



The Board of County Commissioners met in special session on May 6, 2021. Those present for the session were, Ben Tisdell, Chair; Lynn M. Padgett, Vice-Chair; Jake Niece, Commissioner Member; Connie Hunt, County Administrator; and Hannah Hollenbeck, Deputy Clerk of the Board. Carol Viner, County Attorney, was not present.

- *Note – This meeting was recorded for reference purposes. The meeting was conducted virtually and in person pursuant to Resolution 2020-007 Setting Forth a Virtual Meeting Policy During a Local Disaster Emergency.*

2:52PM General Business/Road and Bridge:

Commissioner Niece stated that he needed to leave the meeting at 3:00PM.

1. Miller Mesa Road Association (MMRA) Requests:

Ty Barger, County Road and Bridge Superintendent, was present.

a. Request for approval and authorization of Chair's signature on Agreement concerning road maintenance repair work on CR 5 from the intersection of CR-5 and CR-5A:

Commissioner Padgett said that the Board had agreed to an addition in paragraph B that stated: "MMRA fully understands that all installation and / or construction will be performed at no expense whatsoever to Ouray County."

Commissioner Tisdell added that the Board had noted that the County Weed Management department pay attention to the area in the future.

M/S/P – *Motion was made by Commissioner Padgett and seconded by Commissioner Niece to approve and authorize Chair's signature on Agreement concerning road maintenance repair work on County Road 5 from the intersection of County Road 5 and 5A, as amended.*

A roll call vote was taken on the motion with the following results:

*Commissioner Tisdell voted in the affirmative.
Commissioner Padgett voted in the affirmative.
Commissioner Niece voted in the affirmative.*

There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

After the motion carried, Commissioner Padgett stated that the Road and Bridge Superintendent would advise the Board and the public to when the road would be able to be opened, in accordance with past precedence.

b. Request for approval to install Kiosk near the cattle guard on CR-5/CR-5A:

Commissioner Padgett said that it had been recommended by the Friends of the Miller Mesa Recreational Trail (MMRT) and members of the public that the Kiosk would be best oriented to the west, and had proposed several suitable locations near the gate.

M/S/P – *Motion was made by Commissioner Padgett and seconded by Commissioner Niece to approve installation of a Kiosk near the cattle guard on CR-5/CR-5A.*

A roll call vote was taken on the motion with the following results:

*Commissioner Tisdell voted in the affirmative.
Commissioner Padgett voted in the affirmative.
Commissioner Niece voted in the affirmative.*

There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Request for approval/authorization to process payment to Lifetime Adventures, LLC for ski trail grooming (1-30-21 to 3-25-21) out of the Ouray Parks Fund:

Commissioner Padgett asked Hunt if the County was the sole distributor of the funds. Hunt confirmed that the County had received donated funds for the specific purpose of maintenance on the MMRT.

Commissioner Padgett said that she felt awkward in paying the contractor without having had any input prior to the grooming being performed. She said that the Board needed to have a strategy for utilization of the funds. The Board agreed.

M/S/P – *Motion was made by Commissioner Niece and seconded by Commissioner Tisdell to approve and authorize payment to Lifetime Adventures, LLC for ski trail grooming (1-20-21 to 3-25-21) out of the Ouray Parks Fund.*

A roll call vote was taken on the motion with the following results:

*Commissioner Tisdell voted in the affirmative.
Commissioner Padgett voted in the affirmative, noting one time.
Commissioner Niece voted in the affirmative.*

There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Tisdell said that the Board needed to have a discussion about future maintenance. Hunt reminded the Board that maintenance was the responsibility of the MMRA, but that the County had dominion over the funding. She said that the Friends of the MMRT could work with the MMRA to develop a plan for maintenance and grooming and present the County with a proposal.

[3:01 Commissioner Niece left the meeting]


Eric Faust, MMRA member, suggested that Road and Bridge place a sign at the cattle guard that stated: "Road Closed per Ouray County Order" and list the Road and Bridge phone number. He said that it would help in alleviating questions.

Commissioner Padgett said that the reflectors on the chain gate were inadequate. She said that it needed to be more visible and that the Board needed to have more discussion on signage.


Barger said that a sign would be beneficial in informing the public to why the closure was occurring, and by what authority. He said that there was widespread misconception about the purpose of the closure. He supported greater communication. Commissioner Padgett agreed that the winter closure and springtime reopening of the road needed to be better communicated, in order to prevent questions of equity.

3:11 The Board of County Commissioners adjourned the special session.




Michelle Nauer, Clerk and Recorder
By: Hannah Hollenbeck, Deputy Clerk of the Board

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