



24515 Road 37, Dolores. Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. Commissioner Candelaria closed the hearing at this time. (See attached)

**PLANNING: Director, Haley with Assistant, Duncan** presented an application of a Variance, submitted by Camp Kush, LLC; agent: Jennifer Meigs, on property located at 30261 Road H, Cortez, CO, consisting of 40.14 acres, more or less, located south of Hwy 160, east of Road 27, situated in Section 34, T.36N, R.15W, N.M.P.M.. Jennifer Nelson. Meigs and Bert Meigs were present. The Commissioners did not grant the applicants' request for a variance and were in agreement that the applicants proceed with the Planned Unit Development application. (See attached)

**Director, Haley with Assistant, Duncan** presented for signatures a Boundary Line Adjustment, submitted by **Curtis Duncan**, on property located at 16323 Road 20, Cortez, CO, consisting of 118.63 acres, more or less, located north of Road S, west of Road 20, and **Linley and Zada Leonard**, on property located at 16281 Road 20, Cortez, CO, consisting of 3.00 acres, more or less, located north of Road S, west of Road 20, both situated in Section 23, T.37N, R.17W, N.M.P.M. Commissioner Lindsay moved to approve the boundary line adjustment, submitted by Curtis Duncan, on property located at 16323 County Road 20, consisting of 118.63 acres, more or less, located north of Road S, west of Road 20, and Linley and Zada Leonard, on property located at 16281 Road 20, Cortez, consisting of 3.00 acres, more or less, located north of Road S, west of Road 20 and situated within the description. Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. (See attached)

**LIQUOR LICENSE: Deputy Clerk, Jerri Frizzell** presented for approval a liquor license renewal application for **G Whil Liquors LLC, DBA G Whil Liquors** located at 24001 Road G.2, Cortez, Co. Commissioner Lindsay moved to approve the retail liquor, fermented malt beverage, license renewal application for G Whil Liquors LLC, located at 24001 Road G.2, Cortez. Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. (See attached)

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comments made.

**2021 OFFICE APPOINTMENTS:** Commissioner Lindsay moved to approve the Department Heads list as presented. Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. (See attached)

**County Attorney:** Ian MacLaren

**County Administrator:** Shak Powers

**County Road and Bridge Supervisor:** Rob Englehart

**County Fairgrounds:** Justin McGuire

**County GIS/Mapping:** Doug Roth

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**New:**

**Water Representatives:** Randy Carver and Don Schwindt

**ROAD & BRIDGE DEPARTMENT:** Road Superintendent, **Rob Englehart** met with the Commissioners to give a monthly report. Superintendent Englehart presented the road and bridge schedule for the dates of January 3, 2022 through February 4, 2022 and gave an overview of the type of work scheduled. Other topics discussed included; snow removal and cleanup, shoulder work, roadside brush and tree trimming, rock removal at **Alkali Creek**, the **Alkali Bridge Project**, the **McElmo Slip Project**, scheduling a meeting with the **Ute Mountain Ute Tribe** and an update on the Mancos and Dolores Shop Projects. (See attached)

**NOXIOUS WEED DEPARTMENT:** Weed Department Manager, **Bonnie Loving** was not available at this time.

**LANDFILL:** Landfill Manager, **Mel Jarmon** gave his monthly report which included the 2022 Landfill budget spread sheet. Topics discussed with the report included; delivery of the new Bomag machine, the service crew, current service calls, CDPHE approval for the Carver Field and Household Hazardous Waste plans , work in Cell #4, future development of Cells # 5 and 6, the permitting process to develop the east side of the Landfill property and income received from the new mattress program. (See attached)

**FAIRGROUNDS:** Fairgrounds Manager, **Justin McGuire** gave his monthly report which included the year to date numbers. Year to date numbers included; income \$93,487.49 and attendance 74,006. Manager McGuire reported on a three year average of 63,179 for the attendance and a three year average of \$79,127.63 for income. A discussion was held regarding past and future events scheduled at the Fairgrounds. Other topics discussed included; a review of the 2021 Fairgrounds source income, a future discussion on the Fairground expenses, a complete report of the 2021 and 2022 scheduled events, the commodities give away, the Chair Lift project, the Mural Project, the notice of award to **Cooper Fire Protection Services Inc.** for the Fire Suppression Project, the proposed General 3 phase conversion and the proposed Rodeo Grant application. (See attached)

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** No unfinished business presented.

**COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT:** County Attorney, **Ian MacLaren** gave an update on the Road Y case.

**NATURAL RESOURCES, PLANNING & PUBLIC LANDS:** Resource Director, **James Dietrich**, no report given.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:** Administrator, Powers, no further report given.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT:** Topics discussed within the Commissioners reports included: **Commissioner Lindsay**, no report to give. **Commissioner Candelaria** discussed the attended Housing Authority meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** The following correspondence was read and noted:

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** was made by Commissioner Lindsay, seconded by Commissioner Candelaria and carried.

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:40 a.m.**

**MONTEZUMA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING: 1:30 p.m.**

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Clerk

January 4, 2022

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Chairman



**ASSESSOR: Montezuma County Assessor, Leslie Bugg** presented for review and approval an Agreement for contract services between the Montezuma County Assessor's office and **Total Assessment Solutions Corporation "TASC"** and the **Value West Contract**. Commissioner Lindsay moved to sign and accept the Contract for services from Total Assessment Solutions Corporation (TASC) and Value West Contract for the Montezuma County Assessor's office. Second by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. (See attached)

**VEHICLE MAINTENANCE: Road & Bridge Equipment Manager, Shane Higman** met with the Commissioners to give a monthly report. Topics discussed included the purchase and pick up of Tip Van and the continued difficulty ordering vehicles for fleet.

**IT: IT Director, Jim McClain** met with the Commissioners to present his monthly report. Director McClain touched on the issue with the door readers which was resolved.

**GIS MAPPING: GIS Manager, Doug Roth and Mapping Specialist, Rachel Medina** met with the Commissioners to go over and certify the HUTF mileage for the previous county year. Presented were reports for **HUTF Road work and Changes for Reporting Year 2021**, completed road projects and a map reflecting said reports. Commissioner Lindsay moved to sign and accept the HUTF Report for the Colorado Department of Transportation. Seconded by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. Rachel gave an update on projects being worked on currently, Road Impact Fee Map for the Road Department, sending out another round of addressing for the Planning Department, met with the County Clerk regarding the Redistricting map for elections, and preparing for the Economic Development Coordinator and that position is posted now. (See attached)

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**OPIOID REGIONAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT (IGA):** Commissioner Candelaria clarified with Administrator Powers, via Zoom, that the IGA would not be signed at this time, due to changes being made, only appointing members of the Opioid Board. Members being appointed are Jessica Thurman, Social Services, Laurel Schafer, Health Department, and Bobbi Lock as secondary. Shak Powers, Administrator Montezuma County. Commissioner Lindsay moved to appoint Jessica Thurman, Social Services, Laurel Schafer, Health Department, and Bobbi Lock as secondary. Shak Powers, Administrator Montezuma County to the Southwest Opioid Response District Board.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Organizing the BOCC for 2022 to be reviewed in 30, 60 and 90 days. Commissioner Lindsay moved to keep the 2022 Office of Appointments the same as currently presented and review in 90 days. Seconded by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. (See attached)

**2021 BOCC REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENTS:**

**CHAIRMAN:** Commissioner Jim Candelaria

**VICE CHAIRMAN:** Commissioner Kent Lindsay

**COMMISSIONER OF DEEDS:** Commissioner Joel Stevenson

**Southwest Regional Transportation Committee (TPR):** Jim Candelaria

Alternate: Kent Lindsay

**Region 9 Economic Development Board:** Jim Candelaria

Alternate: Joel Stevenson

**AAA:** Kent Lindsay

Alternate: Jim Candelaria

**Southwest Workforce Board:** Kent Lindsay

Alternate: Joel Stevenson

**Montezuma County Housing Authority:** Jim Candelaria

Alternate: Kent Lindsay

**Housing Solutions:** Kent Lindsay

Alternate: Jim Candelaria

**Ute Mountain Tribal Council Meetings:** Joel Stevenson

Alternate: Shak Powers

**Lower Dolores River Group:** Joel Stevenson

Alternate: James Dietrich

**Club 20:** Kent Lindsay

Alternate: Joel Stevenson

**Native Fish Monitoring & Recommendation Team:** Joel Stevenson

Alternate: Kent Lindsay

**Legal Publications:** Cortez Journal

**CCI:** Jim Candelaria

Alternate: Joel Stevenson

Liaison to the City of Cortez Meetings: Kent Lindsay

Liaison to the Town of Mancos Meetings: Joel Stevenson

Liaison to the Town of Dolores Meetings: Jim Candelaria

Liaison to UMU Tribal Meetings: Joel Stevenson

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**COUNTY ATTORNEY REPORT:** County Attorney, **Ian MacLaren** the Road Y case has a set trial date in September and moving forward on Land Use cases, one ready to move to trial.

**DISCUSSION: Ironwood Group LLC. High Impact Permit and Fire Mitigation Plan,** **Wade Bentley, Ironwood Group LLC** was present. **Emergency Manager Jim Spratlen** gave an overview of the Plan for Chip Pile at Ironwood. **Dolores Fire Protection District Chief Mike Zion** voiced his concern with the quantity of material, set up of the material and the inability to handle a possible fire at Ironwood. **Sheriff Steve Nowlin** discussed his concerns for the safety of the public, residents of the area and only one way in and one way out and dangers of a combustible fire of the chip pile at Ironwood. **Attorney Ian Maclaren** informed the commission of the legal issues at hand under the High Impact Permit being non-complaint along with the safety issues and public nuisance. **Wade Bentley** from **Ironwood Group LLC** spoke to his understanding of the events of notices and letters sent to Ironwood and his meeting with the Fire Marshall and Emergency Manager.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Pursuant to Attorney MacLaren's suggestion, Commissioner Lindsay moved for the Board of County Commissioners to go into executive session for a conference with the attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions under C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(b) and to include Commissioners Candelaria, Lindsay, Administrator Powers via phone, Attorney MacLaren, Planning Director Don Haley, Sheriff Steven Nowlin, Chief Deputy Clerk Dorenkamp, seconded by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. Topics for the executive session for specific legal questions related to the current situation Ironwood with fire hazards. Commissioner Lindsay moved to go out of executive session, seconded by Commissioner Candelaria and carried. (See attached)

Commissioner Candelaria set a Public Hearing for the review and determination of the High Impact Permit for Ironwood Group, LLC for January 25, 2022.

**PUBLIC LANDS:**

**Forrest Service District Ranger, Derek Padilla** met with the Commissioners to give updates on various projects. Break Water project still has funding but has ran into engineering capacity issues, looking at fall/ winter 2023 for completion of the design. Unauthorized use of old and new routes have increased the last hunting season so an inventory of routes will be taken this spring/summer and a heavier closure will be implemented. **Emergency Manager, Jim Spratlen** held a discussion with **Derek Padilla** regarding possible fees for towers on Federal Lands.

**Canyon of the Ancients National Monument Manager, Ray O'Neal** reported to the Commissioners on the monument and overviewed the Yellow Jacket and Road M Parking lot Allotments. (See attached)

**Bureau of Land Management, Connie Clementson** gave updates to the Commissioners of the following topics; how permits go back to the government, scoping for the Mary Austin land



acquisition. Gravel being put down on the Phil's World road. Summit Trail Head receiving lots of positive feedback and the parking lot there. Controlled burns around Summit Lake.

**Mesa Verde National Park, Kayci Cook Collins** via Zoom, visitation schedule for 2021 back up close to 2019 numbers. Federal Highways project work is slated to start back up in mid - March done by June 15 if all goes to schedule. Spruce Tree House Alcove Arch Project public comment deadline was extended to January 21, 2022. Beginning civic engagement on our Wildland fire Management plan for both Mesa Verde National Park and Yucca House Monument.

**NATURAL RESOURCES, PLANNING & PUBLIC LANDS: Resource Director, James Dietrich**, No report.

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:** Administrator, Powers, none given.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT:** Topics discussed within the Commissioners reports included: **Commissioner Lindsay**, spoke with Commissioner Stevenson's brother, took several phone calls and have City of Cortez Counsel meeting tonight. **Commissioner Candelaria** discussed attending the Southwest Economic Outlook put on by Region 9 meeting in Durango. NCA meeting with Dolores County, San Miguel County and our Attorney, and Administrator discussing language on specific items that liked to be addressed to move forward with the NCA, "unreasonably diminished" and "reasonably diminished" definitions as it relates to water. Briefly attend West Slope Casa meeting for Department of Social Services, Department Head meeting and RCC meeting. Both Commissioner Lindsay and Commissioner Candelaria will be in Mancos tomorrow night to cover for Commissioner Stevenson.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** The following correspondence was read and noted:

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** was made by Commissioner Lindsay, seconded by Commissioner Candelaria and carried.

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 11:09 a.m.**

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Clerk

January 11, 2022

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Chairman