

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

December 10, 2024

In attendance: Tony Bohrer, Chair; Melody Villard, Vice-Chair (ZOOM); Donald Broom, Board Member; Erin Miller, Deputy Clerk & Recorder; Cathy Nielson; Heather Brumblow; Garry Rhoden; Jeff Comstock; Steve Hinkemeyer; Jesse Schroeder; John Husband; Tamara Nauman; Roger Richmond

**Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance**

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

Commissioner Villard joined the meeting by ZOOM

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

Consent Agenda –

Review & Sign the following documents: (see attached)

- a) November 26

Resolutions:

- b) 2024-127: Payroll
- c) 2024-133: A/P
- d) 2024-135: Transfer of Intergovernment Funds for the month of October

Contracts & Reports:

- e) Treasurer's report
- f) Contract Amendment #2: Value West
- g) Contract Amendment #1: Farming Lease w/Sterling Rollins
- h) Contract Amendment #6: Avenu Enterprise Solutions, LLC
- i) Voya Financial Administration Agreement/Stop Loss Excess Risk Coverage
- j) Service Agreement w/Curalinc, LLC (Curalinc Healthcare) for Employee Assistance Program

Bohrer made a motion to approve the consent agenda items A-J. 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:

There was no public comment or general discussion

County Attorney – Garry Rhoden

- Resolution 2024-126: (see attached)

County Volunteer Board Code of Conduct, Conflict of Interest & Ex-Parte Contact Policies

Rhoden explained that a uniform policy regarding Volunteer Board Code of Conduct, Conflict of Interest & Ex-Parte Contact was developed for the various community boards that are appointed by the county. These policies are meant to provide some uniformity/guidance for the boards for any situations that might arise. The boards will also be required to review their by-laws each year and make any necessary changes at that time.

Broom moved to approve the **Resolution 2024-126: County Volunteer Board Code of Conduct, Conflict of Interest & Ex-Parte Contact Policies**. Villard seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

8:45 am

Public Hearing:

Finance Department – Cathy Nielson & Heather Brumblow

Approval of the **2025 Final County Budget** (which includes): (see attached)

- Final Approval of the 2025 County Budget: (which includes)
- **2024-128: Appointment of Budget Officer to Serve as Authorized Party to Certify Tax Levies Pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes 39-1-III**
- **2024-129: Amending Resolution 2023-131 – Distribution of Sales Tax**
- **2024-130: Resolution to adopt 2025 budget**
- **2024-131: Resolution to Appropriate Sums of Money**
- **2024-132: Mill Levies**

Bohrer read the Public Hearing protocol and declared the Public Hearing open.

Nielson presented the final 2025 County Budget and explained the various components.

There was no testimony either for or against the budget presentation.

Back in Regular Session, Broom made a motion to approve the **2025 Budget** in its entirety as presented with the following necessary resolutions:

- **2024-128: Appointment of Budget Officer to Serve as Authorized Party to Certify Tax Levies Pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes 39-1-III**
- **2024-129: Amending Resolution 2023-131 – Distribution of Sales Tax**
- **2024-130: Resolution to adopt 2025 budget**
- **2024-131: Resolution to Appropriate Sums of Money**
- **2024-132: Mill Levies**

Villard seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Natural Resources Department – Jeff Comstock

- Present final version of Potential Socioeconomic Impacts of the Craig-Hayden Pumped Storage Project report (see attached)

Comstock presented the final version of Potential Socioeconomic Impacts of the Craig-Hayden Pumped (closed loop) Storage Project report, and asked the BCC to make a motion accepting it. This project (when approved) would be on the east end of Moffat County, right on the county line with Routt County, would create 600 megawatts of power, and should take about six years to complete. rPlus Energies (the contractor) hired SWCA

to do this study. The study covered tax revenue impacts, jobs, water use, workforce & workforce housing. There would be on average 500 workers on the construction side of the project, with 35 on-site permanent employees after completion. It has the potential to generate \$1.4 million in property taxes.

Matthew Shapiro and Lars Dorr, both with rPlus Energies, appeared by ZOOM. Steve Hinkemeyer, chairman of the Land Use Board, also came up and commented about aspects of the project.

Broom moved to accept the final version of Potential Socioeconomic Impacts of the Craig-Hayden Pumped Storage Project report. Villard seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Presentation:

Yampa River Leafy Spurge Project – John Husband Program update

Husband made introductions from the audience - Jesse Schroeder (Moffat County Weed & Pest) and Tamara Nauman, who joined him for the presentation. He also presented a slide show detailing the history behind & the work of the Yampa River Leafy Spurge Project, their partners and volunteers, to eradicate the invasive Leafy Spurge plant along the Yampa River.

Emily Spencer (Dinosaur National Monument) and Ben Beall appeared by ZOOM.

Northwest Loan Fund – Anita Cameron Program update Community Development Block Grant application (see attached)

Cameron presented a Community Development Block Grant Application packet for signature. The Northwest Loan Fund is responsible for generating business loans for the nine northwest counties in Colorado. These loans are used to create jobs and stimulate the economy in these counties. Catherine Blevins with Yampa Valley Bank, who is the local representative for the Loan Fund committee, also participated in the presentation. The grant money comes out of HUD at the Federal level, but they are managed at the State level. The State provides 16% on top of the grant, which is used for administration fees. The recent grant is \$5,159,898 and the money is usually available in around six weeks depending on the volume of applications. During the last grant process, Cameron secured about \$3 million in loans, 24 loans were made, which helped to create 87 jobs.

Broom made a motion to approve signing the Community Development Block Grant application and the Intergovernmental Agreement. Villard seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 am

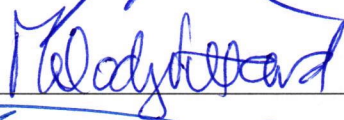
The next scheduled BOCC meeting is Tuesday, December 31, 2024

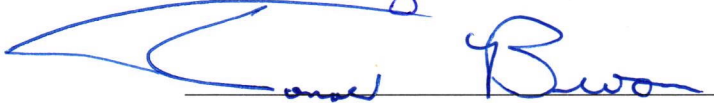
Submitted by:

Erin Miller, Deputy Clerk and Recorder

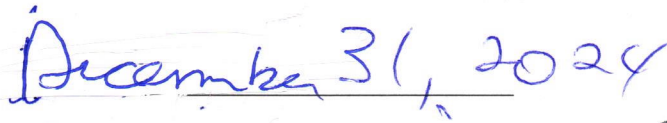
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Attest by:

