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TO: Board of County Commissioners
Scott Vargo
Jeff Huntley
FROM: Sara R. Lopez
RE: Work Session Meeting of June 9, 2020
DATE: June 9, 2020

Attendees:

Elected Officials: Karn Stiegelmeier, Elisabeth Lawrence and Thomas C. Davidson – Commissioners

Staff: Scott Vargo, County Manager; Jeff Huntley, County Attorney; Bentley Henderson, Assistant County Manager; Keely Ambrose, Assistant County Attorney; Brian Bovaird, Emergency Management Director; Tara Gordon, Emergency Management Liaison and Sara R Lopez, Administrative Assistant.

Staff (via phone): Marty Ferris, Finance Director; Julie Sutor, Communications Director; Jason Dietz, Housing Director and April Paige, Executive Administrative Manager.

Guests (via phone): Heidi Williams, Lyle Sidener, Bryan Lamont, Elissa Slezak, Melanie Brown and others who did not sign in.

I. Habitat for Humanity Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Jason Dietz gave an update on the following topic but not limited to:

On October 3, 2012, the County purchased three lots located at 0019 Straight Creek Drive, previously owned and occupied by Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church. The property will be utilized for workforce housing, purchased with funds dedicated to the development of affordable workforce housing within the community.

The Dillon Valley Vistas Planned Unit Development (PUD), currently under construction, will provide twelve new deed restricted units to the workforce-housing inventory. Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing affordable housing to low-income families, and Lot 1, Block 2 would make an ideal lot for a Habitat low-income housing unit.

The County and Habitat have been in discussions for over a year about the County donating this lot to Habitat. This donation would provide a rare opportunity for Habitat to construct a low income, for sale home to a household within our local workforce.

II. Opioid Response Update

Heidi Williams, from the Attorney General's Office, gave a digital presentation on the following topic but not limited to

The Attorney General's Office efforts in addressing the opioid epidemic. These efforts include ongoing litigation of Purdue Pharma, prevention and education programs within communities, treatment and recovery programs.

Commissioners asked questions and thanked Ms. Williams for her work.

III. Final Multi-Jurisdictional Wildfire Hazard Mitigation Plan

Brian Bovaird, from Emergency Services, gave an update on the following topic but not limited to:

Brian introduced Tara Gordon, new Emergency Management team member.

PURPOSE OF UPDATED HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Summit County and several participating jurisdictions prepared this updated local hazard mitigation plan to better protect the people and property of the county from the effects of hazard events. This plan demonstrates the communities' commitment to reducing risks from hazards and serves as a tool to help decision makers direct mitigation activities and resources.

The four goals of the Summit County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan are the following:

Goal 1: Reduce risk to the people, property, and environment of Summit County from the impacts of hazards

Goal 2: Protect critical facilities and infrastructure

Goal 3: Minimize economic losses

Goal 4: Implement the mitigation actions identified in the plan

UPDATED CONTENT

The updated plan complies with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) guidance for Local Hazard Mitigation Plans. The update followed requirements noted in the Disaster Mitigation Act (DMA) of 2000 and FEMA's 2013 Local Hazard Mitigation Planning Handbook. This multi-jurisdictional multi-hazard mitigation plan update involved a comprehensive review and update of each section of the 2013 plan and includes an assessment of the success of Summit County and the participating jurisdictions in evaluating, monitoring, and implementing the mitigation strategy outlined in the initial plan.

As part of this plan update, all sections were reviewed and updated to reflect new data and methodologies on hazards, risk analysis, capabilities, and mitigation strategies. The plan was also revised to reflect changes in development, including using the latest version of the assessor's office data as the basis for identifying overall and hazard exposure for developed parcels by County and jurisdiction. All relevant information and data still valid from the 2013 plan was carried forward as applicable to this update.

Commissioners asked questions and thanked Brian and Tara for their work. The updated plan will be presented for consent at this afternoon's BOCC Regular Meeting.

IV. Colorado Parks & Wildlife (CPW) Herd Management Plans

Bryan Lamont gave a digital presentation on the following topic but not limited to:

MIDDLE PARK DEER HERD MANAGEMENT PLAN DRAFT

The Middle Park Deer Data Analysis Unit (DAU) D-9 is located primarily in Grand and Summit Counties in north-central Colorado. The Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) has conducted aerial sex and age composition surveys in D-9 since the late 1960's. Although the sex ratio was below objective until the late-1990s, these ratios have generally increased and have remained above objective since.

The three-year average for antlered and antlerless deer harvest is 1,600 and 1,100, respectively. The Middle Park deer herd has been managed with hunter opportunity in mind, and thus buck and doe license allocation has been aggressive throughout the years.

Significant Issues

The proliferation of all forms of outdoor recreation on public lands, land development, fragmentation by roads and trails, and suppression of wildfires has the potential to impact habitat quality and quantity for the Middle Park deer herd. Although Middle Park has not been affected in some of these areas at the same rate as other deer herds in CO, the concern remains high that if not kept in check, loss of quality habitat could eventually negatively affect this herd. Although Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) prevalence remains low in D-9, this disease continues to be a concern for managers.

Management Objective Recommendations

CPW recommends a new population objective range of 10,500-14,000. This alternative will keep the previous lower end of the objective, while widening the overall objective and increasing the upper end. CPW recommends maintaining the current sex ratio objective of 30-35 bucks: 100 does.

Strategies for Addressing Management Issues and Achieving Objectives

CPW will continue to work collaboratively with our partners in the federal land management agencies, private landowners, county governments, local municipalities and NGOs to protect and enhance the remaining mule deer habitat. Important habitat conservation methods include habitat treatments, conservation easements or land acquisitions, maintaining landscape connectivity and movement corridors, and adhering to seasonal recreation closures on winter range areas.

To achieve the updated population objective and to maintain the current sex ratio objective, CPW will continue to set licenses annually to provide sufficient buck and doe hunting opportunity for the public, and to use hunting as a management tool to keep deer densities and buck ratios at moderate levels to encourage herd productivity and discourage the spread of CWD.

MIDDLE PARK PRONGHORN HERD MANAGEMENT PLAN DRAFT

The majority of pronghorn in the Middle Park Pronghorn Data Analysis Unit (DAU PH-37) are located in Grand County; however, there are also small groups that are a part of the DAU in Eagle, Garfield, Rio Blanco, Routt, and Summit Counties.

Although historical accounts indicate pronghorn in Middle Park were quite plentiful, by the 1920's pronghorn had been extirpated from the area. By the 1970's pronghorn naturally began to return to Middle Park and the current population estimate is 816 pronghorn. The most recent Herd Management Plan for the PH-37 DAU was completed in 1999 — at which time a population and sex ratio (bucks:100 does) objective of 630 and 40, respectively, were established.

Significant Issues, Management Objective Recommendations & Strategies for Addressing Management Issues and Achieving Objectives

Same as listed under Deer Herd Management Plan

Commissioners asked questions, offered feedback and thanked Mr. Lamont for his work and presentation.

V. Managers' and Commissioners' Issues

Senior Management and Commissioners discussed several topics including but not limited to:

Scott Vargo gave an update on the CARES Act funding, and how the State plans to distribute funds to Colorado Counties.

Marty Ferris proposed the appointment of Deb Price to the CRISP Board. Deb received the second highest amount of votes at the previous election. Ms. Ferris will submit the request to the consent agenda for the June 23, 2020 BOCC Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Stiegelmeier discussed the steps she is taking to transition out of her duties; starting with the different Board of Directors, of which she is currently a member. She noted that her replacement for the water-related board posts does not need to be a commissioner. The suggestion was accepted by Commissioner Lawrence and Commissioner Davidson.

Commissioners also reviewed schedules and upcoming calendar events.

VI. Review of Legal Matters (Attorney) (*Executive Session Recommended*)

Jeff Huntley and Scott Vargo requested an amendment to the Work Session Agenda to add an Executive Session discussion to review various confidential legal matters and the legal issues related thereto.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lawrence and seconded by Commissioner Davidson to go into Executive Session to review various confidential legal matters and the Legal Issues related thereto. BOCC voted 3 to 0 to go into Executive Session per CRS 24-6-402 (4) (b)(e). The motion was approved.

After the BOCC Regular Meeting, Commissioners reconvened into an extended afternoon Work Session at 2 p.m.

VII. AV Equipment Presentation

Adam Weisgerber, Account Manager with Bravas Colorado, LLC, gave an update on the following topic but not limited to:

Review of the Audio Visual Equipment Upgrade Proposal for the BOCC Hearing Room, and their plan to integrate these upgrades while preserving the historic character of the room.

Commissioners asked questions, offered suggestions and thanked the group for the presentation.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:



Sara R Lopez, Deputy Clerk



Approved by:



Karn Stiegelmeier, Chair