

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

November 12, 2024

In attendance: Tony Bohrer, Chair; Melody Villard, Vice-Chair; Erin Miller, Deputy Clerk & Recorder; Candace Miller; Jim Howell; Chris Nichols; Jeff Comstock; Angie Boss; Chris Potgieter; Claire Fettig; Charlie Smith; Charles Johnson; Kacey Green; Roy Tipton; Neil Binder; Tom Kleinschnitz; Bruce White; Colton Murray; Steve Hinkemeyer

**Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance**

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

Commissioner Broom was absent

Bohrer made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, with the exception of switching the order of items 3 & 5. Villard seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Consent Agenda –

Review & Sign the following documents: (see attached)

Minutes:

- a) October 22

Resolutions:

- b) 2024-104: Transfer of Intergovernment Funds for October
- c) 2024-112: Voided Warrants for the month of November
- d) 2024-114: Payroll
- e) 2024-115: Special Payroll for Department of Public Health
- f) 2024-116: A/P

Contracts & Reports:

- g) Treasurer's report
- h) Letter of Support for Bitterbrush & Little Snake State Land Board lease renewal
- i) Department of Public Health Continuity of Operations Plan
- j) Department of Public Health Memo of Understanding w/Western CO Health Network for STI testing
- k) Department of Human Services Memo of Understanding w/Prowers County for Hotline County Connection Center services
- l) Department of Human Services/Department of Health Care Policy and Financing – Contract Amendment #5
- m) Human Resources Department /Brown & Brown
 - Broker Service Agreement
 - Business Associate Agreement
- n) Prescription Benefits contract w/HealthComp
- o) Three Forks Ranch com site lease renewal
- p) Ratify corrections to Resolution 2024-111

Bohrer made a motion to approve consent agenda items A-P. Villard seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Public Comment/General Discussion:

There was no Public Comment

Villard thanked all of the election judge volunteers that came forward to help with the extra hand count that was required and the Clerk & Record's/Elections Office for all of their hard work on the election process.

Bohrer commented that even if it was a day late, he wanted to thank veterans for their service.

- 1) **Board of County Commissioners**
 - Appoint (3) Fair Board seats (see attached)

There are still four open seats on the Fair Board. At this time, three letters of interest have been received. The Fair Board had asked to have some input on new selections, because of the time commitment that this board requires. Bohrer suggested tabling this item until the November 26 meeting and possibly having a workshop with the Fair Board regarding the letters of interest.

Villard moved to table the appointments to the Fair Board until the November 26th BCC meeting. Bohrer seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Staff Reports:

- 2) **Road & Bridge Department – Bruce White**
 - Request to release retainage for Road Striping (see attached)

White presented a letter that detailed the process for release of retainage to Stripe-A-Lot for the 2024 pavement striping project. The Road & Bridge Department advertised twice in the Craig Press; no notices of claims or outstanding payments was received by the Road & Bridge Department. White requested to make final payment to Stripe-A-Lot in the amount of \$9,689.32.

Villard moved to approve release of retainage to Stripe-A-Lot in the amount of \$9,689.32. Bohrer seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

- 5) **Natural Resources Department – Jeff Comstock**
 - Pumped Hydro contract amendment (see attached)

This contract amendment is in reference to the development of the Socio-Economic Assessment study for the Pumped Hydro project, in the amount of \$10,050, which covers additional workforce data. The added monies will not come out of County coffers, but will still be covered by the original OJT grant. The Socio-Economic Assessment study should be wrapped up by the first part of December. A draft version of the study will be presented at the November 26th BCC meeting.

Villard moved to approve the increase of \$10,050 utilizing the Office of Just Transition grant for the Pumped Hydro contract amendment as presented. Bohrer seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

- Public Utilities Commission Attorney contract amendment (see attached)

This document (and the next two) covers the upcoming Xcel portion of the PUC hearings. The contract amendment will extend the legal representation agreement with Cunilio Consulting to include the Xcel hearings. Cunilio Consulting has bid the project for \$69,300, which is less than the costs for the Tri-State hearings because they have already done so much of the background work. The Memo of Understanding with the City of Craig listed below is to split the cost of this representation.

Villard moved to approve the attorney contract amendment with Cunilio Consulting for the full amount of \$69,300, recognizing that half of that will be Moffat County's responsibility. Bohrer seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Comstock pointed out that we are not expecting near as large of a settlement amount as what we had gotten from Tri-State because of the lower percentage of ownership by Xcel in Moffat County.

- Resolution 2024-113: Delegation of Authority (see attached)

This resolution authorizes Commissioner Villard to act on behalf of the BCC for the PUC/Xcel hearings, exactly like we did for the Tri-State hearings.

Bohrer moved to adopt Resolution 2024-113: Delegation of Authority. Villard seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

- City of Craig/Moffat County PUC Memo of Understanding (see attached)

This Memo of Understanding with the City of Craig is to jointly participate in these negotiations with Xcel/PUC. Rather than relying on an Office of Just Transition grant this time around, the City/County will be footing the bill for the legal representation.

Villard moved to approve the Memo of Understanding with the City of Craig regarding Xcel/PUC hearings. Bohrer seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

4) Human Resources Department – Rachel Bower

- Memorial Regional Health billing discussion (see attached)

Bower explained that over the last few months, there have been discrepancies in medical services billings involving Memorial Regional Health and the County's health insurance. There have also been several workshops to discuss the problems and it has come to the point to take some action on the issue. Bower requested authorizing herself and County Attorney, Garry Rhoden, to be appointed as points of contact to continue the discussions and negotiate towards a final agreement for the billing issues. If some type of solution can be reached, they will bring it back before the board to make a final decision.

Villard moved to authorize the County Attorney, Garry Rhoden, and Human Resources Director, Rachel Bower, to negotiate this issue and bring us to final agreement. Bohrer seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

3) Office of Development Services – Neil Binder & Roy Tipton/ Johnson Consulting

- Fairgrounds/Event Center Master Plan (see attached)

Binder and Tipton came up before the BCC to introduce the members of the Johnson Consulting team, Charles Johnson, Charlie Smith and Claire Fettig, who have developed a Master Plan for the proposed Fairgrounds

upgrade/Event Center. The purpose of this project would hopefully allow us to increase services and provide some economic development. It was also emphasized that this is merely a proposed plan, a feasibility study, and nothing is set in stone yet.

The consulting team came up and gave a slide presentation based on the study they did, part of which was based on community/stakeholder meetings for input.

Presentation:

- 6) Colorado First Conservation District - Kacey Green
 - Program update (see attached)

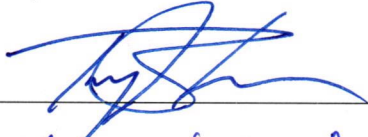
Green gave a presentation that highlighted the main grants that their office is working under at this time for healthy sagebrush habitat and fighting invasive grasses.

Meeting adjourned at 9:41 am

The next scheduled BOCC meeting is Tuesday, November 26, 2024

Submitted by:

Erin Miller, Deputy Clerk and Recorder

Approved by: 
Meledy Howard

Approved on: November 26, 2024

Attest by: Erin Miller

