

Moffat County Board of County Commissioners
1198 W Victory Way Ste 104 Craig, CO 81625

October 8, 2024

In attendance: Tony Bohrer, Chair; Melody Villard, Vice-Chair; Donald Broom, Board Member; Erin Miller, Deputy Clerk & Recorder; Candace Miller; Jim Howell; Chris Nichols; Jeff Comstock; Heather Brumblow; Cathy Nielson; Angie Boss; Chris Potgieter

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Bohrer called the meeting to order at 8:30 am

Bohrer made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Villard seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Consent Agenda –

Review & Sign the following documents: (see attached)

Minutes:

- a) September 24; September 24 – Board of Public Health; September 27 – Special Mtg

Resolutions:

- b) 2024-101: Accounts Payable
- c) 2024-102: Payroll

Contracts & Reports:

- d) Treasurer's report

Bohrer made a motion to approve consent agenda items A-D. Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Public Comment/General Discussion:

Chris Potgieter, owner of the downtown Conoco station, asked the Board what the plan was for the lot that the old Courthouse sat on, as well as the parking lot to the east. He explained that he had parked some vehicles waiting to be repaired on the west side of the east parking lot and had been approached by a deputy sheriff about moving the vehicles by 4 pm that day (Saturday) or they would be towed. He felt that the short notice/time span was unreasonable. Bohrer asked Potgieter to stay until they had a break in the meeting and they would discuss the situation with him.

Bohrer explained that the BCC would be attending a rally in Grand Junction on Thursday along with other regional elected officials to voice their opposition to Proposition 127. This ballot measure would prohibit the hunting of mountain lion, bobcat and lynx in the State of Colorado.

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Resolution 2024-100: Opposition to Ballot Measure #127 – Prohibition of Bobcat, Lynx and Mountain Lion Hunting (see attached)

This resolution opposes Proposition 127 which would prohibit the hunting of mountain lion, bobcat and lynx.

The BCC feels like it makes more sense for the experts to manage wildlife rather than through a ballot initiative and that it's not fair for the more affected population to be at the mercy of the less affected citizens. There is also going to be another rally in opposition of this ballot measure in Denver on October 18th, sponsored by the Outdoor Coalition.

Villard moved to approve **Resolution 2024-100: Opposition to Ballot Measure #127 – Prohibition of Bobcat, Lynx and Mountain Lion Hunting** as presented today. Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Recess at 8:39 am

8:45 am

Public Hearing:

Finance Department - Cathy Nielson & Heather Brumblow

- Present proposed 2025 County Budget for adoption (see attached)

Bohrer read the Public Hearing protocol.

Nielson presented and explained the narrative for the proposed 2025 County Budget. By state statute, the proposed budget has to be presented by October 15. She emphasized that at this time, all budget items are still under discussion. The final budget will be presented and up for approval at the December 10 Board of County Commissioners meeting.

Highlights include:

- The budget totals \$143,999,033, with an increase of \$14,667,951 or (11.34%) more than the 2024 budget.
This budget is funded with revenue estimates and anticipated fund balances.
- The largest component unit of the budget is Memorial Regional Health. The 2025 Memorial Regional Hospital budget totals \$88,638,719.
- The remaining County budget without the hospital component is \$55,360,314
- Reviewing what can be afforded for salary/cost of living increases for employees – looking at possible 3% raise
- Operating costs are hard to project in the current economy – limited to utility and fuel costs
- Decreased revenue projections:
 - o Severance Tax reduction
 - o Interest rate increases
- Funds identified as being of most concern are:
 - o General Fund (supports 40 departments)
 - o Road & Bridge Department
 - o Landfill
 - o Capital Projects
 - o Department of Human Services
 - o Health & Welfare
 - o Jail
 - o Public Health
 - o Lease Purchase Fund

Bohrer asked the required three times if anyone wanted to testify either for or against this request; there was none. The Public Hearing was closed.

Back in regular session, Villard made a motion to approve the proposed 2025 budget as presented today, with a total (including Memorial Regional Health) of \$143,999,033. Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

3) Planning & Zoning – Candace Miller

- V-24-02- Union Wireless Ellgen cell tower location variance on set back

Bohrer read the Public Hearing protocol.

Due to mandated updates, Union Wireless is requesting a variance to construct a new 120” lattice tower to replace the existing 60’ tower, as well as expand the leased area to 100’ x 60’. The owner of the adjacent property has been notified and did not respond. The Planning & Zoning Commission approved this application.

Bohrer asked if anyone wanted to testify either for or against this request; there was none. The Public Hearing was closed.

Back in regular session, Broom moved to approve V-24-02- Union Wireless Ellgen cell tower location variance on set back. Villard seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 am

The next scheduled BOCC meeting is Tuesday, October 22, 2024

Submitted by:

Erin Miller, Deputy Clerk and Recorder

Approved by: [Signature]

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Approved on: Oct-22, 2024

Attest by: [Signature]

