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TO: Board of County Commissioners
Scott Vargo
Jeff Huntley
FROM: Sarah Wilkinson
RE: Work Session Meeting of July 2, 2019
DATE: July 2, 2019

Attendees:

Elected Officials: Thomas C. Davidson, Karn Stiegelmeier and Elisabeth Lawrence – Commissioners
Jaime FitzSimons - Sheriff

Staff: Scott Vargo, County Manager; Jeff Huntley, County Attorney; Bentley Henderson, Assistant County Manager; Sarah Vaine, Assistant County Manager; Julie Sutor, Director of Communications; Marty Ferris, Finance Director; Brian Bovaird, Emergency Management Director; Jim Curnutte, Community Development Director; Dan Schroder, CSU Extension Director; Kate Zander, Wildfire Technician; Curtis Garner, Transit Director; and Sarah Wilkinson, Administrative Assistant.

Guests: Alison Richards, Bill Jackson, Jim Keating, and Jarod Varner.

I. Elected Official One on One Meeting, Jaime FitzSimons, Sheriff

Sheriff FitzSimons discussed and gave updates on various topics, including, but not limited to, crisis services including, a Co-Responder program, acute treatment unit (ATU), and Mobile Response Unit program; status of spring runoff and possible flooding; parking complaints from short-term rentals and at trailheads; and the development of an impound lot for long-term storage.

II. Fire Science 101

Bill Jackson and Alison Richards gave a digital presentation to explain some of the reasons how and why fire restrictions are implemented by the US Forest Service, including a discussion of the following topics, including, but not limited to:

- Fire Behavior Triangle: Weather, Topography, Fuels
- General Concepts of National Fire Danger Rating System (NFDRS)
 - o Fire Danger
 - o Climatological Breakpoints
 - o Fire Business Threshold
 - o Fuel Model
 - o Fire Danger Outputs
 - Ignition Component (IC)
 - Spread Component (SC)
 - Energy Release Component (ERC)
 - Burning Index (BI)
- Weather Data

- 1978 NFDRS Structure
 - o Using weather data only 1 time a day to calculate fire danger
- Changes to NFDRS from 1978 to 2016
 - o Live Fuel Moisture Calculations
 - o Dead Fuel Moisture Calculations
 - o Nelson Dead Fuel Moisture Calculation
 - o NFDRS Fuel Models
- 2016 NFDRS Structure
- Next steps for the UCR

Commissioners and staff discussed with Mr. Jackson and Ms. Richards the benefits of the new 2016 NFDRS model, the different ERC percentages used by different agencies, and the importance of considering a social component when making decisions regarding fire restrictions.

III. Wildfire Prevention Grants

Dan Schroeder and Jim Curnutte presented a summary of the projects that applied to the 2019 Hazardous Fuels Reduction (HFR) and Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) Grant Programs and the corresponding recommendations of the Summit County Wildfire Council. This year, the grant programs received the largest number of applications than have ever been submitted.

Commissioners and staff discussed the applications and various adjustments to grant amounts to allow applicants to receive the appropriate, fair, and economical amount of funds necessary for their projects.

Commissioners agreed that any overage in the budget for the grant program could be covered using Strong Future Wildfire Prevention funding.

IV. Managers' and Commissioners' Issues

Senior Management and the Commissioners gave various updates on topics including but not limited to:

Scott Vargo gave a brief update regarding a possible proposed annexation of the Lodge at the Blue into the Town of Blue River. He also gave an update regarding the Solarize rebate program. Commissioners agreed to allow up to 25 rebates for homeowners in unincorporated Summit County that sign up for the program by August.

Sarah Vaine gave brief updates on an upcoming meeting with the Office of Behavioral Health and Rocky Mountain Health Plans

Marty Ferris noted that the annual audit was completed on June 28, 2019. She noted the auditors found two findings and she briefly reviewed those findings.

Bentley Henderson gave brief updates on the following topics, including, but not limited to:

- Proposed amendments to the by-laws of the Transit Advisory Board

- Negotiations regarding snow removal and road maintenance following a recent site-visit with Denver Water at the proposed Blue River ballfield recycling site
- Site visit for new Bomag compactor at the Landfill
- Frisco Transit Center bids
- CDOT signage for Exit 203 including a variable message board

Curtis Garner and Jarod Varner, Regional Vice President with First Transit, discussed the various metrics used to measure the efficiency of transit systems, and noted that the Summit Stage performs very well with very productive routes.

Julie Sutor gave an update about outflows increasing from Dillon Reservoir and noted that some properties downstream should be prepared for possible flooding. She briefly reviewed the various messaging efforts that will be used to communicate proactively with the public regarding flood preparedness.

Commissioners also reviewed schedules and upcoming calendar events.

After lunch the BOCC reconvened into an extended afternoon Work Session at 2:00 pm.

V. Discussion of Intergovernmental Agreement for Nicotine Regulations (Executive Session Recommended)

A motion was made by Commissioner Davidson and seconded by Commissioner Stiegelmeier to go into Executive Session to review and intergovernmental agreement regarding nicotine regulations and the legal issues related thereto. BOCC voted 3 to 0 to go into Executive Session per CRS 24-6-402 (4) (a)(b)(e). The motion was approved.

Sarah Wilkinson

Sarah Wilkinson, Deputy Clerk



Approved by:

Thomas C. Davidson

Thomas C. Davidson, Chair