The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on February 1, 2022. Those present for the session were Lynn M. Padgett, Chair; Jake Niece, Vice-Chair; Ben Tisdel, Commissioner Member; Connie Hunt, County Administrator; Leo Caselli, County Attorney; and Hannah Hollenbeck, Deputy Clerk of the Board.

* Note – This meeting was recorded for reference purposes.

A. 9:01 The Board of County Commissioners convened as the Board of Health concerning the following:

1. Public Health Director Update:

   Tanner Kingery, County Public Health Director, was present.

   Kingery reported on the state of the pandemic. He reported that Ridgway Secondary School had handled successfully an outbreak and thanked them for their communication.

   Kingery discussed case and vaccination data with the Board.

B. 9:45 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.

   Marijuana Cultivation Facility Information Session

   Matt Rocco, All Ways Farms, explained that his company was on the waiting list to submit a marijuana cultivation license application when the moratorium was lifted. He was considering hosting a community presentation and facility tour for the public and inquired to know if the Board would sanction the even in order to have better turn out.

   Commissioner Padgett said that Rocco could host an information session and facility tour; however, as All Ways Farms had not yet received a license and may come before the Local Licensing Authority for consideration, it should not be sanctioned by the Board. Caselli agreed that any public presentation or tour need be outside of the County process.

C. 9:55 Road and Bridge Reports:

   1. Road and Bridge Report:

      Ty Barger, County Road and Bridge Superintendent, was present.

      Barger presented the report.

      The Board discussed speed and dust issues on County Roads 24 and 361, process for compaction and new material on County Road 1, and parking in the hairpin corner on County Road 361 near the CDOT shop.

      The Board agreed to add a work session topic to discuss overnight parking, camping, and occupancy along County Roads where trailheads may exist, specifically on County Roads 5, 17, and 361.

D. 10:20 Break:

D. 10:33 General Business:

1. Request for approval of warrants:

   M/S/P – Motion was made by Commissioner Tisdel and seconded by Commissioner Niece to approve the warrants as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Request for approval and authorization of Chair’s signature on Western Regional Emergency Medical and Trauma Advisory Council (WRETAC) Regional Systems Development Application and Pre-Grant Form:

   M/S/P – Motion was made by Commissioner Tisdel and seconded by Commissioner Niece to approve and authorize Chair’s signature on Western Regional Emergency Medical and Trauma Advisory Council (WRETAC) Regional Systems Development Application and on the Pre-Grant Form. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Request for approval and authorization of Chair’s signature on Intergovernmental Agreement to disburse HRSA Grant Monies to Increase COVID-19 Vaccine Access:

   The Board discussed the $30,000 allocation to Ouray County. Commissioner Niece noted that while the funds were appreciated, it was another insecure funding source to Public Health.

   M/S/P – Motion was made by Commissioner Niece and seconded by Commissioner Tisdel to approve and authorize Chair’s signature on Intergovernmental Agreement to disburse HRSA Grant Monies to Increase COVID-19 Vaccine Access. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Request for approval of a unified Ouray County Board of County Commissioner position on Representative. Shannon Bird’s Draft Bill Text Concerning “The Property Tax Classification of Short-Term Rental Units” and delegating the County Administrator to submit to Colorado Counties, Inc. (ratification):

   Commissioner Padgett reported that the bill had been postponed.

   M/S/P – Motion was made by Commissioner Tisdel and seconded by Commissioner Niece to ratify approval of a unified Ouray County Board of County Commissioner position on Representative Shannon Bird’s Draft Bill Text

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Concerning "The Property Tax Classification of Short-Term Rental Units" and delegating the County Administrator to submit to Colorado Counties, Inc. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Request for approval and authorization of Chair's signature on Extension to Lease Agreement between Ildarado Mining Company and Ouray County for lease of 302 2nd Street, Ouray, and on the Fiscal Impact Form:

Caselli corrected the term to expire in 2024.

M/S/P – Motion was made by Commissioner Tisdel and seconded by Commissioner Niece to approve and authorize Chair's signature on Extension to Lease Agreement between Ildarado Mining Company and Ouray County for lease of 302 2nd Street, Ouray, with the correction to the term, and on the Fiscal Impact Form. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Request for approval of the September 14, 2021 minutes:

The Board discussed and agreed to minor amendments.

M/S/P – Motion was made by Commissioner Tisdel and seconded by Commissioner Niece to approve the September 14, 2021 minutes, as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

E. 10:55 Commissioner/Administrative Reports:

Commissioner Padgett discussed the following:

1) Ouray Conservation and Recreation Alliance (OCRA) - Commissioner Padgett was hoping for greater participation from public lands agencies and other members.
2) Marijuana Ordinance Revisions Webpage - Commissioner Padgett requested that a dedicated webpage be created for the revision process. The Board agreed.

Commissioner Tisdel discussed the following:

1) Highway Projects - Commissioner Tisdel reported that a complete resurfacing of Highway 550 from Ouray to Colona had been funded for summer 2023.
2) OHV High Alpine Counties Partnership - Commissioner Tisdel said that the County had supported Hinsdale County in a joint grant application to the OHV Grant Fund that included some road repairs, and educational materials. He said that the grant had been awarded. The Board agreed to add the topic to the work session list for future discussion, if needed.
3) House Bill 1046 Designation of Over-Snow Use Only - Commissioner Tisdel said that he would be testifying in support of the bill.
4) "No Parking" Signs at Ironton - Commissioner Tisdel reported that "no parking" signs had been installed at two parking spaces at the Ironton ski area parking lot. He asked if Hunt could confirm if the signs had been authorized by the Road and Bridge Superintendent.

11:30PM The Board of County Commissioners adjourned the regular session.

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