

**TOWN OF ARRIBA
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Monday, January 9, 2023
Arriba Town Hall, 711 Front Street, Arriba, CO 80804**

Call to Order Mayor Marilyn Lightsey called the meeting to order at 6:00. Trustees in attendance included Troy McCue, Ashlee Smithburg, Marie Daniel, Kayle Amen, and Bob Rush. Alex Flores was absent.
Employees in attendance included Josie Hart and Mike Becker.

Public Audience Jay Spurling, and Ben Vanderwerf.

Hospital Update none.

Approval of Agenda Clerk Hart asked that Posting Places Resolution and 2022 Exemption from Audit be added under New Business. Trustee McCue moved to approve the Agenda as amended. Trustee Amen seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Trustee McCue moved to approve the minutes from the December 12 regular meeting as written. Trustee Daniel seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Accounts Receivable and Payable

Trustee McCue moved to approve the receivables and payables for December. Trustee Smithburg seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Bills

Trustee McCue moved to approve the January bills for payment. Trustee Smithburg seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commercial Sewer Rate / Residential Sewer Rate Proposed Ordinance

Trustee McCue moved to adopt Ordinance #153 amended adding wording at the end of section 2 that states: “ as determined at a regular meeting by the Board of Trustees”. Trustee Daniel seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Selling Town Property – Review Bids

Clerk Hart said that the only bid received was from Jay Spurling in the amount of \$5,000. Trustee McCue moved to accept Jay Spurling’s bid of \$5,000 for the Town property behind Jay’s shop. Trustee Rush seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Wastewater Project

The Board discussed the purchasing the shredder and all the changes that will need to be made to the building at the wastewater facility plus the need for heat and fresh water. There were concerns about hauling off the biosolids from the shredder. There were concerns about the

condition of the ponds and liners.

The Board agreed to not continue with the purchase of the shredder or the upgrades required for the shredder.

Out of Town Water Lines

The Board discussed options for upgrading the out of town well water lines. It was suggested that instead of hiring a contractor the Town rent the machinery, buy the pipe, and have Mike replace the line. There was discussion on bringing the water line into town a different way to avoid the other utilities. Clerk Hart said she would get cost estimates on 4 inch pipe, boring, and machine rental.

Zoning The Board scheduled a zoning work session for Tuesday January 24th at 6:00pm at Townhall.

Pet Overpopulation Fund Trustee Rush moved to approve supporting the pet overpopulation fund by covering the \$15 co-pay for Arriba citizens, and capping the total amount given at \$200. Trustee Daniel seconded. Trustees Rush, Daniel, Amen, and Smithburg voted yes. Trustee McCue abstained.

Town Sales Tax The Board discussed using the ordinance from 2018 as a template but adding more detail to what the tax will be used for. Instead of just stating “capital investments” it was proposed to state “capital investments including but not limited to infrastructure upgrades and repairs, water and sewer upgrades and repairs, road upgrades and repairs”. The Board agreed that the Town could probably collect up to \$14,000 annually in sales tax on online purchases. Clerk Hart said she would talk to the attorney about having the sales tax question on the April 2024 ballot.

Post Places Resolution Trustee McCue moved to adopt Resolution 2023-1 designating the Townhall door, Post office bulletin board, and the Town website as the posting places for meeting agendas. Trustee Rush seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2022 Exemption from Audit Trustee McCue moved to have Lauer, Szabo, and Associates prepare the Town’s 2022 Exemption from Audit. Trustee Smithburg seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Maintenance Report Mike Becker reported that Tom with GMS is preparing an estimate of what it would take to move everything out of the water vault and re-design it all to use liquid chlorine instead of the gas chlorine the Town currently uses.

Clerks Report Clerk Hart reported that the Town’s liability insurance is increasing by \$1,377 for a total of \$10,042 for 2023.

Clerk Hart said she got everything changed over to the new computer but did have to buy a new printer which cost about \$500.

Clerk Hart said that an individual has offered to help Mike keep the snow plowed during storms.

Treasurer's Report looked good.

Trustees Report none.

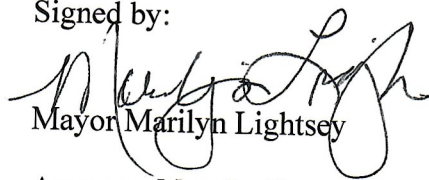
LCEDC Report Troy McCue gave his report. A copy is attached to these minutes.

Mayors Report Mayor Lightsey had nothing to report.

Adjournment Mayor Lightsey adjourned the meeting at 7:05pm.

Submitted by: Josie Hart, Arriba Town Clerk

Signed by:


Mayor Marilyn Lightsey

Approved by the Board on: 2-13-2023

**Town of Arriba
Board of Trustees
Public Hearing 5:30pm
and
Regular Meeting 6:00pm
Monday, January 9, 2023**

Sign In Sheet

Ben Vandersloot
Jay Spurling

Lincoln County Economic Development
Director's Report
January 9, 2023

Items of interest include:

1. **Limon Main Street program** is making progress and board training was held 01/06/23. Donna Metcalf is continuing to lead the effort, and we are preparing 501(C)3 filing for the organization.
2. The **Roadmap to Resiliency** final report was just released. The four COG counties (Cheyenne, Elbert, Kit Carson and Lincoln) are working as one region toward 1271 housing resources. Limon's first 1271 intention is affordable housing in east Limon, Hugo's is housing west of the high school to support future healthcare facilities. Arriba and Genoa have yet to designate projects. We also are ramping up efforts on Hugo's housing piece. Housing Summit is being held in Flagler 01/19 from 9 to 3 at Wheatland Conference Center.
3. Raejean and I hosted **Colorado Employment Law** meeting on 12/14 and had great participation. We gave away 3 Chromebooks, and Jill Davis from Arriba won one! We are planning another meeting for follow up early this spring.
4. Keeping active **SBDC** office hours, consulting with many local businesses and potential startups. Working on tax abatement incentives for Smfg (commercial upholstery and furnishing company) that is moving into Marketplace in Limon.
5. Commissioners just received word that they have been award a \$200k grant from **Colorado's State Historical Fund** and with their \$83k local match, nearly \$300k of work will begin soon in the Phase 1 portion of the interior restoration plans.
6. **Bethel Community Center** continues to see good activity and use of the facility. Eventually, final portions of the buildout will include parking lot and drainage work.
7. Helping out with **Genoa Tower** as a guest board member. Recent work has surrounded the purchase of ground between the Genoa town limit and the tower.
8. Supporting some new grant searches for the planned 30 by 50 ft. addition to the **Karval Community Building** for new ADA restrooms and Food Pantry space.
9. **Eastern Slope Technologies** will soon release workplans for when Arriba and surrounding rural areas will received fiber internet service. **Conexon** is currently adding new connections and customers daily in Limon, and the business community (including the theater AND my office) is now on speedy fiber service.
10. **La Posadita** closed its doors last week (former Denny's), and we are again coordinating an interested out-of-town restaurant investment group. Possibly touring this Thursday. A new vape shop is opening in downtown Limon.
11. **Opportunity Zone** efforts are being researched to see if we can include Hugo and any other communities in Lincoln County's one and only Opportunity Zone as an additional effort to attract investment.