

**STATE OF COLORADO
COUNTY OF ROUTT**

OFFICE OF THE CLERK
APRIL 5, 2022

Commissioner Melton, Chair, called the meeting of the Routt County Board of County Commissioners to order. Commissioner Tim Redmond, Commissioner Timothy V. Corrigan, County Manager Jay Harrington, and Executive Assistant Jennifer Parent were also present. Samantha Pearce prepared the minutes.

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

Mr. Harrington presented accounts payable for a total of \$1,098,212.20.

MOTION

Commissioner Corrigan moved to approve the accounts payable, and payroll 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 AND AUTHORIZATION TO HAVE THE CHAIR SIGN THE CONTRACT AMENDMENT TO THE 2021-2022 PSSF CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF ROUTT COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.**
- B. APPROVAL OF AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHAIR TO SIGN A LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL FOR STEAMBOAT GOLF CLUB INC DBA STEAMBOAT GOLF CLUB FOR AN OPTIONAL PREMISES.**
- C. APPROVAL OF AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHAIR TO SIGN A SPECIAL EVENT LIQUOR LICENSE FOR HAYDEN VALLEY ELEMENTARY PTO FOR AN EVENT TO BE HELD AT THE HAYDEN GRANARY.**
- D. APPROVAL OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES: MEETINGS OF MARCH 8, 15, & 22, 2022.**
- E. APPROVAL OF RATIFICATION OF CHAIR'S SIGNATURE ON A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR ROUTT COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT'S GRANT APPLICATION**

MOTION

Commissioner Redmond moved to approve consent items A., B., C., D., and E. on the consent agenda.

Commissioner Corrigan seconded; the motion carried 3-0.

EN RE: PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was made.

EN RE: ROUTT COUNTY WEED PROGRAM

Tiffany Carlson, Weed Control Supervisor presented to the Board a consideration for disbursement of Taylor Grazing Act (TGA) Range Improvement Funds for 2022 projects.

The Noxious Weed Advisory Board met on March 17, 2022 to review 2022 TGA Range Improvement Fund applications. All applicants were encouraged to participate and answer questions presented by board members. There was much discussion amongst board members on how much to allocate to 2022 projects. It was motioned that the board would suggest tabling the original proposal of maintaining an emergency fund, that a reserve of \$10,000.00 should be kept in the account and that the current remaining balance should be disbursed to 2022 projects. The only project motioned on by the board at this meeting was CSU Extension's grasshopper proposal for \$10,000.00, as this is a project that will benefit numerous county residents and has been highlighted as an issue of concern by the Routt County Board of County Commissioners. Proceeding the March meeting, a quorum of board members submitted their recommendations for disbursement for each proposed project. Averaging board members recommendations, the Board came to a total of \$55,123.20 which was \$681.38 or 1.5% over what was motioned on to distribute. The Board then reduced each averaged distribution amount (excluding CSU's) by 1.5% to get the proposed disbursement recommendations, equaling \$54,431.00 and leaving a balance of \$10,010.82 (before 2022 revenues are added) in our TGA Account.

Due to the significant increase in interest in this program, the Board has established a subcommittee that will be meeting in April to work on creating a more transparent and directive allocation process moving into the future.

The Noxious Weed Advisory Boards disbursement recommendations are

- Weed proposal submitted by Doug Button in the amount of \$684.00.
- Fencing proposal submitted by Jan Cohen in the amount of \$1,628.00.
- Grasshopper proposal submitted by Todd Hagenbuch and CSU Extension in the amount of \$10,000.00
- Weed, fence, and water proposal submitted by Kirk Eberl in the amount of \$5,819.00
- Fencing proposal submitted by Mark Foster/Rock N Trout Ranch in the amount of \$5,293.00.
- Fencing proposal submitted by Rita Herold/Cat Creek Ranch in the amount of \$7,621.00.
- Fencing proposal submitted by Timothy Hill in the amount of \$1,260.00.
- Weed proposal submitted by Timothy Hill in the amount of \$1,666.00
- Weed proposal submitted by James Park in the amount of \$3,247.00
- Water proposal submitted by Norman Moore in the amount of \$5,170.00.
- Cattle guard proposal submitted by Heather Stirling in the amount of \$4,603.00.
- Weed proposal submitted by Heather Stirling in the amount of \$5,471.00.
- Water proposal submitted by Heather Stirling in the amount of \$1,969.00.

Total recommended for 2022 disbursement is \$54,431.00. Leaving a balance in the current TGA fund of \$10,010.82.

MOTION

Commissioner Corrigan moved to approve the disbursement of the TGA for the 13 warrants presented for a total amount of \$54,431.00.

Commissioner Redmond seconded; the motion carried 3-0.

EN RE: ADVOCATES OF ROUTT COUNTY

Graham Hackett presented to the Board a consideration for approval and authorization for the Chair to sign a proclamation proclaiming April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month, observed each April, is a campaign that aims to increase awareness about the causes and risk factors for sexual assault and empower individuals to take steps to prevent it in their communities.

The Commissioners' held discussion with Mr. Hackett to help raise awareness during the year, not just during the month of April.

MOTION

Commissioner Redmond moved to approve and authorize the Chair to sign Resolution Number 2022-018, a resolution designating April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Routt County.

Commissioner Corrigan seconded; the motion carried 3-0.

EN RE: HUMAN SERVICES

Camilla Haight from Routt County Human Services presented to the Board a Consideration for approval and authorization for the Chair to sign a proclamation proclaiming April and Child Abuse Prevention Month.

In the early 1980s, the U.S. Congress made a national commitment to identify and implement solutions to end child abuse. Recognizing the alarming rate at which children continued to be abused and neglected and to assist parents and families affected by maltreatment, the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives resolved that the week of June 6-12, 1982, should be designated as the first National Child Abuse Prevention Week. Members of Congress requested the President issue a proclamation calling upon Government agencies and the public to observe the week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities promoting child abuse and neglect prevention.

The following year, 1983, April was proclaimed the first National Child Abuse Prevention Month. In 1989, the Blue Ribbon Campaign to Prevent Child Abuse began as a Virginia grandmother's tribute to her grandson, who died due to abuse. She tied a blue ribbon to the

antenna of her car as a way to remember him and to alert her community to the tragedy of child abuse. The Blue Ribbon Campaign has since expanded across the country; many people wear blue ribbons each April in memory of those who have died due to child abuse and in support of efforts to prevent abuse.

The Department of Human Services is requesting the County of Routt, City of Steamboat Springs, Town of Yampa, Hayden, and Oak Creek to proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention Month county-wide, which is recognized on a national level as well. This proclamation is to urge ourselves and our community members to share in the responsibilities of preventing child maltreatment by strengthening our communities so that children and their families are healthy, safe and nurtured.

These awareness efforts and the desire to strengthen our community's response to child abuse expand outside of April's awareness month. In August 2021, the 14th Judicial District welcomed a valuable resource, Brighter World Child Advocacy Center, which serves children and their families. This center provides a comfortable setting to investigate abuse, hold offenders accountable, and most importantly is a stepping stone for children to begin healing from the trauma of abuse. Since opening its doors, Brighter World Child Advocacy Center has served 39 children and their families.

MOTION

Commissioner Corrigan moved to approve and authorize the Chair to sign Resolution Number 2022-019, a resolution designating April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Routt County.

Commissioner Redmond seconded; the motion carried 3-0.

EN RE: PUBLIC HEALTH

Roberta Smith, Public Health Director presented to the Board a consideration for approval and authorization for the Chair to sign a proclamation proclaiming the week of April 4th, 2022 as Public Health Week.

Public Health Week is to recognize the contributions of public health and highlight issues that are important to improving the community.

Ms. Smith highlighted what the public Health department has done throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, and the next steps moving forward are. Ms. Smith also highlighted Tuberculosis (TB), and how it is effecting the community.

MOTION

Commissioner Redmond moved to approve and authorize the Chair to sign Resolution Number 2022-020, a resolution designating April 4th through April 10th, 2022 as Public Health Week in Routt County.

Commissioner Corrigan seconded; the motion carried 3-0.

EN RE: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Mike Mordi, Director presented to the Board a consideration to approve a resolution pursuant to CRS 42-4-106 authorizing the temporary road closure of approximately 2 miles of CR 18 from the cattle guard below the Stagecoach dam to the gate at Pleasant Valley to all traffic beginning April 5, 2022.

The seasonal closure of roads minimizes damage and save resources needed to maintain other roads that remain open during the transition season. Typically the County implements seasonal closures on CR 18. CR 18 is snowed in during the winter. The Foreman has been checking the road and based on current thaw conditions and increasing traffic potential the road will be closed April 5, 2022. The road will continue to be monitored and will be closed for a period no longer than 90 days. Implementing the restriction discourages recreational use and will minimize traffic at a time when the road is vulnerable to damage. Conditions vary each year, last year the road was closed on April 12, 2021.

MOTION

Commissioner Corrigan moved to approve an authorize the Chair to sign Resolution 2022-021, a resolution pursuant to CRS 42-4-106 authorizing the temporary road closure of approximately 2 miles of CR 18 from the cattle guard below the dam to the gate at Pleasant Valley to all traffic beginning April 5, 2022.

Commissioner Redmond seconded; the motion carried 3-0.

EN RE: FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF ROUTT COUNTY

Angela Pleshe, Early Childhood Care and Learning Program Leader presented to the Board a consideration for approval and authorization for the Chair to sign a proclamation proclaiming April as Month of the Young Child.

MOTION

Commissioner Redmond moved to approve and authorize the Chair to sign Resolution 2022-022, a resolution designating April as Month of the Young Child in Routt County.

Commissioner Corrigan seconded; the motion carried 3-0.

EN RE: LEGAL

Lynaia South, Assistant county Attorney presented to the Board a consideration of approval for County Attorney's signature on Amicus Brief concerning statute of limitations applicable to sheriffs and other law enforcement and to approve and authorize the County Attorney to sign any subsequent pleadings including Amicus Briefs in this case or any subsequent Supreme Court case.

MOTION

Commissioner Redmond moved to approve and authorize the approve and ratify the County Attorney to sign an Amicus Brief concerning statute of limitations applicable to sheriffs

and other law enforcement in Colorado Court of Appeals Case No. 2021CA001648 – Burgaz v. Shrader, and to approve and authorize the County Attorney to sign any subsequent pleadings including Amicus Briefs in this case or any subsequent Supreme Court case.

Commissioner Corrigan seconded; the motion carried 3-0.

EN RE: HUMAN RESOURCES

Stephanie Pearce, Human Resources Generalist presented to the Board a request to hire the Emergency Management Specialist at Step 3 with the opportunity to advance to Step 4 upon successful completion of a six month performance evaluation.

Emergency Management Director, Mo DeMorat is requesting to advance Alyssa Ingles to Step 4 upon successful completion of her 6 month performance evaluation.

Ms. Ingles meets the educational and work experience requirements to be hired at Step 3 and advance to Step 4. She has a B.A. in Communications, American Management Association Crisis Leadership training, and over 6 years of related experience, 2 years above the minimum of 4 years required. In addition, she has already completed the FEMA ICS-100, IS-700, and IS-800 training, 3 of the six National Incident Management System training courses that are required during the first and second year of employment.

The County Manager has reviewed this request, approved Step 3, and recommended placing the approval of Step 4 on the agenda for consideration for approval.

MOTION

Commissioner Corrigan moved to approve advancing the Emergency management Specialist to Step 3 with the opportunity to advance to Step 4 upon successful completion of a six month performance evaluation.

Commissioner Redmond seconded; the motion carried 3-0.

EN RE: GRANT ADMINISTRATION

Caroline McClenahan, Grant Administrator presented to the Board Letters of Support for Congressionally Directed Spending.

The Yampa Valley Housing Authority and City of Steamboat Springs are submitting funding requests to the 2023 Congressionally Directed Spending Requests through Senator Bennet and Hickenlooper's offices. These letters will address 3 different projects: a substation upgrade to bring electricity to Brown Ranch; construction of a waterline to bring water to YVHA's Mid-Valley housing project; and an extension of the Yampa Valley Core Trail, inclusive of a waterline to the Brown Ranch property.

The offices of US Senators Bennet and Hickenlooper will consider Congressionally Directed Funding Requests as submitted through the online portal, inclusive of letters of support. Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) is a mechanism by which members of Congress can request funding for specific projects in their home state that have been submitted for consideration by state and local government entities and nonprofits. Funding for projects, if

approved, would be distributed as part of the federal appropriations process during FY23 (October 2022 – September 2023). All submissions require at least one (but no more than two) letters of support. A funding request does not guarantee funding, however, all applications received will be carefully reviewed and considered.

MOTION

Commissioner Redmond moved to approve and authorize the Chair to sign letters of support for the Yampa Valley Housing Authority, the Town of Oak Creek, and Steamboat Springs' Fiscal Year 2023 Congressionally Directed Spending funding requests.

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