

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on October 11, 2004. Those present for the session were Tom Hollenbeck, Chairman; Don Batchelder, Vice-Chairman; Bill Ferguson, Member; Connie I. Hunt, County Administrator, and Linda Munson-Haley, Deputy Clerk of the Board.

- **Note – This meeting was recorded for reference purposes.**

9:30 Chairman Hollenbeck called this session to order:

A. 9:30 General Business:

1. Request for approval of warrants:
2. Request for approval of October 4, 2004 Minutes:

M/S/P—Motion was made by Commissioner Batchelder and seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to approve warrants and October 4, 2004 Minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Request for award of Canyon Creek Watershed RFP and request for approval of contract:

M/S/P—Motion was made by Commissioner Batchelder and seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to award the Canyon Creek Watershed Assessment to AGS (American Geological Services, Inc.) and to authorize the Chair's signature on the contract. Motion passed unanimously.

B. 9:45 Commissioner/Administrative Reports:

Connie Hunt, County Administrator, discussed the following:

- 1) Fire Planning Grant

Linda Munson-Haley, Clerk of the Board, discussed the following:

- 1) Asked Board for approval and signature on a letter of thanks to Elizabeth (Liz) McKenzie, who resigned her position on several County boards. The Board approved and signed the letter.

Commissioner Ferguson had nothing to discuss:

Commissioner Batchelder had nothing to discuss:

Commissioner Hollenbeck discussed the following:

- 1) Thursday, DOLA review at 4-H Event Center at 9 a.m. Commissioner Batchelder related that the Road Committee was concerned about the amount of gravel to be used for the 4-H Event Center. Ms. Hunt stated that she is aware of the concern and has had conversations with Bob Wolford, County Road Superintendent.

9:42 Chairman Hollenbeck declared a recess and reconvened at 10:00:

C. 10:00 Department Heads/Elected Officials Meeting:

Susie Mayfield, County Assessor, discussed the following:

- 1) New employee is working out great. She has been going out and doing inspections.

Greg Moberg, County Planner, discussed the following:

- 1) Permits are still down about 25% in total number, but only down 10% in the number of dwellings.
- 2) Paul Sunderland completed a study on building permit fees and is ready to report to the Board.
- 3) Tri-County Planners and Road and Bridge met last Thursday. They have taken steps to begin the process of studying Dave Wood Road to bring to all three county boards.
- 4) Met with several people concerning Fairway Pines including the potential buyer.

Allan Gerstle, Director of Social Services, discussed the following:

- 1) The rumors of all of the problems with conversion to the new statewide computer system are not exaggerated. Ouray County has a backlog of cases, but not as bad as the Front Range counties.

Sheriff Mattivi discussed the following:

- 1) Finally starting to slow down and the department is getting caught up.

- 2) Hunting season is in full swing with the inevitable calls of overdue parties that, so far, have been false alarms.
- 3) Meeting with the District Attorney on DUIs.
- 4) Canine Unit is not costly. The money came out of the drug seizure fund; nothing was taken out of the budget. The department has sponsorship to pay for dog food. Two deputies were sent to training that was also paid for out of the drug seizure fund. So far, the dogs are working out well and have gotten 5-10 lbs. of marijuana off the street. The time the trainer spends with the dog is tracked and has not run into any overtime. The two dogs came from Texas and are German shepherd mixes.

Ron Durham, Maintenance Supervisor, discussed the following:

- 1) Spent all last week catching up
- 2) Has been working at the Public Health Department
- 3) Regular maintenance, and projects at the 4-H Event Center

Sherry Peck, Human Resources Representative, discussed the following:

- 1) Insurance

Ashley Miller, IT Manager, discussed the following:

- 1) Completed the recording web page for the Clerk's Office and is still working on the recording data
- 2) About to start working with the Assessor's Office

Cheryl Roberts, Public Health Director, discussed the following:

- 1) There are two cases of latent tuberculosis and three cases of pertussis. Ouray County has a fairly large percentage of citizens who do not immunize.
- 2) Communicable disease reporting is going well.
- 3) The flu vaccine is in short supply. The department has only 40 vaccines to use for the high-risk population.
- 4) Received \$15,000 in bioterrorism monies.

Commissioner Ferguson had nothing to discuss:

Commissioner Batchelder had nothing to discuss:

Michelle Nauer, County Clerk and Recorder, discussed the following:

- 1) Mailed out over 500 early ballots.
- 2) The Log Hill Improvement District ballot has prompted many phone calls and questions.
- 3) An article in the Denver Post exposed the possibility of convicted felons voting that could become a nightmare for clerks statewide.

Connie Hunt, County Administrator, discussed the following:

- 1) The progress of the budget process.
- 2) Received resignation from Steve Svaldi. Discussed repercussions, especially concerning the upcoming ballot issue on funding of the EMS program.

D. 11:00 The Board of County Commissioners will convene as the Board of Social Services concerning the following items:

1. Reports:
 - a. Earned Revenue and Expenditures, August 2004:
 - b. Check Register for the Month of September 2004:
 - c. Expenditures through Electronic Benefit Transfers, September 2004:
 - d. County Allocation/MOE Report, July and August 2004:
 - e. Balance Sheet, August 2004:
 - f. 2004 Caseload Report through September 2004:

Allan Gerstle, Director of Social Services, requested that the Board approve the reports as presented.

M/S/P—Motion was made by Commissioner Batchelder and seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to approve the aforementioned reports as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Discussion:
 - a. Colorado Benefit Management System (CBMS):

The Colorado Benefit Management System has caused a major backlog and cut productivity statewide to 20%. Ouray County is doing a little better than that. State support personnel have been here at least once a week. The County is

receiving state implementation money to defray the costs. He hopes to have the backlog in Ouray County cleared up by November 1. The State could have major liability due to the delay of issuing Medicaid and food stamps but the counties will be exempt. Mr. Gerstle expounded on some of the problems with the new system.

b. Other:

With regard to the budget, Mr. Gerstle explained that the department has remained at the same mill levy since 1998 and is not asking for anything new.

There are no children in placement presently but adult protection cases have increased.

E. 11:05 Presentation of Proposed 2005 Ouray County Budget, and request for authorization to publish notice of public hearing pursuant to C.R.S. 29-1-106:

Connie Hunt, County Administrator, presented the balanced budget for public review.

M/S/P—Motion was made by Commissioner Batchelder and seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to approve authorization to pursue notice of publication pursuant to C.R.S. 29-1-106. Motion passed unanimously.

11:07 Chairman Hollenbeck recessed for lunch and reconvened at 1:30:

F. 1:30 Region 10 Representative(s):

1. Region 10 Update:

Leslie Jones, Executive Director of Region 10, and Robert Johnson, Mayor of the Town of Paonia, asked to speak to the Commissioners about Region 10 and to hear any of the Board's concerns.

Mayor Johnson expressed his appreciation to Commissioner Batchelder for his attendance at Region 10 meetings and encouraged the Board to continue supporting Region 10.

Commissioner Batchelder made the suggestion that Region 10 should have speakers more often at the meetings to increase attendance. He also said that teleconferencing is a good option for those members who cannot attend in person.

Ms. Jones discussed the fact that the counties' reliance on Region 10 is in decline now that the counties have professionals on their staffs. She asked for suggestions as to what role Region 10 should play in the future and what services would be of benefit to the counties.

Connie Hunt, County Administrator, stated that she appreciated Region 10's help with facilitation and the data comparisons put together by the group.

A discussion followed regarding housing issues now that West Central Housing is now defunct. Region 10 is looking at running a housing program but would need more staff people and more research on the liability and risks involved.

Commissioner Batchelder addressed the means used by Region 10 to assess fees from the counties. He explained that the current method puts a large burden on the counties. Several suggestions were discussed.

Commissioner Ferguson broached the subject of possible problems with the organization of Region 10 and its dependence on the commissioners to make all of the decisions.

Commissioner Batchelder offered that he is not in favor of Region 10 becoming a lobbying group.

Ms. Robinson presented a report titled "A Ten Year Look – Region 10 League for Economic Assistance and Planning, Inc.," on the benefits of Region 10 (Exhibit F-1).

G. 2:00 The Board of County Commissioners will convene as the Board of Zoning Adjustment to hold public hearings with possible action concerning the following:

Doug Canright, County Building Inspector, was present for the following land use items.

1. Applicant: Gale Ingram
Location: Beaver Meadows Subdivision, Lot C
Purpose: Request for a variance to the setback requirements and adoption of **Resolution 2004-044**

The Staff recommended approval of the request and that no fee be charged the Applicant.

2. Applicant: Steve Bannick
Location: Piedmont Hills Subdivision, Lot 2

Purpose: Request for a variance to the driveway standards and adoption of
Resolution 2004-045

The Staff recommended approval of the request and that no fee be charged the Applicant.

3. Applicant: Tommy Johnson
Location: S½, SE¼ of Section 3, Township 44N, Range 8W, N.M.P.M.
Purpose: Request for a variance to the setback requirements and adoption of
Resolution 2004-046

The Staff recommended approval of the request with the condition that a 25' front yard setback be maintained.

M/S/P—Motion was made by Commissioner Batchelder and seconded by Commissioner Ferguson to take Staff's recommendations as presented in the Staff Reports (included with resolutions) with the conditions that are in the Staff Reports and approve Resolution 2004-044, Resolution 2004-045 and Resolution 2004-046 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

2:07 Chairman Hollenbeck took a brief recess and reconvened at 2:37:

H. 2:37 Ouray County 4-H Representative(s):

Tamy Blair, 4-H Youth and Development Program Coordinator for Montrose County and Ouray County 4-H, explained that National 4-H Week was last week and the group wanted to visit with the County Commissioners to reinforce the importance of the 4-H organization in Ouray County.

Melinda Heinold reiterated the importance of 4-H and expressed her concerns that programs would be cut because of County budget constraints. She informed the Board that the cooperative extension office receives 40-50 calls per day.

Jessica Knoll, Advisory Council member, encouraged the Commissioners to get more involved with 4-H. The group meets monthly on the third Monday at 7 p.m. at the 4-H Event Center.

Members of 4-H explained about the Colorado Focus program that enables eighth and ninth grade students to go to Denver and tour the Capitol to learn about how government works. This is one of the programs being cut, not because of funding but because there will now be two agents covering four counties.

Brenda Hernandez, involved parent, stressed that this has been a great opportunity for parents to see their 4-H children setting, working at, and meeting goals.

The Commissioners acknowledged the importance of 4-H and explained that in the past the Commissioners had attended 4-H meetings but there came a time when 4-H felt that they could not be candid at meetings and asked the Commissioners not to attend except by special invitation. Commissioner Ferguson explained the reasons behind the budget cuts. He also addressed the splintering of the group and the confusion this has caused.

Commissioner Batchelder waded through the confusion to try to determine who officially speaks for 4-H. Ms. Blair explained that she does and that the Cooperative Extension Office in Montrose oversees the Ouray County 4-H Club and would be the final authority in the future when her position is cut. She explained the structure of the local 4-H.

Connie Hunt, County Administrator, ascertained that there are currently nine council members. Each year, each club can elect one more person to the council, thus the council is continuously growing.

Commissioner Batchelder addressed the lease agreement on the building with 4-H and Ms. Blair divulged that the person who had signed the lease agreement did not have authority to sign, that it should have been handled through the extension office. She discussed protocol and the chain of command and explained that the 4-H has been disjointed in the past year but they are rectifying this. Commissioner Batchelder discussed the County's position on having to bring in revenues through the 4-H Event Center in order to keep it running for the 4-H organization to use.

A lengthy discussion followed regarding some issues with the 4-H Event Center.

To clarify all of the miscommunication, Ms. Hunt said that, in the future when problems arise, everything would be directed to the extension office.

Tammy Blair invited the Commissioners and Ms. Hunt to the upcoming Achievement Dinner.

3:35 Chairman Hollenbeck adjourned the regular session:

**Numbered exhibits are maintained separately in the County Administrator's office.*

BOARD OF OURAY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

Michelle Nauer, County Clerk and Recorder

Tom Hollenbeck, Chairman

Don Batchelder, Vice Chairman

By: _____
Linda Munson-Haley,
Deputy Clerk of the Board

William Ferguson, Member