

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on January 5, 2016. Those present for the session were Lynn Padgett, Chair; Ben Tisdell, Vice-Chair; Don Batchelder, Member; Marti Whitmore, County Attorney; and Hannah Hollenbeck, Deputy Clerk of the Board. Connie Hunt, County Administrator was not present.

- **Note – This meeting was recorded for reference purposes.**

**A. 9:01 Call to the Public:**

*The "Call to the Public" agenda item is a time when the public may bring forth items of interest or concern. No formal action may be taken on these items during this time due to the open meeting law provision; however, they may be placed on a future posted agenda if action is required.*

**Scholarship Funds Matching Grant**

*Kim Mitchell, Chief Paramedic, was present.*

Mitchell requested Chair's signature on a letter of intent to pursue a grant for matching funds for the recently created EMS scholarship. The grant was offered through the Colorado Department of Higher Education. The Board agreed to authorize the Chair's signature on the letter of intent, and include it on the next meeting agenda for ratification.

**B. 9:07 General Business:**

**1. Request for approval of the following minutes:**

The Board requested that the signature block for all minutes be amended to reflect the 2015 Chair, Vice-Chair, and Commissioner Member.

**a. November 17, 2015 minutes:**

*M/S/P – Motion was made by Commissioner Batchelder and seconded by Commissioner Tisdell to approve the November 17, 2015 minutes with minor typographical changes. The motion carried with no discussion.*

**b. December 8, 2015 minutes:**

*M/S/P – Motion was made by Commissioner Batchelder and seconded by Commissioner Tisdell to approve the December 8, 2015 minutes with minor typographical changes. The motion carried with no discussion.*

**c. December 15, 2015 minutes:**

*M/S/P – Motion was made by Commissioner Batchelder and seconded by Commissioner Tisdell to approve the December 15, 2015 minutes with minor typographical changes. The motion carried with no discussion.*

**2. Request for adoption of Resolution 2016-001 authorizing the County Administrator to Approve and Sign Contracts, Agreements, and other Documents for Calendar Year 2016:**

Commissioner Batchelder wanted to avoid contradictory statements. He was concerned about giving authority to the County Administrator to approve amounts that might not be included within the budget. Commissioner Padgett understood Commissioner Batchelder's intent, but recalled several instances where quick decisions were imperative. Commissioner Padgett mentioned that Hunt always polled the Commissioners before making any sort of financial decision. Commissioner Batchelder agreed, but wanted to make sure the messaging was consistent.

After a discussion, the Board agreed that the resolution was working well, and that no changes were needed.

*M/S/P – Motion was made by Commissioner Padgett and seconded by Commissioner Tisdell to adopt Resolution 2016-001 authorizing the County Administrator to Approve and Sign Contracts, Agreements and other Documents for Calendar Year 2016. The motion carried unanimously with further discussion.*

**3. Request for adoption of Resolution 2016-002 concerning I.T. Surplus items:**

*Jeff Bockes, I.T. Manager, was present.*

Bockes said that he was requesting that the items listed on the resolution be removed from the County's inventory; most of the items would be recycled, but a few would be available for resale.

*M/S/P – Motion was made by Commissioner Batchelder and seconded by Commissioner Tisdell to adopt Resolution 2016-002 concerning I.T. Surplus items. The motion carried with no discussion.*

**C. 9:34 Commissioner/Administrative Reports:**

Hannah Hollenbeck, Deputy Clerk of the Board, discussed the following:

- 1) **BOCC Work Session/Retreat** – Hollenbeck said that the January 13<sup>th</sup> BOCC Work Session would take place at Secret Garden in Ouray at 9:00AM. Commissioner Padgett and County Administration were compiling a list of work session requests for prioritization.

Marti Whitmore, County Attorney, discussed the following:

- 1) **Pending and Completed Legal Matters**
- 2) **Short Term Rentals**- Commissioner Tisdel asked Whitmore to look into the City of Boulder's recent discussions regarding short term rentals. He wasn't sure if it was similar to Summit County's model.
- 3) **Other Duties as Assigned** - Commissioner Padgett asked the Board to reiterate their pledge to act as a Board when requesting substantial research or other tasks from County Staff. The Board agreed.

Commissioner Batchelder discussed the following:

- 1) **2016 Revenues** - Commissioner Batchelder expressed concern about the budgeted revenues from the Marijuana Excise Tax. He said that there were currently no applications submitted for 2016. Commissioner Padgett said that she was not concerned, as the \$350,000 budget amount was based on what one facility produced for recreational sales in 2015 alone.
- 2) **Appreciation for Road and Bridge Operators** - Commissioner Batchelder expressed his appreciation for the Road and Bridge Operators that worked over the Christmas Holiday clearing roads. Commissioner Padgett and Commissioner Tisdel echoed Commissioner Batchelder's thanks.

Commissioner Tisdel discussed the following:

- 1) **Senator Gulch Parking** - Commissioner Tisdel said that he received a complaint regarding parking at the gate on County Road 361. After a discussion, the Board authorized the County Attorney to draft a letter to Ouray Silver Mines and the County Road and Bridge Department to request that they be more strategic when parking heavy equipment by the gate. Commissioner Padgett said that she had received a meeting request from Red Mountain Club regarding backcountry access, but had asked for additional clarification from the representatives about the intent of the meeting.

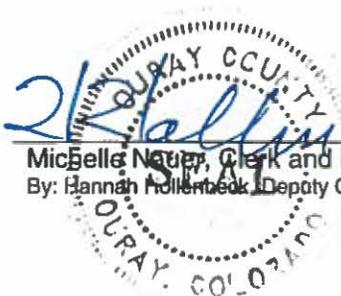
Commissioner Padgett discussed the following:

- 1) **Ridgway Area Trails (RAT)** - Commissioner Padgett reported that she had received a request from RAT for public comment supporting their Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) Non-Motorized Trail Grant Application. She asked the Board if they would be willing to authorize her to draft a letter of support from the Board. The Board agreed, and requested that it be placed on a meeting agenda for ratification.
- 2) **Ridgway Area Trails (RAT) System MOU** - Commissioner Padgett said that the Bureau of Land Management was hosting a meeting to discuss the MOU. She suggested that Hunt become the contact for the County. She said that the meeting date that the BLM had selected conflicted with a previously scheduled Public Hearing. Whitmore said that she had seen the draft MOU, and there were no substantial changes from the previous year, and that there were no binding financial obligations from the County. The Board was comfortable not having County representation at the meeting, as long as no substantial changes were made to the draft MOU.
- 3) **Ouray Hot Springs Improvements Project** - Commissioner Padgett reported that she had heard that no closures were anticipated in 2016 for the project.
- 4) **Marijuana Cultivation Applications** - Commissioner Padgett said that the Board had received an email from Mark Castrodale, County Planner, clarifying his comments in a recent *Ouray County Plaindealer* article. He said that the reporter misrepresented his comments and wanted to clarify that there was one pending application from 2015, and one application in process for 2016.

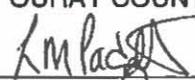
10:18 The Board adjourned the regular session:

Attest:

  
Michelle Nauer, Clerk and Recorder  
By: Hannah Hollenbeck, Deputy Clerk of the Board



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