



MINUTES
July 22, 2021

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING

The Board met at 3:00 p.m. in special session at the RBC Courthouse, 555 Main St., Meeker, CO. Board Assistant Vicky Edwards, and Deputy Clerk to the Board Shawn Luce were present. Chairman Gary Moyer, Commissioner Ty Gates and Commissioner Jeff Rector and Attorney Don Steerman were present by teleconference.

Call to order – Pledge of Allegiance: The meeting began with the pledge of allegiance.

Changes to the Agenda - none

Approval of the Agenda

Commissioner Gates moved to approve the July 22, 2021 agenda. Commissioner Rector seconded. Roll call vote: Gates-Aye, Rector-Aye, Moyer-Aye.

BUSINESS

Commissioner Rector moved to approve a letter of support from the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado for Tia Murry, Shared Department of Human Services Director. Commissioner Gates seconded.

Ty stated that he has an issue and doesn't believe we need a letter of support for one employee. We all support Tia, but I think we all have the support for Tia, but I don't want to support one employee without supporting the whole DHS.

Jeff stated they've had several issues with DHS over the years and if we don't support Tia right now, we're giving the DHS staff the ability to tell the Director or the BOCC what they want done. Roll call vote: Gates-Nay, Rector-Aye Moyer-Aye.

Commissioner Gates moved to table an Intergovernmental Agreement for the benefit of the Rio Blanco County Department of Human Services, with the Board of County Commissioners of Moffat County, Colorado, on behalf of the Moffat County Department of Human Services for the provision of Child Welfare and Adult Protective Services, on an interim basis. Commissioner Rector seconded.

Jeff asked Attorney Don Steerman why we didn't get the Intergovernmental Agreement. Don stated it was prepared and the Moffat County Attorney wanted to go over it with Tia, but she was in meetings all day and the attorney wasn't able to get it done and they weren't able to get her responses back.

Roll call vote: Rector-Aye, Moyer-Aye, Gates-Aye. The motion was tabled pending the receipt of the Intergovernmental Agreement from Moffat County.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Barb Bofinger was present and asked if she could provide public comment. Gary stated the meeting was adjourned. Barb replied that on the first motion there was no public comment. Vicky stated they didn't have a chance to give public comment on the first item of the agenda because the phone was cutting out.

After advice from Attorney Steerman, the meeting was opened back up at 3:12 for public comment. Chairman Moyer stated the time limit was 3 minutes for comment.

Barb Bofinger stated she supported Ty Gates' remarks regarding supporting the entire DHS rather than just the Director. She referred to a conversation she had heard with Commissioner Gary Moyer, former attorney Todd Starr and former Commissioner Si Woodruff along with the resulting visit she received from Commissioner Rector who told her she would keep her job. Commissioner Rector told her that he and Don Cook, Moffat County commissioner had decided to hire a new DHS director for the two counties. Barb said there are questions that have not been answered. She asked Jeff where the money was coming from to pay her salary and also to hire another director, along with supplying the new director with a vehicle. She questioned support measures that were to have been instituted. She noted that there had been no conversations with DHS staff regarding providing the vital support to our community. She asked if they have asked any DHS staff about this.

Jeff stated in response that when he came down he had major concerns and when he talked to you he previously said we are going to pay your salary as director and I told you that you were not director material and I don't believe you can manage people. He also stated that Barb had asked him for help and he was trying to get help. Jeff then questioned Barb with so now, you're on your way out, you've turned your resignation in and now you want to bring all this to light? Barb started to respond when Chairman Moyer stated we're not going to debate this here. Barb, we know how you feel, you've expressed it, Jeff responded, we're not having a debate.

Chairman Moyer asked for additional comments and stated that hearing no comments, he would adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 3:19 p.m.

Attest:


Boots M. Campbell, County Clerk


Gary Moyer, Chairman

