



**MINUTES OF THE ARAPAHOE COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
September 18, 2007**

State of Colorado, County of Arapahoe. At a public hearing of the Board of County Commissioners for Arapahoe County, Colorado held at 5334 S Prince St. Littleton CO 80166 there were:

<b>Frank Weddig, Chair</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Susan Beckman, Chair Pro Tem</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Rod Bockenfeld, Commissioner</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Jim Dyer, Commissioner</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Pat Noonan, Commissioner</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Kathryn Schroeder, County Attorney</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>Nancy A. Doty, Clerk to the Board</b>	<b>Absent &amp; Excused</b>
<b>Joleen Sanchez, Assistant Clerk to the Board</b>	<b>Present</b>

When the following proceedings, among others, were had and done, to wit:

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

County Attorney Kathryn Schroeder said there are two changes to the Agenda.

Deputy County Attorney Jack Bush explained that Item 4 on the Consent Agenda should be pulled, as it was previously approved by the Board but was mistakenly rescheduled.

He said the second item involves an appointment to the E-911 Authority. He said the two nominees are Daniel Qualman from Parker and Michael Dell'Orfano with South Metro Fire Rescue. He said the Board must select a candidate either on the Consent Agenda or on the General Business Agenda.

Commissioner Weddig said that item should be placed on the General Business Agenda.

**The motion was made by Commissioner Dyer and duly seconded by Commissioner Noonan to adopt the Agenda as amended.**

**The motion passed 5-0.**

## **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

There were no minutes to approve.

## **CEREMONIES**

### **Resolution No. 070628 - Retirement Ceremony for Carol McAllister**

Dave Schmit, Public Works and Development Director, congratulated Ms. McAllister on her retirement. He said Ms. McAllister has been an extremely valued member of the Planning and Zoning Division and has provided a lot of leadership and customer service. He said PWD takes a lot of pride in our customer service and Ms. McAllister is the reason for that. He said they've spent a lot of time together over the years and got a chance to know over the last twenty-three years. He said it's great to see Carol reap the benefits of her public service. He said the PWD staff wishes her well and she would be missed.

**Commissioner Dyer read the retirement resolution and moved to adopt the proposed resolution.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Beckman.**

**The motion passed 5-0.**

Ms. McAllister said she has a very good staff and is not worried about a replacement. She said she will miss the people she has worked with and grown with but she is looking forward to spending more time with family. She said her retirement is bitter sweet but the closer it gets the more she is looking forward to it.

## **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no citizen comments.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**The motion was made by Commissioner Beckman and duly seconded by Commissioner Noonan to approve the Consent Agenda as amended, with Item 7 pulled.**

**The motion passed 5-0.**

## **GENERAL BUSINESS AGENDA**

**Item A – Resolution No. 070637 – Public Hearing: Joint Housing needs assessment with Douglas County and application for grant funding through the Colorado State Division of Housing**

Ron Carl established jurisdiction. He said this is a public hearing to consider a resolution to approve the filing of a joint application with Douglas County for HOME Funds to conduct a housing needs assessment and to authorize the execution of a joint application and to authorize the Director of the Arapahoe County Community Resources Department to act in connection with the application and to provide additional information as may be required.

Karinne Weibold said in July, the BOCC approved moving forward with the Joint Housing Needs Assessment Study with Douglas County and also approved moving forward with an application for grant funding through the Colorado Division of Housing to pay for this study. She said the assessment would help understand the existing housing stock, the needs of the community including special needs populations, changing demographics and other considerations. She said the information would be used to get CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) and HOME grants. She said the State understands the value of this type of study and has made grant funds available in order to assist communities with gathering this housing data. She said the Division of Housing requires a public hearing as part of the application process to gather public comments regarding any project requesting funds. She said after public comments have been gathered, HCDS requests that the Board pass the proposed resolution allowing staff to proceed with the application with Douglas County.

Commissioner Beckman asked if the South East Business Partnership (SEBP) was instrumental the last time there was housing study.

Ms. Wiebold answered yes. She said there was a study in 2002 or 2003. She said that was done on their own initiative and the County adopted that study.

Commissioner Beckman said the study has been used to identify areas where it would be appropriate for businesses. She asked if this study would have the same kind of information for economic development so the study would not have to be duplicated.

Ms. Wiebold said yes. She said there would be additional information because the scope would be wider. She said the State is looking for more information and the study data would be available through the Division of Housing website. She said there has been no communications with SEBP.

Commissioner Beckman felt that would be a good idea because this is a large area. She said it would be beneficial to work in cooperation with the economic development community.

Ms. Wiebold agreed. She said staff would also work closely with the consultants to involve as many community partners as possible.

**There were no public comments.**

**The motion was made by Commissioner Noonan that Arapahoe County file a joint application with Douglas County for the HOME Funds to conduct a housing needs assessment, which will cover both jurisdictions with the Colorado Division of Housing.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Weddig.**

**The motion passed 5-0.**

Commissioner Beckman said when this is done it would be good to compare the 2002 study with the current study because so much has changed. She said in 2002 there was a push for affordable housing. She said she would like to see the current level of housing compared to 2002. She said the study would provide important information that could be tied to the foreclosure rates.

## **Add-On: General Business Item B – Resolution No. 070638 – Appointment to the E911 Authority**

Commissioner Weddig said there are two recommendations. He said one recommendation is for the Parker Fire District Chief and one is from the Arapahoe County Sheriff regarding the interim fire chief for South Metro Fire.

Commissioner Bockenfeld asked for background information on the E 911 Authority and the board members' responsibilities.

Ms. Schroeder said the Authority's responsibility is to administer the 911 program. She said the Authority is independent from the County but the Board makes appointments based on the positions of the appointees.

Todd Weaver said he is a current member as is Chief Bruce Williamson from the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office, Chief Donny Perry from the Greenwood Village Police Department, and Chief Mike Walters from the Cunningham Fire Protection District. He said Chris Olsen was the Director of Safety Services for Englewood but Mr. Olsen is no longer in that position and that is the reason for this appointment.

Ms. Schroeder said the Board typically appoints people based on their positions so there is representation from law enforcement and fire fighters.

Mr. Weaver said per the IGA, the breakdown is 2 law enforcement representatives and 2 fire or emergency medical representatives. These representatives are nominated by law enforcement and firefighting agencies that are signatories on the IGA.

Commissioner Weddig asked if the fire districts within Arapahoe County were notified of this opening.

Ms. Schroeder said yes, through the E 911 Authority.

Commissioner Bockenfeld said the Parker Fire District includes a large portion of Arapahoe County and serves Fox Field and all emergency needs on the south side of Centennial Airport and serves Chenango, Antelope, Chaparral and the Town of Trevoy, which is divided between Arapahoe County and Douglas County. He said a number of residents have attempted to close the Trevoy Road and Parker Fire has been instrumental in keeping that road available. He said Mr. Qualman has been a chief for a number of years; Parker Fire District has an intergovernmental assist agreement with Aurora Fire Department and Cunningham Fire Protection District. He said that is important because Aurora is developing two substantial communities in the heart of Parker Fire District. He said the Parker Fire District is very large Chief Qualman is highly respected. Commissioner Bockenfeld said Chief Qualman would be an excellent choice for the E 911 Authority, which is communications based.

### **Commissioner Bockenfeld nominated Chief Dan Qualman to the E 911 Authority.**

**Duly seconded by Commissioner Weddig.**

**Commissioner Dyer nominated Michael Dell'Orfano.**

**Duly seconded by Commissioner Beckman.**

Commissioner Beckman said Sheriff Robinson discussed Mr. Dell'Orfano's experience and the Sheriff believes that experience would be very good for the E 911 Authority.

Commissioner Noonan asked if there is a possibility that Mr. Dell'Orfano would become the fire chief or would the BOCC have to make another nomination later.

Commissioner Beckman said the nominee does not have to be a chief. She said if Mr. Dell'Orfano were to remain commander, this would still be an appropriate recommendation.

**The motion to appoint Chief Qualman to the E-911 Authority passed 3-2.**

**Vote:**

**For: Bockenfeld, Noonan, Weddig**

**Opposed: Beckman, Dyer**

### **COMMISISONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Weddig said Constitution Day was yesterday. He said a number of folks have approached us over the years about Constitution Day. He said there was a report in the paper regarding the fact that sixty-eight percent of our students have stated that they have taken classes related to the First Amendment last year compared to fifty-eight percent in 2004. He said there is some reason to think that our kids are more familiar with our Constitution. He said that is good news.

**There being no other business before the Board, the Chair adjourned the hearing at 9:55 AM.**

### **ARAPAHOE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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**NANCY A. DOTY, CLERK TO THE BOARD**

**BY JOLEEN SANCHEZ, ASSISTANT CLERK TO THE BOARD**