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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE GARFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
GARFIELD COUNTY, COLORADO**

**March 17, 2025, 8:00 a.m.
108 8th Street, Room 100
Glenwood Springs, CO 81601**

Commissioners Present: Commissioner Will, Chairman Jankovsky, Commissioner Samson

Staff Present: Manager Fred Jarman, Deputy Manager Bentley Henderson, Attorney Heather Beattie

Staff Absent: Clerk Jacklyn Harmon

1. **ROLL CALL - 8:00 a.m.**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **MOMENT OF SILENCE**
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS NOT ON THE AGENDA - 8:05 a.m.**

Steven Kushner, citizen, was present via an online meeting. **Steven Kushner** asked questions in regards to attending the Energy & Environment Symposium. **The Board** stated they would have staff send information regarding the symposium to Steven Kushner.

5. **REGULAR WORK SESSION:**

5.a **Elected Officials:**

5.a.1 **Jim Yellico, Garfield County Assessor**

5.a.1.1 **Abatement Hearing:**

Jim Yellico, Garfield County Assessor, and Juby Cumming, Garfield County Chief Deputy Assessor, were present. **Chairman Jankovsky** accepted notice and swore in parties. **Juby Cumming** presented the abatement with the recommendation of approval.

Moved by: Commissioner Samson
Seconded by: Commissioner Will

Chairman Jankovsky – I'll ask for a motion to close the public hearing

Commissioner Samson – So moved.

Commissioner Will – Second.

CARRIED

Moved by: Commissioner Samson
Seconded by: Commissioner Will

Commissioner Samson – Mr. Chair I move that we grant the abatement in the amount of \$19,081.12 for abatement number 25-025, account R820004.

Commissioner Will – Second.

CARRIED

5.a.2 Jackie Harmon, Garfield County Clerk and Recorder

5.a.2.1 Special Events Permit Public Hearing

Michele Davies, Garfield County Clerk Office Administrator, and Mary Cloud, River Bridge Director, were present.

Chairman Jankovsky accepted notice and swore in parties.

Michele Davies presented the application for a Special Events Permit.

Mary Cloud outlined the event to be held at the Spring Creeks Ranch located at in Carbondale.

Moved by: Commissioner Samson
Seconded by: Commissioner Will

Chairman Jankovsky – I'll ask for a motion to close the public hearing

Commissioner Samson – So moved.

Commissioner Will – Second.

CARRIED

Moved by: Commissioner Will
Seconded by: Commissioner Samson

Commissioner Will - Mr. Chair I move that we approve a special events permit for River Bridge Regional Center Imagine fundraiser for Saturday, April 12 at Spring Creeks

Ranch located at 644 Cowen Drive, Carbondale.
Commissioner Samson – Second.

CARRIED

5.a.2.2 Special Events Permit Public Hearing

Michele Davies, Garfield County Clerk Office Administrator, Desi Kirkpatrick, Colorado River Valley Chamber of Commerce Board Member, and Ashlee Taylor, Colorado River Valley Chamber of Commerce Coordinator were present.

Chairman Jankovsky accepted notice and swore in parties. **Michele Davies** presented the application for a Special Events permit.

Desi Kirkpatrick outlined the event to be held at the Atlantic Aviation hangar located at the Rifle Garfield County Airport.

Moved by: Commissioner Samson

Seconded by: Commissioner Will

Chairman Jankovsky – I'll ask for a motion to close the public hearing

Commissioner Samson – So moved.

Commissioner Will – Second.

CARRIED

Moved by: Commissioner Samson

Seconded by: Commissioner Will

Commissioner Samson – Mr. Chair I move that we approve the application for a special events permit for the Colorado River Valley Chamber of Commerce's annual awards banquet which will be held on Saturday, April 26 2025 at the Atlantic Aviation hangar at the Rifle Garfield County Airport; allow the Chair to sign.

Commissioner Will – Second.

CARRIED

5.a.2.3 Public Hearing:

Maggie Tiscornia, Confluence Early Childhood Education Coalition Director, Trey Rodger, Recht Kornfeld PC representing CECE, Lindsay Gould, Gould Construction Owner, Kelly Esch, Early Childhood Network Executive Director, Valerie Carlin, Aspen Community Foundation Chief

Impact Officer, Leigh Carlson-Hernandez, Great Expectations Executive Director, Caitlin Causey, citizen, Lindsay Fallon, Towards Justice Operation Director, Dana Peterson, Mountain Family Health Chief Workforce and Development Director, Dr. Jennifer Baugh, Garfield County School District 16 Superintendent, Rob Stein, Garfield County School District 16 former Superintendent, Vincent Tomasulo, Garfield County School District 16 Board President, Hannah Berman, Town of Basalt Councilor, and Lynea Hansen, Hansen Communications President & CEO, were present.

Chairman Jankovsky accepted notice and swore in parties. **Heather Beattie** outlined the legal requirements for the public hearing to review the service plan.

Maggie Tiscornia gave a presentation outlining the proposed service district.

Lindsay Gould spoke on the importance of creating the service district.

Trey Rodgers outlined the legal process to create the service district.

Kelly Esch spoke on the need for the service district.

Valerie Carlin spoke on the funds needed for childcare and how the funding would be collected and used in the service district.

Leigh Carlson-Hernandez spoke on the need and interest for the service district.

Caitlin Causey stated her support and the need for the creation of the service district.

Lindsay Fallon stated her support and the need for the creation of the service district.

Dana Peterson stated her support and the need for the creation of the service district.

Jeniffer Baugh and Rob Stein stated their support and the need for the creation of the service district.

Vinnie Tomasulo stated his support and the need for the creation of the service district.

Hannah Berman stated her support and the need for the creation of the service district.

Lynea Hansen reviewed the requirements and the need for the service district.

Moved by: Commissioner Samson

Seconded by: Commissioner Will

Chairman Jankovsky – I'll ask for a motion to close the public hearing

Commissioner Samson – So moved.
Commissioner Will – Second.

CARRIED

Moved by: Commissioner Samson
Seconded by: Commissioner Will

Commissioner Samson – Mr. Chair I move that we approve the Confluence Early Childhood Development Service District plan, it has met the statutory requirements and so it should be approved as presented to us today, without conditions, they have shown that the criteria has been met, the discretionary Colorado Revised Statute 32-1-203 (2.5) criteria. Do I need to read those or can I just say that's been met?

Heather Beattie – It's actually 203 subsection (2.a.) that is the mandatory criteria and then the discretionary criteria is 2.5.

Commissioner Samson – Is that good enough for the motion then?

Heather Beattie – Yes, we understand what you are approving.

Commissioner Samson – And allow the Chair to sign.

Commissioner Will – Second.

CARRIED

5.b Consent Agenda

Moved by: Commissioner Will

Seconded by: Commissioner Samson

Chairman Jankovsky – I'll ask for a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Commissioner Will – So moved.

Commissioner Samson – Second

Chairman Jankovsky – And that is for items 1 through 11.

CARRIED

5.b.1 Approve bills

5.b.2 Approve funding for payroll dated 3/14/25

5.b.3 Approve February Wire memo

5.b.4 Approve February Void memo

- 5.b.5 Approve Board of County Commissioners meeting minutes for February 3, 2025
- 5.b.6 Approve Board of County Commissioners meeting minutes for February 10, 2025
- 5.b.7 Approve Board of County Commissioners meeting minutes for February 18, 2025
- 5.b.8 Recommendation to renew the contract with Gran Farnum Printing and Publishing Inc., for ballot and envelope printing services – Procurement Department
- 5.b.9 Approval of a Prehearing Statement of the Western and Rural Local Government Coalition regarding rulemaking by the Colorado Air Quality Control Commission - Kirby Wynn
- 5.b.10 Request for Board approval and authorization for Chairman to sign the Resolution Appointing Tony Hershey to the Garfield County Library Board
- 5.b.11 Ratification of a letter requesting the suspension of the current citizen initiative effort to end the gray wolf reintroduction - Perry Will

6. County Manager Update: County Manager Fred Jarman

6.a Public Meetings:

6.a.1 Action Items:

6.a.1.1 **Proclamation of American Red Cross Month 2025 - Jacque Whitsitt**

Jacque Whitsitt, American Red Cross Volunteer, was present.

Commissioner Samson read the proclamation aloud.

Jacque Whitsitt thanked the Board for their recognition of Red Cross month.

Moved by: Commissioner Will

Seconded by: Commissioner Samson

Commissioner Will - Mr. Chair I move that Garfield County proclaims March as American Red Cross Month; allow all 3 Commissioners to sign.

Commissioner Samson – Second.

CARRIED

6.a.1.2 Request approval for Bureau of Land Management (BLM) access through Garfield County Landfill – Alan Czepinski

Alan Czepinski, Bureau of Land Management Colorado River Valley Field Office Recreational Planner, and Deb Fiscus, Garfield County Landfill Manager, were present. **Alan Czepinski** requested access for cave surveys. **Deb Fiscus** explained the roads and paths that would be used and requested that the access be given to BLM employees only.

Moved by: Commissioner Will
Seconded by: Commissioner Samson

Commissioner Will - Mr. Chair I move that we approve administrative access for the Bureau of Land Management to the Garfield County Landfill for their administrative purposes of cave surveys
Commissioner Samson – Second.

CARRIED

6.a.1.3 Request approval for Funding Match Commitment Letter as a participation jurisdiction in Garfield County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) – Chad Whiting

Chad Whiting, Garfield County Sheriff Emergency Operations Sergeant, and Levy Burris, Garfield County Sheriff Emergency Operations Sergeant, were present. **Chad Whiting** requested the commitment letter for matching funds for the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Moved by: Commissioner Samson
Seconded by: Commissioner Will

Commissioner Samson – Mr. Chair I move that we approve the funding match commitment letter as a participant jurisdiction in Garfield County Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation plan; allow all 3 commissioners to sign.
Commissioner Will – Second.

CARRIED

6.a.1.4 Request of non-profit discretionary grant funding of \$227,700.00 for Colorado Animal Rescue (C.A.R.E.) – Wes Boyd, Executive Director

Wes Boyd, CARE Executive Director, Dacia Ryder, CARE Development Director, Faith Lipori, CARE Board of Directors Chair, were present.

Wes Boyd presented an update for the programs and services offered by CARE.

Dacia Ryder outlined the events to be held by CARE in 2025.

Moved by: Commissioner Samson

Seconded by: Commissioner Will

Commissioner Samson – Mr. Chair I move that we grant the funding of \$227,700 for Colorado Animal Rescue (C.A.R.E.); allow the Chair to sign.

Commissioner Will – Second.

CARRIED

6.a.1.5 Recommendation and Approval to promote candidate above midpoint of salary range- Darell Diedrich - Community Services

Darell Diedrich, Garfield County Human Services Community Services Division Manager, and Jessica Roberts, Garfield County Human Resources Director, were present.

Darell Diedrich requested the promotion above midpoint and gave reasons as to why the request was being made.

Jessica Roberts gave her support for the request and explained Garfield County's policy for internal promotions.

Moved by: Commissioner Will

Seconded by: Commissioner Samson

Commissioner Will - Mr. Chair I move that we approve to promote candidate above midpoint of salary range in Human Services

Commissioner Samson – Second.

CARRIED

6.a.1.6 Authorize the Chairman to sign a modification to the Good Neighbor Agreement between Garfield County and the USDA, Forest Service, White River National Forest Pertaining to the Forest, Rangeland and Watershed Restoration - Sarah LaRose

Sarah LaRose, Garfield County Vegetation Management Program Coordinator, was present.

Sarah LaRose outlined the modifications to the agreement with the USDA.

Moved by: Commissioner Will

Seconded by: Commissioner Samson

Commissioner Will - Mr. Chair I move that we authorize the Chair to sign the Good Neighbor Agreement between Garfield County and the USDA, Forest Service, White River National Forest, pertaining to the Forest, Rangeland and Watershed Restoration; authorize the Chair to sign modification number 4 to the 21-GN-11021500-044 Good Neighbor Agreement.

Commissioner Samson – Second.

CARRIED

6.a.2 Presentations and Information Items:

None

6.b Public Hearings:

7. County Attorney Update: County Attorney Heather Beattie

8. Executive Session:

8.a An executive session may be requested on any item appearing on the agenda.

9. REGULAR AGENDA: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ISSUES:

9.a County Attorney Update - Land Use Issues:

9.b Public Meetings:

9.c Public Hearings:

10. COUNTY ATTORNEY UPDATE:

Heather Beattie presented her updates and calendar items.

11. COUNTY MANAGER UPDATE:

Fred Jarman introduced Brian Lee, newly appointed Garfield County Safety & Loss Prevention Specialist, then presented his updates and calendar items.

Bentley Henderson presented his updates and calendar items.

12. COMMISSIONER ISSUES:

The Board presented their updates and calendar items.

12.a Commissioner Reports

12.b Commissioner Calendars

12.c Commissioner Agenda Items

13. ADJOURNMENT - 11:12 a.m.

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