



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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TO: Board of County Commissioners
Scott Vargo
Jeff Huntley
FROM: Sara R. Lopez
RE: Work Session Meeting of November 24, 2020
DATE: November 24, 2020

Attendees:

Elected Officials (via Zoom): Karn Stiegelmeier, Elisabeth Lawrence and Thomas C. Davidson – Commissioners

Staff (via phone or Zoom): Scott Vargo, County Manager; Jeff Huntley, County Attorney; Cameron Turpin, Assistant County Attorney; Bentley Henderson, Assistant County Manager; Sarah Vaine, Assistant County Manager; Marty Ferris, Finance Director; Julie Sutor, Communications Director; Brian Bovaird, Emergency Services Director; April Kroner, Planning Director, Brian Lorch, Open Space & Trails Director; Jim Curnutte, Community Development Director; Jessica Potter, Senior Planner; April Paige, Executive Administrative Manager and Sara R Lopez, Administrative Assistant.

Guests (via phone or Zoom): Hagen Lyle, Jamie Woodworth, Jim Levi, Jim Keating, Josh Blanchard, Katie Knoll, Kathleen Mayer, Kendrick Adnan, Libby Stanford, Meghan Adas, Tony Cammarata and others who did not sign in.

I. Public Comment on Proposed Budget

No public in attendance to make comments related to the 2021 recommended budget.

II. Skier Transport Guidelines, EMS Board ByLaws & EMS Licenses

Sarah Vaine, Dr. Kendrick Adnan, Jeff Huntley and Cameron Turpin discussed various topics including but not limited to:

Skier Transport Guidelines

Dr. Kendrick Adnan discussed the need to approve the use of unlicensed vehicles to transport injured skiers, when waiting for an ambulance will take too long. This would improve the patient's odds of recovery from their injuries. Cameron Turpin and Jeff Huntley brought up the fact that moving a patient in a vehicle, that is not an ambulance, is illegal in the state. Mr. Huntley noted that this topic has been brought up many times before and changes should be brought to the state legislature.

Dr. Adnan noted that the transfer from ski patrol to the clinic staff includes paperwork that takes time and a few minutes can make a big difference. Commissioner Davidson noted that the Board cannot vote to approve something that is illegal in the state. Ms. Vaine noted that there have been accommodations added to non-licensed vehicles so patients can be secured in the back seat. Commissioner Stiegelmeier asked if the county could be liable if a patient dies because medical staff had to wait to use approved transport. Mr. Huntley agreed that the law needs to change but the

Board of County Commissioners is not able to make changes that would have to go through state legislature. Commissioners suggested putting a group in place that represents all interested parties and bringing this topic before the legislature.

Out-of-County Patient Transport

Brian Bovaird gave an update on the issue of transporting a patient from Summit County to a Denver hospital. Transporting patients outside the county has always been challenging and puts a lot of strain on local resources. For this reason, all participants decided to work with Stadium Medical so they can handle all out-of-county transports.

Commissioner Davidson mentioned that the City of Aurora has banned the use of the drug ketamine, and asked if it is used by ambulance services in the county. Mr. Levi noted that the county uses it, and the medical community has approved the use of ketamine when needed in a crisis (e.g. a patient that is extremely combative and can be a danger to themselves and others). It is also used for pain relief, but in a completely different dose. He also said that medical staff is informed when the drug has been administered and they know how to manage it. Dr. Adnan noted that he has never seen it used in a negative situation. It is a medicine that when used properly can be very safe. Jamie Woodworth agreed with everything the others said regarding ketamine.

Revised EMS Bylaws

Having last been revised in 2016, the EMS Board has undergone a lengthy and exhaustive review of the current bylaws. The revised bylaws that are presented to the BOCC for adoption include the following amendments:

1. The following requirements of the EMS Board have been removed in the proposed update:
 - a. The need to select a Medical Director for the EMS Board.
 - b. The requirement of establishing procedures for a county-wide EMS quality improvement program.
 - c. The need to conduct meetings under Robert's Rules of Order.
 - d. The concept of a Co-Chair position.

2. The following revisions are included in the proposed update:
 - a. Addition of an Assistant County Manager as a non-voting member.
 - b. Board member elections every two years instead of every year, with members eligible for-reappointment (no limit).
 - c. Addition of language that states *Any additional EMS transport service that receives licensure in Summit County will automatically receive one seat as a voting member and will assign a representative accordingly.*

Commissioners approved the changes to the Bylaws and thanked the group for their presentation.

III. PLN20-011; Revision to Price Methodology for a Transferable Development Rights (TDR) sold from the Countywide TDR Bank

Jessica Potter shared that in 2018 the Planning Department updated the methodology to determine the price of a TDR sold from the Joint Upper Blue Basin TDR Account in order to more closely align the price of a TDR with the cost to purchase 20 acres of vacant Backcountry land in the Upper Blue Basin (Reso 2018-07, PLN17-152). Following this approval, the Board directed the Planning Department to use the same methodology to update the price of a TDR sold from the Countywide TDR Bank.

The Countywide TDR Bank contains TDR accounts for the Ten Mile, Snake, Upper Blue, and Lower Blue Basins. (While the Lower Blue Account is part of the Countywide Bank, the cost of a TDR in the Lower Blue Basin is negotiated between parties and there is no set price.)

Structure and Highlights of Summit County's TDR Banks

Joint Upper Blue TDR Bank

- Established in 2000
- Price Methodology in IGA adjusted annually based on sales data
- 2020 Price = \$92,590, an increase from 2019

Countywide TDR Bank

- Established in 2010
- Price and Methodology in Code based on assessed value of properties
- Contains 4 Accounts: Upper Blue, Ten Mile, Snake, and Lower Blue
 - 2020 Price = \$37,630, a decrease from 2019

Commissioners approved the updates and thanked Ms. Potter for her presentation. The topic is on the consent agenda for this afternoon's Regular Meeting.

IV. Keystone Bergman Bowl Project EA Draft Decision and Opportunity to Object

Brian Lorch gave an update on various topics including but not limited to:

On May 31, 2020, the Summit County Board of County Commissioners submitted their concerns to the US Forest Services (USFS), regarding the proposed Bergman Bowl Enhancement Projects at Keystone Resort. These centered on issues such as water and wildlife resources, which are not contained by jurisdictional boundary lines, and their protection as a central component of the County and Snake River Basin guiding master plans. Furthermore, socioeconomic impacts resulting from any new ski resort development are always of particular concern to the County.

The concerns specifically address Wetlands, Lynx Habitat and Corridors, Traffic and Parking, as well as Social and Economic Impacts. Commissioner Stiegelmeier noted that traffic gridlock would be a real concern to Public Health, as in an emergency, ambulances would be trapped in traffic.

Mr. Lorch shared with Commissioners the response from USFS and Commissioners suggested a conversation with USFS and Keystone Resort representatives.

V. Managers' and Commissioners' Issues

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

Commissioner Lawrence gave an update on the recent CCI conference call regarding assistance grants.

- Broadband Access: The County may not be eligible as a whole, but maybe north of Silverthorne.
- Housing: There are assistance options available to property owners and renters. Scott Vargo suggested speaking with Amy Priegel and Jason Dietz to find out which programs are already in use and how many people are taking advantage of them. Commissioner Davidson

suggested that after finding out what programs are available to the county, the information should be disseminated to the public via radio, TV, etc.

- Childcare: The two focuses are Sustainability and Expansion. Commissioner Lawrence already met with Summit Preschool regarding this and the focus for the county is Sustainability, especially the need to keep staff during the COVID-19 pandemic. She noted the county has a good chance to receive some of these funds. Expansion grants are available to home providers as they are meant for startups. Commissioner Davidson is looking into matching funds from the state and is working with Representative McCluskie to see if this can be added to the upcoming bill. Elisabeth Lawrence suggested asking the towns to participate, as there are many childcare centers that been deeply affected due to the pandemic and are struggling to retain their staff.

Sarah Vaine gave an update on the library remodel project. The suggestions made by Commissioners were submitted to the design board and they reported that adjusting the scope of the project to plan for 10 years into the future, would increase cost by 15%. Commissioner Davidson asked to see the plan with the 15% increase.

Ms. Vaine reminded the group that the Summit Foundation's goal of raising \$1M for the project is not guaranteed; therefore, asking them to raise additional funds may not be feasible. Scott Vargo suggested for Dale Stein and the architects to return to a future Work Session to give an idea of what the additional scope would entail. He also noted that the architects have not drawn updated plans, as this would cost additional funds. Thomas Davidson suggested including Ryan Hyland to the meeting in order to get his view on expanding the North Branch library.

Marty Ferris mentioned that state auditors will start working their work next week and may request meetings with Department Heads.

Thomas Davidson asked Mr. Huntley for an outline that can be presented to the state to change the statute related to skier transport. He also asked for an update on what the county will do locally for people affected by the move to Red Level. Scott Vargo noted that Bentley Henderson is putting together a group that will meet next week to put together a plan to provide relief in a timely matter.

Commissioner Stiegelmeier has been urging Tri-State Generation & Transmission Association to reduce energy rates in order to send the information to the state. Bentley Henderson and Michael Wurzel will present a resolution for review at an upcoming Work Session meeting.

Commissioners also reviewed schedules and upcoming calendar events.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:



Sara R Lopez, Deputy Clerk



Approved by:



Karn Stiegelmeier, Chair