

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

October 10, 2023

In attendance: Tony Bohrer, Chair; Melody Villard, Vice-Chair; Donald Broom, Board Member; Erin Miller, Deputy Clerk & Recorder; Neil Binder; Candace Miller; Tom Kleinschnitz; Rebecca Tyree; Cathy Nielson; Tracy Winder; Carol Haskins; Heather Brumblow

**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 26; Board of Public Health – September 26; October 2 – Special Meeting

Resolutions:

- b) 2023-104: Transfer of Intergovernment Funds for the month of October
- c) 2023-105: Payment of Warrants
- d) 2023-106: Payroll

Contracts & Reports:

- e) 7th Amendment to Operating Agreement w/CO State Patrol at the Public Safety Center
- f) Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment Quarterly Discharge Monitoring Report for Limestone Pit #10
- g) Public Health - Acknowledgement letter for ELC 2.1 COVID-19 Round 2 Vaccination funding
- h) Intergovernmental Agreement for Inmate Detention Services w/Rio Blanco County
- i) Treasurer's Report

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

Please note that the Board may discuss any topic relevant to County business, whether or not the topic has been specifically noted on this agenda

Public Comment/General Discussion:

The Commissioners welcomed new Office of Development Services Director, Neil Binder

Commissioner Bohrer also mentioned the First Responder/Veterans Dinner to be held on November 4 at the Fairgrounds Pavilion

Board of County Commissioners:

- Appointment to Airport Advisory Board

A letter of interest for an open seat on the Airport Advisory Board was received from Benjamin Ball.

Broom moved to appoint Benjamin Ball to the Airport Advisory Board. Villard seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

- Appointment to 14th Judicial District Community Corrections Board

A letter of interest for an open seat on the 14th Judicial District Community Corrections Board was received from Nele Cashmore.

Broom moved to appoint Nele Cashmore to the 14th Judicial District Community Corrections Board. Villard seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

8:45 am

Public Hearing:**Finance Department - Cathy Nielson & Heather Brumblow**

- Present proposed 2024 County Budget for adoption (see attached)

Bohrer read the Public Hearing protocol.

Nielson presented and explained the narrative for the proposed 2024 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 at the December 12 Board of County Commissioners meeting.

Highlights include:

- The budget totals \$130,084,410, with an increase of \$6,195,377 or (5%) more than the 2023 budget. This budget is funded with revenue estimates and anticipated fund balances.
- The largest component unit of the budget is Memorial Regional Health. The 2024 Memorial Regional Hospital budget totals \$77,577,343.
- The remaining County budget without the hospital component is \$52,507,067
- Reviewing what can be afforded for salary/cost of living increases for employees
- 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.

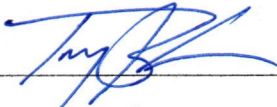
Villard made a motion to approve the preliminary proposed 2024 budget as presented today. Broom seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

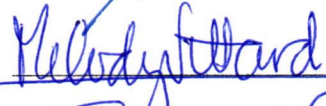
Meeting adjourned at 8:55 am

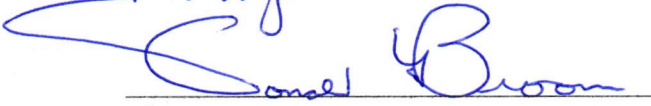
The next scheduled BOCC meeting is Tuesday, October 24, 2023

Submitted by:

Erin Miller, Deputy Clerk and Recorder

Approved by: 





Approved on: October 24, 2023

Attest by: 