



## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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TO: Board of County Commissioners  
Jeff Huntley  
FROM: Sara R. Lopez  
RE: Work Session Meeting of July 13, 2021  
DATE: Tuesday, July 13, 2021

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### **Attendees:**

Elected Officials: Elisabeth Lawrence, Tamara Pogue and Joshua Blanchard – Commissioners  
Jaime FitzSimons - Sheriff

Staff (in person or via Zoom): Jeff Huntley, County Attorney; April Paige, Executive Administrative Manager; Bentley Henderson, Assistant County Manager; Brandi Timm, Planning Technicians/STRs; Brian Lorch, Open Space & Trails Director; Christine Zenel, Open Space Resource Specialist; David Reynolds, Assistant Finance Director; Jason Dietz, Housing Director; Jim Curnutte, Community Development Director; Keely Ambrose, Assistant County Attorney; Marty Ferris, Finance Director; Peter Haynes, Undersheriff; Robert Jacobs, Road & Bridge Director; Sarah Schwartz, Planning Technicians/STRs; Sarah Vaine, Assistant County Manager; and Sara R Lopez, Administrative Assistant.

Guests (in person or via Zoom): Adam Bianchi, Alison Mathes, Andrew Pappas, Anne Lowe, Avery Turman, Ayisha Irfan, Bill Norris, Brodie Mann, Corry Mihm, Gavin Dalgliesh, Jenna deJong, Katie Knoll, Paul Semmer, Peter Siegel, Peyton Rogers, Reid Tulley, Samantha Nuechterlein, Scott Reid, Shannon Haynes, Wes Renz,

### **I. Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) Conversation**

Rick Garcia, DOLA Executive Director, discussed several topics including but not limited to:

Mr. Garcia gave an overview of the DOLA projects, including the Broadband Program and DOLA's role in Early Childhood Education. For additional information on DOLA Funding Programs, please visit: <https://cdola.colorado.gov/financial-assistance>

Commissioner Pogue discussed the current housing crisis in Summit County and the possibility of combining DOLA and county funds for projects. She also noted that the state's focus on housing seems to be heavily focused on urban projects, not rural. Mr. Garcia said that they are committed to assist the county to assist and shared an update on House Bills and funding opportunities. These funds are for new construction projects, as well as existing properties.

Commissioners thanked Mr. Garcia for taking the time to come by and speak with them.

### **II. Airbnb Discussion**

Ayisha Irfan, Public Policy Team Member at AirBnB, discussed several topics including but not limited to:

Airbnb was born in 2007 and is powered by everyday people who use what is typically their greatest expense – their homes – to supplement their income. Supporting the communities in which we operate, while providing our Hosts with the economic opportunity that hosting enables, is a top priority for us. We know that responsible tourism continues to be an important part of Summit County’s economy, and we want to support local efforts.

Ms. Irfan gave an update on the following:

- Regulatory Schemes
  - Promoting tourism while maintaining a degree of control on the STR marketplace
- Government Facing Compliance Methods
  - Partnership for Nuisance Listings
  - Law Enforcement Portal
- Guest Facing Compliance Methods
  - New Guest Standards
    - Excessive noise
    - Unauthorized guests
    - Unauthorized parking
    - Unauthorized smoking
    - Major cleanliness concerns requiring excessive cleaning after checkout
- Community Facing Compliance Methods
  - Airbnb Neighborhood Support Line

Commissioners expressed their appreciation for the changes Airbnb is implementing, but shared the current housing challenge and asked about collaborating with Airbnb to provide workforce housing. Ms. Irfan said they would be happy to do so.

Commissioners thanked Ms. Irfan for reaching out and agreeing to participate in the meeting today.

### III. **Quandary Access Discussion Update (Open Space)**

Bentley Henderson, Sheriff FitzSimons, and Brian Lorch gave an update including but not limited to:

- Parking lot expansion and efficiency improvements approvals and surveying. Project will start July 30, 2021
  - Fifteen (15) Additional spaces will be added, and existing spaces will be restriped.
  - Improve the surface of the helipad area, and clearly delineate the helipad area, to facilitate utilization of a shuttle and emergency transport
  - Substantial signage plan
- Paid parking
  - Parking reservations
  - Parking enforcement, in conjunction with the Town of Breckenridge
  - Infrastructure
- Shuttle Services
  - Offsite parking will be at the Ice Rink
  - Strong marketing efforts to support shuttle services to the trail
    - Retailers, lodging, and entities that cater to Front Range visitors

- Google and other browsing services to change their messaging
- Cell Services update

Commissioner Lawrence noted that the main issue with the Quandary Access is public safety. The Sheriff's Office does not support parking along the road as this interferes with emergency vehicles getting up to the area, which would be a big problem in case of a wildfire.

Mr. Bianchi asked if they could add a shuttle stop for anyone interested in hiking McCullough Gulch Trail up the road Commissioners agreed. Peter Haynes suggested having a Quandary Peak Info Line that would provide up to date information.

Peter Semmer shared his experiences as a former US Forest Service employee with Quandary Trail issues he dealt with in the 80's and gave his opinion on the options being considered. He asked Commissioners not go overboard with restrictions as to change the character of the area.

Commissioners suggested that Mr. Semmer, Mr. Bianchi and the Sheriff's Office work together and come up with a plan that can be implemented right away. The team will return to present at the Work Session scheduled for Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 10:15 am.

#### **IV. Weekly Fire Restrictions Update (Sheriff)**

Jaime FitzSimons gave an update on the current conditions and noted that at this time he recommends for the county to remain on Stage I Fire Restrictions and will re-examine it next week.

He also said there are currently three (3) wildfires in the state, none in Summit County. At this time, there are plenty of resources available for the county.

#### **V. Discussion of Legal Issues (Attorney) (Executive Session Recommended).**

Jeff Huntley requested an Executive Session to discuss a variety of legal issues including litigation matters, contract matters, personnel matters, real property matters and negotiations pertaining thereto, including general legal advice.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pogue and seconded by Commissioner Blanchard to go into Executive Session to discuss a variety of legal issues including litigation matters, contract matters, personnel matters, real property matters and negotiations pertaining thereto, including general legal advice. The BOCC voted 3 to 0 to go into Executive Session per CRS 24-6-402 (4) (a)(b)(d)(e)(f). The motion was approved.

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*Commissioners reconvened after Executive Session into an Extended Work Session at 12:05pm.*

#### **VI. Fehr & Peers Transit Equity Study Update**

Chris Lubbers and Sydey Provan from Fehr & Peers gave an update including but not limited to:

##### Project Overview

##### Short Range Transit Plan Recap

- Documented the existing conditions of the Summit Stage

- Conducted a survey of current riders
- Identified needs and opportunities for the agency
- Created goals for the agency for the next five years (2021-2025)
- Public Outreach Themes
  - Increase frequency
  - Make existing routes more direct to shorten travel times.
  - Restoring service that has been cut in the past
  - Make the Dillon and Frisco/Breckenridge route more direct and faster
  - Adding service into the Summit Cove neighborhood
  - Adding service to the Frisco Adventure Park
  - Providing ski/snowboard and additional bicycle storage on buses

### Outreach Update

- Community Partners
  - FIRC
  - Summit County Community that Cares
  - Full Circle of Lake County, Inc.
  - Building Hope
  - Vintage (NWCCOG)
  - Summit County Community Inclusion Group

Commissioners suggested reaching out to the Summit School District as well as the Community Clinic.

- Public Surveys
  - English & Spanish
  - Paper & online versions available
  - Worked with community partners to distribute
  - Over 130 responses as of 7/13/2021
  - About a fourth of responses are in Spanish
- Planned Focus Groups
  - In Summit County & Lake County on July 13<sup>th</sup>
  - 1-hour focus groups with people experiencing transportation challenges
  - Spanish interpretation available
  - Participants will receive a \$50 gift card

### Preliminary Themes

- Overview of Community Survey Results To Date
  - High percentage of Spanish Language respondents do not have access to a vehicle
  - 11% of respondents have trouble reaching their destinations frequently or all of the time
- Preliminary Findings
  - 20% of respondents ride the Summit Stage on a weekly basis
  - Travel time is the main transportation challenge
  - Wait time between buses and amount spent traveling are main barriers
- Desired Destinations/Routes
  - Direct connection from Frisco to Dillon

- Additional options to Breckenridge Main Street
- Swan Meadow Village/Summit Cove
- Frisco Peninsula
- Medical Services Locations
- Mountain View, Lake Fork, etc.
- Additional stops within Dillon Valley

### Next Steps

- Wrap up Outreach (mid-July)
- Finalize Needs Analysis (mid-August)
- Finalize Recommendations (beginning of September)

Commissioners mentioned some of the concerns they have heard from the community including that the location of some bus stops makes them feel isolated and unsafe. They also asked if the survey information was based on where people live, and suggested examining schedules, as many in the workforce need to get to work very early, before the first bus starts running. Based on the results so far, most of the Spanish-speaking community uses the Summit Stage on a regular basis to get to and from work.

The group discussed different options to accommodate recreational and workforce transit needs, including additional buses, and even moving from a local service to a regional service. There has been positive feedback regarding the Summit Stage service for Park County.

Commissioners asked for information that can be used for long-term planning and finding ways to incentivize people who do not use the Summit Stage to start using buses, as the county continues to grow along with the congestion. They also asked them to include the Summit School District as they have a large number of students and staff who identify as Spanish speaking. It was also noted there are many other languages spoken in Summit County.

Commissioners thanked the team for their presentation and the great job they have done so far with the survey. They will return mid-September to provide an update to the Board.

## **VII. Managers' & Commissioners' Issues**

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

Bentley Henderson received the preliminary drawings for the Shooting Range and they will send out the Requests for Proposals (RFPs) soon. Commissioner Blanchard asked for a preliminary timeline that can be shared with the community and Mr. Henderson will get that information out. He also gave an update on the Dillon Childcare Center and said they expect construction to get started in August 2021.

Josh Blanchard gave an update on High Country Conservation (HC3) and their summer goals to engage more members of the community in recycling and Electric Vehicles (EV) Readiness. He also suggested holding a Water Conservation/Education Town Hall, to which the other Commissioners agreed.

Commissioner Pogue said that Representative McCluskie is working on a short-term to long-term tax abatement and would like to discuss it during the Housing Town Hall.

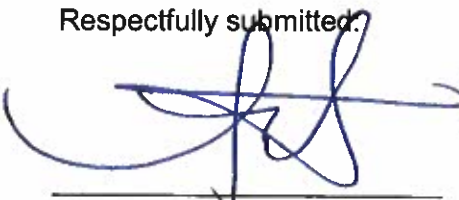
Commissioner Lawrence gave an update on the following:

- Rebates funds going to the state to encourage visitors, during the shoulder seasons
- Requested suggestions on how to manage/apply for the DOLA funds that will become available soon. The group discussed hiring a Grant Writer to handle these.
- Commissioner Blanchard

Commissioners also reviewed schedules and upcoming calendar events.

Meeting Adjourned.

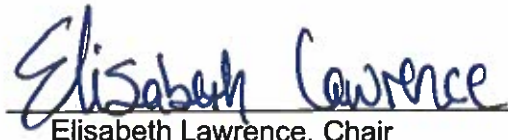
Respectfully submitted,



Sara R Lopez, Deputy Clerk



Approved by:



Elisabeth Lawrence, Chair