

**STATE OF COLORADO
COUNTY OF ROUTT**

**OFFICE OF THE CLERK
JULY 12, 2022**

Commissioner M. Elizabeth Melton, Chair, called the regular meeting of the Routt County Board of County Commissioners to order. Commissioner Tim Redmond, Commissioner Timothy V. Corrigan, and County Manager Jay Harrington were also present. Katie McCaulley prepared the minutes.

EN RE: APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE, MANUAL WARRANTS, AND PAYROLL

Mr. Harrington presented accounts payable for a total of \$202,829.93.

MOTION

Commissioner Corrigan moved to approve the accounts payable as presented by the County Manager.

Commissioner Redmond seconded; the motion carried 3-0.

EN RE: CONSENT AGENDA

The following items were presented for consideration, approval, and signing on the consent agenda:

- A. APPROVAL OF THE STATE HUMAN SERVICE ELECTRONIC BENEFIT TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$218,323.93 THROUGH FEBRUARY 2022; \$77,147.50 THROUGH MARCH; \$213,951.88 THROUGH APRIL; AND \$219,512.23 THROUGH MAY 2022**
- B. APPROVAL OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES: MEETINGS OF MAY 17 & 24, JUNE 7, 2022**
- C. APPROVAL OF AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHAIR TO SIGN THE ABATEMENT HEARING RECOMMENDATION FOR ACCOUNT R3253643**
- D. ASSIGNMENT OF RESOLUTION NUMBER 2022-048 FOR PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION AREA FOR THE ROUTT COUNTY FAIR**

MOTION

Commissioner Redmond moved to approve consent items A, B, C, & D on the consent agenda with Resolution Number 2022-048 assigned to consent item D.

Commissioner Corrigan seconded; the motion carried 3-0.

EN RE: PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was made.

EN RE: ROUTT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE / GARRETT WIGGINS

Lt. Joe Boyle, Routt County Sherriff's Office, and Erick Knaus, County Attorney were present.

MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT (MAT) 2022 CONTRACT

Lt. Boyle presented to the Board a consideration to approve the signature of the Chair on the 2022 contract with The Front Range Clinic for Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Services and the Routt County Jail.

House Bill 22-1327 requires that all jails in Colorado have a MAT program, which has already been established in Routt County. Acquiring the Chair's signature would allow for the renewal of the current contract between the Routt County Jail and MAT Services.

Lt. Boyle provided an update in regards to the current status of MAT Services and how it impacts operations at the jail. There have been some controversies in regards to medications being used through this program, including scheduled substances. The Routt County Jail and MAT Services are considering the implementation of shots to administer medications to ensure that substances are received by the correct individual, rather than improperly distributed by inmates.

Shots would be administered monthly at scheduled appointments by MAT healthcare professionals at The Front Range Clinic, rather than medication being provided in pill or strip form at the Routt County Jail. This method does increase costs and regulation requirements, however, it would streamline and secure drug administration processes. It would allow inmates to work consistently with healthcare providers while in custody, thereby allowing individuals to develop a plan to continue receiving medication upon release from jail. This program is fully funded through the Jail Base Behavioral Services grant that has been secured through the state.

Lt. Boyle stated that it may also be beneficial to employ an MAT Coordinator to help oversee MAT Services in Routt County. This position is being discussed with Sheriff Wiggins regarding implementation and would also be funded by the state through the JBBS grant.

MOTION

Commissioner Corrigan moved to approve the signature of the chair on the 2022 contract with The Front Range Clinic for Medication Assisted Treatment Services in the Routt County Jail to support the Jail Base Behavioral Services Awarded Grant.

Commissioner Redmond seconded; the motion carried 3-0.

OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS OPT-IN OR OPT-OUT FOR REGION 1

Lt. Boyle updated the Board of County Commissioners on the Opioid Settlement Funds that will be allocated to Region 1 (Rio Blanco, Moffat, Jackson, Grand, and Routt) by the Opiates Settlements Governance Committee and discussed the “opt-in” or “opt-out” options for receiving these funds in Routt County. Lt. Boyle presented a consideration for the Board’s decision on which option they would like to choose.

By selecting to opt-in, Routt County would receive a direct portion of that funding in the amount of \$17487.15 for one year and a total of \$155,501.31 over 18 years. Selecting to opt-out would redirect those funds into a pool for Region 1. The fiscal agent for Region 1 is the Town of Hayden. They will be responsible for allocating funds as they come through the Attorney General’s office.

A two-year plan determines how funds for Region 1 will be allocated to be most beneficial in combating the opiate crisis in the area, including education and education providers. If Routt County chooses to opt-out of the program for Region 1, those funds will be tracked as a percentage in quarterly reports. Instead of benefitting only one county, the funds will be used to maximize benefits for the region. However, selecting to opt-out would also result in the Routt County Commissioners foregoing any say in how funds are used within the region, with those decisions being made by committee members.

MOTION

Commissioner Redmond moved the Board of Commissioners to approve the opt-out option to redirect the local share of Opioid Settlement Funds of \$17,487.15 for one year and a total over 18 years of \$155,501.31 to Region 1.

Commissioner Corrigan seconded; the motion carried 3-0.

No further business coming before the Board, same adjourned sine die.

Jenny L. Thomas, Clerk and Recorder

M. Elizabeth Melton, Chair

Date