

**KIT CARSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
MARCH 31, 2021**

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| 8:00 AM | WORK SESSION |
| 10:00 AM | COLLIN KOOP GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS UPDATE |
| 10:30 AM | ABBEY MULLIS – COUNTY ASSESSOR – HIRING FOR OPEN POSITION |
| 11:00 AM | JEFF CURE – COUNTY ATTORNEY |
| 12:00 PM | LUNCH |
| 12:55 PM | COMMISSIONER MEETING TO CONVENE WITH PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• REVIEW CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: PAYABLES, MINUTES, SIDE ITEMS |
| 1:00 PM | TIFFANY RAMOS – DHS DIRECTOR - SUPERVISION |

AGENDA:

- Minutes – March 24, 2021
- Accounts Payable

NEW ITEMS:

- Resolution 21-039 Dispatch Center
- Resolution 21-040 PAUSE Act
- MSA Pop Tabs for Ronald McDonald House

PURCHASE ORDERS:

MONTHLY REPORTS:

- Annual CTSI report - CAPP & CWCP loss ratio
- VSO March Report

OLD ITEMS:

PERSONNEL ITEMS:

- Orange Sheets for Shawn Franz, Brandon Beechley

FYI:

TABLED:

ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

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BOARD OF PUBLIC HEALTH:

- PO#21-00142 American Express PH \$765.00 Conference Registration

BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES:

- Moffat County IGA
- Madisson Ramos / Orange Sheet

The Board of County Commissioners meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Those present were Stan Hitchcock, Cory Wall, Dave Hornung, Collin Koop, Ruben Rodriguez, Paula Weeks, and Susan Corliss.

GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS UPDATE

Collin Koop and Ruben Rodriguez stated that the trenching has been completed for the water project and the transformer update at the fairgrounds. There has been an issue with the food distribution that use the church booths; the cleanup is being left to the Grounds & Buildings. A padded cell for intake is being installed in the Jail. The carpet upgrade will start on Friday at the Annex. McCormick Excavation & Paving presented bids for parking lot repairs:

Annex – Crack Patch w/Grid Reinforcement - \$14,308.15 or Crack Sealant only - \$14,072.50
Employee parking lot at the courthouse – asphalt patching & crack sealant - \$6,077.00.

The Board of County Commissioners are willing to try the machine from Asphalt Kingdom in the amount of \$3,548.00 that was presented last week; that will allow Grounds & Building to patch as needed.

COUNTY ASSESSOR – HIRING FOR OPEN POSITION

Abbey Mullis shared that there will be a retirement party for Peggy Weibel on Wednesday, April 28th, from 9:00 AM to Noon. She requested to begin advertisement for a new employee. They have conducted 775 property inspections that have found many new buildings.

The Board of County Commissioners approved advertising. All county employees will receive an email about the opening per new employment requirements.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

David Churchwell, KC Electric General Manager, presented information about a solar farm and requested land use information. Jeff Cure led the discussion on the land use set back requirements. The Board of County Commissioners expressed that they will be willing to work with KC Electric on this project when it goes to the Planning Commission later this year.

The Board of County Commissioners recessed for lunch at 12:00 PM.

The Board of County Commissioners meeting reconvened at 1:07 PM. Those present were Stan Hitchcock, Cory Wall, Dave Hornung, Tiffany Ramos, Paula Weeks, and Susan Corliss.

BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES

Stan Hitchcock moved to go into the Board of Human Services meeting at 1:07 PM, seconded by Cory Wall. The motion carried by unanimous vote by Dave Hornung. Those present were Cory Wall, Stan Hitchcock, Dave Hornung, Tiffany Ramos, Paula Weeks, and Susan Corliss.

MOFFAT COUNTY DHS IGA

The Board of County Commissioners and Tiffany Ramos reviewed the proposed Moffat County DHS IGA to provide supervision for child welfare during their rebuilding period. The agreement is with Kit Carson County DHS so that support can be given by all members of the KCCDHS staff. The minimum monthly reimbursement will be \$3,781.12 for a period of 90 days with a 2 week termination clause.

Cory Wall moved to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement with Moffat County for Child Welfare supervision, seconded by Stan Hitchcock. The motion carried by unanimous vote by Dave Hornung.

ORANGE SHEET

Stan Hitchcock moved to approve the Change – Orange Sheet for the Department of Human Services for Madisson Ramos at \$18.26 per hour for Step 00 and Grade 38 with annual wage of \$38,000.00 as an Exempt Full Time Employee with Benefits effective March 23, 2021, because of completed certification, seconded by Cory Wall. The motion carried by unanimous vote by Dave Hornung.

Cory Wall moved to adjourn the Board of Human Services meeting at 1:29 PM, seconded by Stan Hitchcock. The motion carried by unanimous vote by Dave Hornung.

The Board of County Commissioners meeting reconvened at 1:35 PM.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Board of County Commissioners reviewed the following items: Minutes and Accounts Payable.

Cory Wall moved to approve the minutes of March 24, 2021, and to pay \$68,698.72 for Accounts Payable, seconded by Stan Hitchcock. The motion carried by unanimous vote by Dave Hornung.

21-039

RESOLUTION 21-039 DISPATCH CENTER

Stan Hitchcock moved to adopt resolution 21-039 transferring Kit Carson County Communications Center to be led by the Kit Carson County Board of Commissioners creating a new department, seconded by Cory Wall. The motion carried by unanimous vote by Dave Hornung.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-039

STATE OF COLORADO)
)ss.
COUNTY OF KIT CARSON)

At a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Kit Carson County, State of Colorado, held at the Kit Carson County Courthouse in Burlington, Colorado 80807 on Wednesday, the 31st day of March, 2021 there were present:

David L. Hornung..... Chairman
Cory Wall.....Commissioner
Stan HitchcockCommissioner
Susan CorlissCounty Clerk
Paula Weeks.....County Administrator

When the following proceedings, among others, were had and done, to wit:

TRANSFERRING KIT CARSON COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER TO BE LED BY THE KIT CARSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Kit Carson County Board of Commissioners acknowledge that the KCC Communications Center (dispatch) is a joint operation between several entities, not just Kit Carson County; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for leadership to be broadened more equitably between the entities, not only the Kit Carson County Sheriff.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KIT CARSON COUNTY, COLORADO is transferring leadership from the Kit Carson County Sheriff to the Kit Carson County Board of Commissioner; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Kit Carson County Commissioners will appoint a department head for the KCC Communication Center; and

FINALLY, SHALL IT BE RESOLVED, the Director of the KCC Communications Center will be moved under the County Commissioners on the County Org Chart, thereby answering directly to the Board of Commissioners.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 31st day of March 2021.

Upon a Motion duly made and seconded, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Motion made by Stan Hitchcock, seconded by Cory Wall,
motion carried.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

David L. Hornung
David L. Hornung, Chairman

Cory Wall
Cory Wall, Commissioner

Stan Hitchcock
Stan Hitchcock, Commissioner

RESOLUTION NO. 21-039

STATE OF COLORADO)
)ss.
COUNTY OF KIT CARSON)

I, Susan Corliss, County Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the annexed and foregoing Resolution is truly copied from the Records of the Proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners of said Kit Carson County, now in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the County at Burlington, this 31st day of March, 2021.

Attest: *Susan Corliss*
Susan Corliss, County Clerk



21-040

RESOLUTION 21-040 PAUSE ACT

Stan Hitchcock moved to adopt resolution 21-040 opposing Ballot Initiative 16 in order to protect our livestock industry and prevent needless animal suffering, seconded by Cory Wall. The motion carried by unanimous vote by Dave Hornung.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-040

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At a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Kit Carson County, State of Colorado, held at the Kit Carson County Courthouse in Burlington, Colorado 80807 on Wednesday, the 31st day of March, there were present:

David L. Hornung..... Chairman
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Stan HitchcockCommissioner
Susan CorlissCounty Clerk
Paula Weeks.....County Administrator

When the following proceedings, among others, were had and done, to wit:

OPPOSING BALLOT INITIATIVE 16 IN ORDER TO PROTECT OUR LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY AND PREVENT NEEDLESS ANIMAL SUFFERING

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2021, a citizens initiative entitled "Protect Animals from Unnecessary Suffering and Exploitation (PAUSE) was approved by the Title Board of the Colorado Secretary of State for petition to the November 2022 General Election as Initiative 16; and

WHEREAS, the initiative would broadly redefine animal sexual abuse in a manner that would criminalize many common and necessary veterinary and animal husbandry practices; and

WHEREAS, the initiative would additionally require tremendous delays, in some cases years, prior to the humane slaughter of livestock for food; and

WHEREAS, these delays (of up to one-quarter of an animals statutorily defined lifespan) would greatly increase the costs to ranchers to feed and care for these animals which at slaughter would produce meat of low value to the consumer at much higher purchase costs; and

WHEREAS, for many meat producing animal varieties (specifically poultry) bred for rapid weight gain, the result of delayed slaughter will be the suffering of morbidly obese animals unable to support their own body weight for years prior to processing; and

WHEREAS, it has been reported that even the Governor of Colorado agrees that the PAUSE initiative would "hurt Colorado, and destroy jobs"; and

WHEREAS, this board abhors the infliction of needless suffering of animals recognizes that our cattle and livestock producers take great effort to treat their animals humanely.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF KIT CARSON COUNTY, COLORADO opposes this Initiative and urges the Governor of Colorado and Commissioner of the Colorado Department of Agriculture to continue to do the same; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, urges all citizens of Kit Carson County to decline to sign any petition that supports placing Initiative 16 (PAUSE) on the November 2022 ballot; and

FINALLY, SHALL IT BE RESOLVED, that all people that care about the well-being of animals – be they livestock, pets, service animals, or other – take action to defeat this measure if it does make the November 2022 ballot.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 31st day of March 2021.

Upon a Motion duly made and seconded, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-040

Motion made by Stan Hitchcock, seconded by Cory Wall,
motion carried.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

David L. Hornung
David L. Hornung, Chairman

Cory Wall
Cory Wall, Commissioner

Stan Hitchcock
Stan Hitchcock, Commissioner

STATE OF COLORADO)
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COUNTY OF KIT CARSON)

I, Susan Corliss, County Clerk and ex-officio Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the annexed and foregoing Resolution is truly copied from the Records of the Proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners of said Kit Carson County, now in my office.

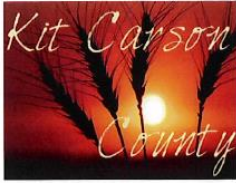
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the County at Burlington, this 31st day of March, 2021.

Attest: Susan Corliss
Susan Corliss, County Clerk



PAUSE – INITIATIVE 16 OPPOSITION LETTER

Cory Wall moved to approve signing the letter to the Governor opposing Initiative 16 – PAUSE, seconded by Stan Hitchcock. The motion carried by unanimous vote by Dave Hornung.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Stan Hitchcock,
District 1 Commissioner
Cory Wall,
District 2 Commissioner
David L. Hornung,
District 3 Commissioner

March 31, 2021

The Honorable Jared Polis
Colorado Governor
136 State Capitol Bldg.
Denver, CO 80203-1792
Delivered Via Email: governor.polis@state.co.us

RE: Opposition to Ballot Initiative 16 (PAUSE)

Dear Governor Polis,

As the Board of County Commissioners of Kit Carson County, a traditionally agricultural county with a large percentage of our citizens employed directly or indirectly in livestock production, processing, or sales, we urge you to continue to publicly oppose the enclosed Ballot Initiative 16, titled "Protect Animals from Unnecessary Suffering and Exploitation (PAUSE)." We further request that the Department of Agriculture be directed to act in concert with the professional organizations representing our livestock producers in their efforts to fight this deceptive initiative.

Though approved by the Secretary of State's Title Board for signature collection, this initiative's title is misleading. The actual text of the measure will strike a killing blow to our great state's livestock industry, the provision of veterinary training, and care for all animals. It seeks to redefine sexual abuse of animals in such a way that many accepted veterinary and animal husbandry practices will be criminalized. The result will be unnecessary suffering of livestock animals, beloved pets, and essential service animals.

Additional requirements in the proposed measure regarding great delays prior to humane slaughter will make ranching uneconomical and produce meat of exceedingly low value to consumers. The gains made in export of these products will be lost. The quintessential Colorado ranches that define us will be lost. Our meat packing industry will be dealt a crippling blow. For a state already suffering economically, the proposal will stall any hope of recovery in our rural areas and increase food costs for all Coloradans.

We fully support protecting all animals from abuse and unnecessary suffering. As do all reputable ranchers and livestock processors. Certainly, our veterinary community does. As well as all Colorado citizens, regardless of their dietary choices, whether they be engaged in agriculture, or are simply caring pet owners. The sweeping changes this initiative envisions are more likely to harm both animals and people than they are to protect them.

It has been reported that you agree "with farmers and ranchers that the PAUSE ballot initiative would hurt Colorado and destroy jobs" and insist on behalf of the citizens of Kit Carson County that you act with all the tools at your disposal as Governor to counter this wrongheaded effort. Do not let the good citizens of Colorado be misled by a catchy title.

Thank you for your consideration,

Kit Carson County Commissioners


David L. Hornung, Chairman


Cory Wall


Stan Hitchcock

CF:
Kate Greenberg, Commissioner,
Colorado Department of Agriculture
Senator Jerry Sonnenberg,
Colorado Senate District 1
Representative Rod Pelton,
Colorado House District 65

MSA POP TABS FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE

Stan Hitchcock moved to approve advertising a drop off point for the MSA Pop Tabs for the Ronald McDonald House at the Kit Carson County Courthouse, seconded by Cory Wall. The motion carried by unanimous vote by Dave Hornung.

ANNUAL CTSI REPORT - CAPP & CWCP LOSS RATIO

Stan Hitchcock moved to approve the CAPP & CWCP Annual Loss Ration Report as of December 31, 2020, as presented, seconded by Cory Wall. The motion carried by unanimous vote by Dave Hornung.

MARCH VETERANS REPORT

The Board of County Commissioners reviewed the VSO March Report. There were 5 telephone calls, 2 appointments, and 1 outreach, with a total of 35 hours per week or fewer on the report.

Stan Hitchcock moved to approve VSO March Report, seconded by Cory Wall. The motion carried by unanimous vote by Dave Hornung.

ORANGE SHEETS

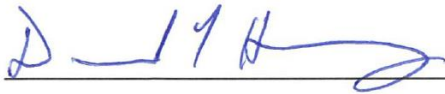
The Board of County Commissioners reviewed Orange Sheets for Shawn Franz and Brandon Beechley.

Stan Hitchcock moved to approve the Dispatch Department Head Job Change – Orange Sheet for Shawn Franz at \$22.59 per hour for Step 00 and Grade 47 with annual wage of \$47,000.00 as a Non-Exempt Full Time Employee with Benefits effective April 1, 2021, with a trial period ending October 1, 2021, seconded by Cory Wall. The motion carried by unanimous vote by Dave Hornung.

Stan Hitchcock moved to approve the Landfill Raise – Orange Sheet for Brandon Beechley at \$19.95 per hour for Step 50 and Grade 41 with annual wage of \$41,500.00 as a Non-Exempt Full Time Employee with Benefits effective April 1, 2021, seconded by Cory Wall. The motion carried by unanimous vote by Dave Hornung.

The Board of County Commissioners' meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM.

Submitted by: Susan Corliss, County Clerk and Recorder



Dave Hornung, Chairman

Attest:



Susan Corliss, County Clerk and Recorder



4/7/2021

Date