

**STATE OF COLORADO  
COUNTY OF ROUTT**

**OFFICE OF THE CLERK  
October 9, 2018**

Commissioner Douglas B. Monger, Chair, called the regular meeting of the Routt County Board of County Commissioners to order. Commissioner Timothy V. Corrigan and Commissioner Cari Hermacinski, County Manager Tom Sullivan, and Deputy County Manager Dan Weinheimer were also present. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Tegan Anderson recorded the meeting and prepared the minutes.

**EN RE: WARRANTS**

Mr. Sullivan advised that there were no accounts payable items this week.

**EN RE: ITEMS OF NOTE FROM PREVIOUS DAY'S WORK SESSION**

Commissioner Monger noted that the Board received updates from the County Manager, County Attorney, Human Resources Director, Planning Director, Human Services Director, Building Official, and had a Communications Budget Work Session.

**EN RE: CONSENT AGENDA**

The following items were presented for consideration, approval, and signing on the consent agenda:

- A. Approval of County Commissioners Minutes: Regular Meeting of August 28, 2018.

**MOTION**

Commissioner Hermacinski moved to approve item A on the consent agenda and authorized the Chair to sign the related documents.

Commissioner Corrigan seconded; the motion carried 3-0.

**EN RE: PUBLIC COMMENT**

No members of the public were present for comment.

## **EN RE: ADVOCATES OF ROUTT COUNTY / LISEL PETIS**

### **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

Ms. Petis stated that she is requesting the approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign a resolution proclaiming October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Routt County. An increase in domestic violence and sex assault reports has increased however it is unknown if there has been an increase in instances or if reporting has increased.

Ms. Petis added that Advocates recently went through a name change from Advocates Building Peaceful Communities to Advocates of Routt County. Also, a few new programs have been added, the mission statement has been updated, and the Advocates Board is actively trying to recruit board members from outlying communities.

Commissioner Corrigan thanked Advocates and Ms. Petis for their contribution they have made to the community and the work they perform.

### **MOTION**

Commissioner Corrigan moved to approve and authorize the Chair to sign resolution 2018-073, proclaiming October domestic violence awareness month in Routt County, Colorado.

Commissioner Hermacinski seconded; the motion carried 3-0.

## **EN RE: BOARD OF HEALTH**

Kari Ladrow, Julia Von Allmen, Stephanie Einfeld, Diana Horn, Scott Cowman and Heather Savalox, Environmental Health; were present.

Ms. Von Allmen discussed social determinants of health (SDOH). She gave a presentation regarding the social determinates of health, food insecurity, SDOH screening tools, and played a video regarding a local citizen and the SDOH he experienced.

Mr. Weinheimer noted that he asked Northwest Colorado Health to discuss social determinates of health as a follow up from the State Board of Health meeting that occurred a few weeks prior and to touch of how public health impacts the entire community.

Ms. Ladrow discussed some public health updates. She noted that many of the public health programs they provide are addressing some of the social determinants of health such as the Safe Care program and social activity groups for seniors. Many of the programs she touched on are outside of the Routt County funding stream however they are programs offered to this community that help address barriers to accessing health care. The goal is to go upstream and proactively address health issues before they happen through the programs offered.

Ms. Ladrow noted that Northwest Colorado Health completed a SWOT analysis to assess their level of compliance with state statutes regarding public health. They discovered there are some areas for opportunity that they are working to address. They are also going to begin having discussions regarding how the Board of Health operates and how they can improve on that.

Mr. Weinheimer noted that he is hoping to transition the quarterly Board of Health updates into a more holistic discussion of community health and public health programs instead of simply being updated on statistics.

## **EN RE: ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH / SCOTT COWMAN**

### **COLORADO'S INSTREAM FLOW PROGRAM**

Robert Viehl, Colorado Water Conservation Board; Jay Skinner, Colorado Parks and Wildlife; and Roy Smith, Bureau of Land Management; were also present.

Mr. Viehl from the Colorado Water Conservation Board gave a presentation. He discussed the history of the Colorado Instream Flow Program. The program maintains flows in streams to ensure preservation of the natural environment and achieves a balance with other beneficial uses of water in the state. It also provides regulatory certainty for water users by preserving the doctrine of prior appropriation and operating within the priority system.

Mr. Viehl Discussed how new appropriations and water acquisitions are achieved. Any person or entity may recommend streams or lakes to be considered for appropriation to preserve the natural environment however CPW and BLM are the largest recommenders of waterbodies. Those waterbodies need to meet the statutory requirements to qualify for the Instream Flow Program then it goes through a review and approval process. He noted that hydrologic analyses tools are used to gather data used to consider the waterbody.

The local streams being recommended were discussed. Those noted were Watson Creek and Trout Creek both being recommended by the BLM. Other creeks are being looked at for future recommendations however they try to strategically recommend them in regional clusters. Information regarding streams in the program and recommendations is located on the Colorado Water Conservation Board website.

### **YAMPA VALLEY SUSTAINABILITY COUNCIL PROGRAM REVIEW**

Sarah Jones, Cameron Hawkins, and Anne Mudgett, Yampa Valley Sustainability Council; Kate Bailey, Ecocycle; Garrett Smith, Tina Evans, Winn Cowman, Jeff Nelson, Audrey Williams, Jim Cook, Scott Conner, Pam Buxbaum, Luke Tellier, and Jennie Yeats, Materials Management stakeholder group; were present.

Ms. Hawkins stated that the Yampa Valley Sustainability Council created a Materials Management Work Group that consists of about 20 partners and community members. Over the

past year they have met and identified six waste diversion goals that they are interested in pursuing however they are seeking feedback from the community and elected officials.

A regional waste diversion study was conducted to determine residential and commercial waste. It was discovered 77.5% of waste being placed in landfills has value or a different possible destination besides the landfill. Waste diversion can become more economical when tonnage is increased therefore it is more feasible for out waste haulers to do. The plan aims to strengthen community partnerships and promote education regarding proper recycling habits.

This plan has been being presented around the county through stakeholder meetings with the municipalities, outlying communities, and large businesses to get input on the strategic plan and discuss collaboration. Once feedback has been received and a final strategic plan is developed Yampa Valley Sustainability Council will request the County Commissioners and City County to adopt the plan.

At this point the proposed priority work areas for the strategic plan are curbside recycling, organic recovery, businesses, construction materials, transfer stations, and education/events. The intent is to make taskforce groups of community members that will then start tackling action steps to achieve identified goals.

Commissioner Monger asked if there is another community is out there that we can mirror. Ms. Bailey noted that Colorado has some of the worst recycling rates in the country. She is seeing other communities coming together and incentivizing businesses to invest in recycling through partnerships to make it more economical. She also has been finding that communities work better as a corridor and reduce transportation costs. Transport is only a small part of the carbon footprint because the real savings is on not inputting energy into making new materials.

Commissioner Monger asked how we know where the recycling is actually going. Ms. Bailey discussed the impacts of single stream recycling on the overall recycling system and how it supported sending recyclables overseas to China. Now China no longer wants to take our waste so on a domestic level we are needing to relearn what to do with the recyclables and how to process them here. This can involve education or asking companies to shift the containers they use to more easily recycled varieties of plastic.

Commissioner Corrigan discussed the popularity of the green machine in South Routt and the desire to have the green machine come more frequently or have a larger capacity.

## **YAMPA VALLEY SUSTAINABILITY COUNCIL 2019 BUDGET REQUEST**

Ms. Jones discussed the 2019 budget proposal briefly. She noted that the short story is that they are not requesting any additional funding. She added that they are adding the public waste diversion education program and will continue the business waste diversion education and outreach program.

Commissioner Corrigan asked about the storm water education line item. Ms. Jones replied that because of grease traps outside of restaurants and the risk they pose to the storm

water system the City of Steamboat Springs gave \$1,500 to address storm water concerns. It has been a very good way to also discuss recycling barriers with restaurants while they are approaching them about storm water concerns.

The Board noted that they don't see any concerns in the 2019 budget at this point.

**EN RE: HUMAN RESOURCES / KATHY NELSON**

**STOP LOSS PREMIUM**

Ms. Nelson stated that the previous week the Hays Companies consultants were presenting the health stop loss and benefit information. In the past week the consultants discovered another stop loss option for the County that results in a significant savings. Ms. Nelson noted that she is requesting the consideration to approve the new carrier.

**MOTION**

Commissioner Hermacinski moved approve Partners MGU in 2019 as the County stop loss carrier instead of Berkshire Hathaway.

Commissioner Corrigan seconded; the motion carried 3-0.

No further business coming before the Board, same adjourned sine die.

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Kim Bonner, Clerk and Recorder

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Douglas B. Monger, Chair

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