrical changes per RFI 134**

**added 4 inch conduits in the amount of \$1,339.00 on behalf of PH Phipps subject to County Engineer Bruce Roscoe. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to approve Change Order #E13011 for steel changes per PR3 in the amount of \$6,441.00 on behalf of PH Phipps per County Engineer Bruce Roscoe. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Cisneros and seconded by Commissioner Vezzani to allow Chairman Garcia to sign the 2020 Gray & Black Market Marijuana Enforcement Grant in the amount of \$14,474.97 on behalf of the Sheriff's Department to the State Department of Local Affairs. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

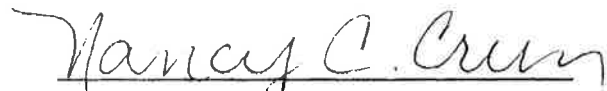
**A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to approve Emergency Watershed Project Phase 1C with Frontier Environmental Service for additional projects in the amount of \$83,375.00. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to approve Emergency Watershed Project Phase 1B on behalf of Meridiam Partners, LLC with a decrease of \$281.25. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

Huerfano County Recovery Manager Brittany Ciarlo and the Board reviewed correspondence.

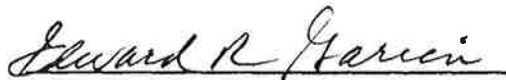
**A motion was made by Commissioner Vezzani and seconded by Commissioner Cisneros to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

Meeting adjourned at 10:48 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