

Missing 8/10/1954 to 1/16/1956

Board of Commissioners met in regular session, Monday, January 11, 1954, at 9:00 A. M.

Present: Chas. T. Porter, Chairman, Grady Clampitt, Commissioner; C. R. Hickman, Commissioner; Geo. E. Dilts, County Attorney; John Leavitt, Clerk.

Minutes of previous meetings were read and approved. Reports of County Officers--County Treasurer, County Clerk, County Sheriff and Clerk of District and County Courts for the month of December 1953 were reviewed and ordered filed.

Claims as follows were approved:

General Fund	Warrant No. 837 to 909,	\$7,843.52
Road Fund	Warrant No. 8795-8834,	\$5,878.12

No old business, other than the allowance of current claims, appearing, Chairman Porter dissolved the old Board and asked for nominations for a Chairman for the year 1954. C. R. Hickman was nominated by Commissioner Clampitt. Elected Chairman, both Commissioner Porter and Commissioner Clampitt voting aye; Commissioner Hickman refrained from voting.

All current appointments were continued at same salaries. J. J. Harris, Bankers and the Citizens State Bank were continued as depositaries of all County funds. The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolution No. 1

Be it resolved that the signature plate bearing the signatures of Chas. T. Porter and John Leavitt be authorized for signing all County Warrants until such time as a new plate bearing the signatures of C. R. Hickman, Chairman of the Board, and John Leavitt, County Clerk, can be obtained.

Resolution No. 2

Whereas, It is acknowledged by all local, state and national water agencies that Colorado is using less than one-half of its allocated share of Colorado River water, although it produces approximately 74% of all Colorado River water, and

Whereas, It is necessary that a number of Dams be constructed in Colorado for the storage of water if Colorado is to utilize its allocated share of Colorado River water, and

Whereas, Such storage dams should be constructed at high elevations so as to reduce the amount of evaporation depletions chargeable to Colorado, and so that said water can be utilized to the fullest possible extent for industrial, agricultural and domestic purposes, and

Whereas, The Curecanti Dam on the Gunnison River will provide the desirable high storage with a low evaporation loss ratio and

Whereas, Recent statements made by officials of the State of Colorado and of the United States Government have cast some doubt on the construction of the Curecanti Dam as one of the initial units of the Colorado River Storage Project, and

Whereas, The Curecanti Dam is the only project slated for construction in Colorado as part of the Colorado River Storage Project, which is for the benefit of Colorado, and has the unanimous approval and support of the people in the area or basin in which said Dam will be constructed, and

Whereas, The Curecanti Dam is economically feasible even under the new criteria enunciated by the Department of the Interior, and

Whereas, The Curecanti Dam has not only been approved, supported, recommended and urged for construction as an initial unit of the Colorado River Storage Project by the people in the area basin in which said dam will be constructed, but also by the following official Water Associations representing practically every area of the State of Colorado, to-wit:

1. The Water Advisory Committees of the Counties of Montrose, Delta and Gunnison;
2. The Colorado River Water Conservation District;
3. The Southwestern Colorado Water Conservation District;
4. The Water Development Association of Southeastern Colorado;
5. The Colorado Water Conservation Board; and

Whereas, the Curecanti Dam has also been approved by the Upper Colorado River Commission and is designated for construction as an initial unit of the Colorado River Storage Project in Senate Bill S.1555, endorsed by said Upper Colorado River Commission and introduced in Congress by Senator Eugene D. Millikin on April 2, 1953, which Bill is now pending before the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs; and

Whereas, The participating projects provided for in the Colorado Storage Project and enumerated in Senate Bill S.1555 have all been endorsed and approved by the agencies and associations hereto mentioned; and

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 4

WHEREAS, it appears from the records of the County Treasurer of Montezuma County, Colorado that taxes for the years 1920, 1921, 1922, and 1923 were assessed against the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 5, Township 37 North, Range 16 West of the N. M. P. M., and,

WHEREAS, it appears that under the law the said taxes are uncollectible, and should therefore be cancelled as provided by law,

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved: That the taxes for the years 1920, 1921, 1922, and 1923 upon the land above described be cancelled as uncollectible and that the records of the County Treasurer of Montezuma County be adjusted accordingly.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

~~----- C. R. Hickman, Chairman John Leavitt, Clerk -----~~
Board of Commissioners of Montezuma County met in regular session Monday March 29, 1954 at 9:00 A.M.

Present: Grady Clampitt, Chairman, Pro Tem; Chas. T. Porter, Commissioner, Geo. E. Dilts, County Attorney, John Leavitt, Clerk.

Absent: C. R. Hickman, Chairman.

Grady Clampitt was elected Chairman Pro Tem in the absence of the regular Chairman.

Liquor Hearing of Chester W. Pritchett for Retail Liquor Store License postponed until Monday, April 5, 1954 at 10:30 A.M.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLUTION # 5

Whereas, the Board of Commissioners of Montezuma County, Colorado finds Tax Sale Certificate No. 12637, issued to Fred I. Sturtavant, December 11, 1950 was issued in error on Lot 23, Block 1, Slaven's Addition to the Town of Cortez, the same described property being assessed to Ralph Graffis for the year 1950, now therefore, be it Resolved that Tax Sale Certificate No. 12637 be and it is hereby cancelled. The Treasurer of Montezuma County is instructed to refund to Fred Sturtevant the face of the certificate, \$3.56 plus interest at 8% from 21/11/50 to 3/29/54, \$.93, total \$4.49.

Petitions for abatement of taxes as follows were approved:

Winifred Trimble, Cortez, Sch. Dist D4 Lots S-14 Blk 23	Assessed 3410	Tax 217.95
Should be	1910	122.08
Abatement	1500	95.87

Double assessment thru clerical error.

Chairman Pro Tem signed a deed from Montezuma County to J. B. Millard for parcel of land at "Y" on highway 160. Purpose of this deed was to correct right of way description. Millard exchanged deed to strip of land in same general location. See Reception # 155581, Book 187, Page 221 and following for description.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 P.M..

~~----- Grady Clampitt, Chairman Pro Tem John Leavitt, Clerk -----~~

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Monday, Nov. 18, 1951