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

**June 16, 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

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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.**

Steve Kushner, 350 Colorado, was present on zoom

**Steve Kushner** requested an update from Commissioner Samson regarding a request to contact U.S. Representative Jeff Hurd and stated that a petition had been started to request that Representative Hurd visit with the citizens of Garfield County .

**5. REGULAR WORK SESSION:**

**5.a Elected Officials:**

**5.a.1 Carrie Couey, Garfield County Treasurer and Public Trustee**

**5.a.1.1 Resolution Adopting the Garfield County Investment Policy 2025**

Carrie Couey, Garfield County Treasurer and Public Trustee, was present.

**Carrie Couey** presented the 2025 Garfield County Investment Policy.

**Heather Beattie** noted an error of a date in the resolution approving the policy.

**Resolution #2025-26**

**Moved by:** Commissioner Samson

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Will

**Commissioner Samson** – Mr. Chair I move that we pass a resolution adopting the Garfield County Investment Policy for 2025 with the correction on page 2, number 1 to be 'March 2025'; allow the Chair to sign.

**Commissioner Will** – Second.

**CARRIED**

**5.b Consent Agenda**

**Resolution #2025-25**

**Moved by:** Commissioner Will

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Samson

**Chairman Jankovsky** – Do we have a motion to approve the consent agenda?

**Commissioner Will** – So moved.

**Commissioner Samson** – Second

**CARRIED**

**5.b.1 Approve bills**

**5.b.2 Recommendation to renew the contract with Colorado River BOCES to provide a behavior support coordinator for DHS - Procurement Department**

**5.b.3 Recommendation and approval of a contract change order with Specialty Incentives for promotional products for the Sheriff's Office - Procurement Department**

**5.b.4 Authorization for Chairman to sign Resolution Approving the Board Approval Of 10-Year Extension To Commercial Aeronautical Activity Land Lease Between BOCC And Heli Hut II, LLC Heard June 9, 2025 – County Attorney's Office**

**5.b.5 Approval to increase staff through the addition of a Veterans Service Officer - Bentley Henderson**

**6. County Manager Update: County Manager Fred Jarman**

**6.a Public Meetings:**

**6.a.1 Action Items:**

**6.a.1.1 To consider signing a letter to Congressman Jeff Hurd seeking his assistance to engage with the Department of Commerce and**

Diane Kruse, Neoconnect CEO, was present.

**Fred Jarman** gave some background for the letter to Representative Jeff Hurd.

**Diane Kruse** reviewed the letter and explained how the restructuring of the BEAD program could impact Garfield County.

**Moved by:** Commissioner Samson

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Will

**Commissioner Samson** – Mr. Chair I move that we send the letter that has been drafted, that states 'We ask that you engage with the Department of Commerce and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration to roll back the restructuring of the BEAD program and to all States to proceed with their initial proposals and award recommendations.' That is to be sent to our Representative, Jeff Hurd and cc to U.S. Senators Bennett and Hickenlooper, U.S. Representative Boebert, State Senator Mark Catlin, State Representative Matt Soper and State Senator Dylan Roberts. I would add that we also send to U.S. Representative Gabe Evans and our State Representative Elizabeth Velasco; allow all 3 Commissioners to sign.

**Commissioner Will** – Second.

**CARRIED**

**6.a.1.2 Rifle Creek habitat and restoration project – Kate Collins**

Kate Collins, Middle Colorado Watershed Council Executive Director, **Mikaela Richardson**, Middle Colorado Watershed Board Member, and Philip Berry, Garfield County Community Development Principal Planner, were present

**Kate Collins**, **Mikaela Richardson** and **Philip Berry** gave an update on the Rifle Creek Restoration Project and requested letters of support for the project and for any requests for funding.

**The Board** directed staff to draft 2 letters of support, one for the project individually and one for any requests for funding and to bring it back to the Board as a part of the consent agenda for a future meeting.

**6.a.1.3 Execute 2025 Grand Hogback Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for Hogback service and funding of**

**\$544,500.00 - Michael Yang, CFAO and David Pesnichak, COO, and Ian Adams, Director of Operations**

Michael Yang, RFTA CFAO, David Pesnichak, RFTA COO, and Ian Adams, RFTA Director of Operations were present **Michael Yang, David Pesnichak and Ian Adams** provided an update for the Grand Hogback bus service offered to Garfield County and presented the 2025 IGA to continue the service.

**Moved by:** Commissioner Will

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Samson

**Commissioner Will** – Mr. Chair I move that we execute with the Roaring Fork Transportation Authority (RFTA) the 2025 Grand Hogback IGA for Hogback services funding of \$544,500; allow the Chair to sign.

**Commissioner Samson** – Second.

**CARRIED**

**6.a.1.4**

**Recommendation and approval to award a sole source contract to Valley Meals and More to provide and deliver meals for the Older Adult Meals Program for the eastern portion of Garfield County – Scott Henriksen and Sheila Strouse**

Shelia Strouse, Garfield County Department of Human Services Division Administrator, Scott Henriksen, Garfield County Procurement Director, and Sharon Longhurst-Pritt, Garfield County Department of Human Services Director, were present.

**Sharon Longhurst-Pritt** gave some background for the meal delivery program in Garfield County.

**Scott Henriksen** outlined the process to create the contract.

**Moved by:** Commissioner Samson

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Will

**Commissioner Samson** – Mr. Chair I move that we approve the sole source contract to Valley meals and More in the amount not to exceed \$244,760 to provide and deliver meals for the Older Adult Meals Program for the Eastern portion of Garfield County; allow the Chair to sign.

**Commissioner Will** – Second.

**CARRIED**

- 6.a.1.5 To consider signing a Water Use Agreement between the Board of County Commissioners and the Colorado Water Conservation Board in order to lease up to 350 ac. ft. of water from the 400 ac. ft. Garfield County owns in Ruedi Reservoir - Fred Jarman**

**Fred Jarman** outlined the agreement for Colorado Water Conservation to lease water in the reservoir from Garfield County.

**Moved by:** Commissioner Will

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Samson

**Commissioner Will** – Mr. Chair I move that we approve this agreement with CWCB with the pricing of \$84.95 per acre feet for a two-year period; allow the Chair to sign.

**Commissioner Samson** – Second.

**CARRIED**

**6.a.2 Presentations and Information Items:**

None

**6.b Public Hearings:**

None

**7. County Attorney Update: County Attorney Heather Beattie**

None

**8. Executive Session:**

**8.a Upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Commissioners, the Board will adjourn**

**Moved by:** Commissioner Will

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Samson

**Chairman Jankovsky** – Do we have a motion to go into executive session?

**Commissioner Will** – So moved.

**Commissioner Samson** – Second

Recessed at 9:47 a.m.

**CARRIED**

**Moved by:** Commissioner Samson

**Seconded by:** Commissioner Will

**Commissioner Samson** – Mr. Chair I move that we come out of executive session.

**Commissioner Will** – Second.

Reconvened at 9:57 a.m.

**CARRIED**

**8.b** **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:**

None

**9.b** **Public Meetings:**

None

**9.c** **Public Hearings:**

None

**10. COUNTY ATTORNEY UPDATE:**

**Heather Beattie** presented her updates and calendar items.

**11. COUNTY MANAGER UPDATE:**

**Fred Jarman** 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 - 10:26 a.m.**