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**Office of the Commissioners**

# **AGENDA**

**FEBRUARY 24, 2020**

- 1.0 Call to Order/Approval of Minutes**
- 2.0 Guests**
  - 2.1 Kids Crossing, Ashley Paugh
- 3.0 Public Comment (Limit of 3 minutes)**
- 4.0 Old Business**
- 5.0 New Business**
  - 5.1 Letter of Support, State Historical Fund
  - 5.2 Census Response Week Proclamation
- 6.0 Other Business**
- 7.0 Departmental Reports**
- 8.0 Commissioners Report**
- 9.0 Discussion**
- 10.0 Announcements**

***SEE ATTACHMENTS***

***THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:*** *“There is a big difference between free speech and cheap talk.” The Spice of Life*



February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020

The Board of County Commissioners now meets pursuant to adjournment.

Present:	Jim Baldwin	Chr. Pro-Tem
	John Hostetler	Member
	Amy White-Tanabe	Administrator
	Lynda Scott	County Clerk

Guests in attendance were: Marty Lee, James Conlan, Jolly Rose, Danelle Berg, Dee Leyba.

Chr. Pro-Tem Baldwin called the meeting to order and requested to approve the minutes from February 10, 2020. Co. Hostetler motioned to approve the minutes. Co. Baldwin seconded. Motion carried.

Admin. White-Tanabe presented the Sales Tax Report for the end of 2019. Percentage of change for the month is 5.77% and we had a total percentage of change of 15.30%. Over all doing very well. Discussion was held.

Chr. Pro-Tem Baldwin presented the bills from February 1 through February 15, 2020 for approval. Co. Hostetler motioned to approve the bills. Co. Baldwin seconded. Motion carried.

Admin. White-Tanabe presented the liquor license for The Beer Joint. The Sheriff's office said there were no complaints. Discussion was held. Co. Hostetler motioned to approve the liquor license renewal. Co. Baldwin seconded. Motion carried.

Admin. White-Tanabe presented a letter from SECED with a request for match funds on use of the Multimodal Options Funding. The first project is the Southeast Colorado TPR & Southeast Regional Coordinating Council – Regional Bus Shelters. The total MMOF request is \$45,121.00. The second project is for the City of La Junta-Off Road Trail Facility for Pedestrians and Bicyclists. It will include sidewalks and pedestrian bridges along the Anderson Arroyo. The total MMOF request is \$100,000.00. The third project is for the City of Lamar-Design Planning and Pedestrian Bridge project to address ADA issues. The total MMOF request is \$200,000.00. Signature is request for a yes or no approval. Co. Hostetler motioned to approve the grant application and signature. Co. Baldwin seconded. Motion carried.

Admin. White-Tanabe presented a SECRETAC FY2019-2020 Grant Application for monies for the Otero County EMS Council for the Stop the Bleed Campaign. This will help put out 113 bleed control kits for Fire/EMS and Law Enforcement. Co. Hostetler motioned to approve signature for grant. Co. Baldwin seconded. Motion carried.

Danelle Berg reported that she met with Terry Marshall from DOLA, to study the transmission lines with renewable energy for a grant that she is working on. OPI meet to look at some loans to small business, by trying to keep the small businesses viable. The SECOG mini grant applications are being looked at, the county as a whole can only do 3 grants this year. Discussion was held.

Admin. White-Tanabe reported that she spent time with the auditors and she praised Tina on a job well done. She met with the Lions Club and reviewed the projects the Commissioners will be doing in 2020. She also talked to them about the Justice Center. The Communities that Care mural is now up in the foyer on the north side of the building.

Co. Hostetler made a trip to Denver to speak in support of not closing the private prisons in Crowley and Bent counties. He spoke highly of some of the high school students from La Junta that went up to speak about their future if the prisons close. The students also talked of the loss of tax revenue that not only would Crowley and Bent lose but that Otero will also lose in

these areas as well. The Commissioners are going to do a thank you to the students for participating. He also went to the OPI and the OCLI board meetings.

With no further business, the board adjourned the meeting.

Next meeting will be Monday, February 24, 2020 at 1:30pm.

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Clerk

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Chairman



The Clinic at  
**KIDS**  
CROSSING

## **The Clinic at Kids Crossing**

Kids Crossing has long been committed to the services of children and their families. The mission of The Clinic at Kids Crossing is to strengthen families and to nurture the children and youth entrusted to them. Treatment is a strength based, trauma focused, and addresses the entire family system. Regardless of which service is provided, a trauma informed approach is utilized.

### **Clinical Services**

#### **Individual therapy:**

We offer individual therapy for children, adolescents, and adults. Treatment interventions are evidence-based using a variety of modalities to address trauma, difficult behaviors, and/or emotional issues. Our clinicians work closely with caregivers and multi-disciplinary treatment team members. We use a strengths based and goal focused approach.

#### **Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT):**

TF-CBT is an evidence based treatment to address trauma. It has proven success in treating children and teens that have been through a traumatic event. It has been used successfully to treat a wide variety of symptoms and psychological disorders. It is a joint process between client, caregiver, and clinician aimed at alleviating trauma symptoms using cognitive, behavioral, and family interventions. All of our clinicians are well trained and practiced in this therapeutic technique.

#### **Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR):**

EMDR psychotherapy is an evidenced-based therapy for the treatment of trauma. There is also research to suggest that EMDR is successful in treating a wide array of psychological disorders. EMDR therapy has people of all ages relieve many types of psychological stress by processing and integrating negative life events from ones past and thus alleviating current symptoms.

## Family Therapy:

We believe that the family system is an important part of individual change. Our family therapists believe that the family is a dynamic system made up of individuals who affect each other. They work to support the hierarchy of parents/guardians and children so that all members of the system can be successful together and separate. We offer a variety of interventions to support family structure and assist parents/guardians in dealing with problem behaviors and or emotional issues.

*Kids Crossing accepts Medicaid for therapeutic services. Referrals can be submitted to Dave Williams at [dwilliams@kidscrossing.com](mailto:dwilliams@kidscrossing.com) and by contacting Dave Williams at 719-545-3882.*

Visit our website at [theclinicatkidscrossing.com](http://theclinicatkidscrossing.com)

## Home/Community Based Services

### Family Preservation:

Family preservation is an in home/community based service aimed at keeping children in the home, or help with the reunification process for youth returning to the home. All family preservation workers are trained in TF-CBT, conflict/crisis resolution, and trauma informed parenting. They are skilled in working with youth exhibiting a wide range of difficult behaviors. Treatment is strength based and focuses on the individual and the entire family unit. The assigned family preservation worker is on call 24/7 to address crisis situations.

*Home/Community services are contingent upon approved funding through core services and in certain circumstances, Medicaid. These program options can be discussed by contacting our Clinical Director- Dave Williams at 719-545-3882 or via email at [dwilliams@kidscrossing.com](mailto:dwilliams@kidscrossing.com)*

## Trust Based Relational Intervention

Trust Based Relational Intervention (TBRI):

TBRI is an attachment-based, trauma-informed intervention that is designed to meet the complex needs of vulnerable children. TBRI uses Empowering Principles to address physical needs, Connecting Principles for attachment needs, and Correcting Principles to disarm fear-based behaviors.

All staff members are trained in TBRI, utilizing the principles in the home with families and children. All current and incoming foster parents are being trained as well.



### **Kids Crossing- A non-profit Child Placement Agency**

Kids Crossing offices are located in Denver, Colorado Springs, Pueblo, and La Junta.

The Pueblo and La Junta offices currently serve the following counties: Bent, Otero, Crowley, Fremont, Huerfano, Baca, and Prowers Counties.

Kids Crossing is an agency founded by foster parents, for foster parents. Our mission is to strengthen families so they may provide the best care to those children entrusted to them. Our vision is to provide a safe and caring home for every child.

We license foster/ foster to adopt homes and provide ongoing support. All home coordinators are trained in TBRI and utilize the model to help families heal the trauma foster children have endured. Our home coordinators are responsible for the placement of children into foster homes and work directly with the County Department of Human Services' placement teams.

As a strength based agency, we offer multiple opportunities for each foster parent to strengthen their skill set.

Multiple social and recreational activities are offered throughout the year as networking opportunities for foster parents and agency staff among all offices. Events are also co-hosted with various agencies and Departments of Human Services.

Monthly informational meetings are held throughout the serviced counties as a way to share information about Kids Crossing and how to become a foster parent.

*Individuals who are interested in becoming foster/ foster to adopt families can contact Ashley Paugh at 719-469-6546 or at [apaugh@kidscrossing.com](mailto:apaugh@kidscrossing.com). Visit our website at [kidscrossing.com](http://kidscrossing.com) for more information about services at all of our offices.*





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## Office of the Commissioners

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February 20, 2020

Tim Stroh, Executive Director  
State Historical Fund  
1200 Broadway  
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Stroh:

This letter serves to signify Otero County's full support for the rehabilitation of the former Masonic Lodge in La Junta, Colorado which is being repurposed to the office of the 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney.

This building holds significant historical significance to the Arkansas Valley. The continued assistance of the State Historical Fund has been integral in unifying the tri-county valley region toward the total rehabilitation of the building for providing mandated facilities for the District Attorney while preserving one of the oldest and most historically important buildings in the area.

Additionally, through collaborated efforts between Otero, Bent, and Crowley Counties and the District Attorney's office, the counties may use the additional space in the building for conferences and training. The proposed rehabilitation will provide valuable space and tech that will greatly assist in delivering updated and effective methods of governing and training.

Sincerely,

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John Hostetler  
Otero County Commissioner

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Jim Baldwin  
Otero County Commissioner



**OTERO COUNTY  
2020 CENSUS  
COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE**

**Census Response Week, 2020**  
A Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, April 1, 2020 is Census Day for the United States of America pursuant to Article 1, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, an accurate census is required for the proper allocation of representatives within the legislative bodies of the U.S. House of Representatives and Colorado State Legislature and is used in the redistricting of state and county voting districts; and

**WHEREAS**, correct apportionment of Federal dollars for health, education, transportation, child and elder care, emergency preparation and response, public and social support programs of all types and kinds depend on complete and accurate age, population and other ethnic and demographic information gathered every ten (10) years; and

**WHEREAS**, accurate census information is critical to planning for future growth, development and social needs of Otero County; and

**WHEREAS**, Otero County includes a portion of the State Colorado population, and many areas were deemed hard-to-count due to language barriers, transitory living and rural housing units where the digital divide make a fair and accurate count more challenging, which requires deliberate engagement for a high self-response rate and an accurate census.

**WHEREAS**, Invitations to respond to the 2020 Census will begin reaching every housing unit in March, including for the first time a way to respond online, and each response should take less than ten (10) minutes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT:**

The Board of County Commissioners of Otero County, Colorado, does hereby proclaim March 29 to April 4 as 2020 Census Response Week in Otero County, a time for conducting local initiatives, promotional activities and self response sites. The week is a dedicated time for the following:

**Educate** residents for a high self- response rate and an accurate, complete count in Otero County.

**Encourage** residents to respond to invitations by mail, online or by phone.

**Engage** residents by coordinating with the Otero County Complete Count Committee for opportunities to speak about why the 2020 Census is important, easy, and safe in schools, government offices and community centers.

Dated this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February 2020

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
OTERO COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO:

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Lyn Scott, County Clerk

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Jim Baldwin

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John Hostetler

[ocw@otero.gov](mailto:ocw@otero.gov)

**Mon Feb 24, 2020**

**8am - 8:30am Administration / JH, KG, JB**

**Where:** Room 212

**9am - 9:15am Emergency Management / JH, JB, DC**

**Where:** Room 212

**9:15am - 10am Public Works / JH, JB, LN**

**Where:** Room 212

**10am - 11am County Attorney / JB, JH, NS**

**Where:** Room 212

**11am - 12pm Department of Human Services / JH, JB, DR**

**Where:** Room 212

**1:30pm - 2pm Land Use / JH, JB, LN**

**Where:** Room 107

**1:30pm - 3pm Otero County Board of Commissioners Public Hearing / JH, JB**

**Where:** Room 107

**3pm - 3:30pm Economic Development Coordinator / JH, DB**

**Tue Feb 25, 2020**

**9:30am - 10:30am Courthouse Security**

**Where:** Room 107

**1:30pm - 2:30pm Department Head Meeting**

**2:30pm - 5pm Work Session / JH, KG, JB**

**Where:** Room 212

**3:30pm - 5pm Turn Corps**

**5:30pm - 7:30pm Detention & Courts Expansion Planning Meeting**

**Created by:** amytanabe@gmail.com

**Wed Feb 26, 2020**

**9am - 12pm SE TPR / JB**

**Where:** SECED 112 W Elm, Lamar CO

**11am - 2pm Pandemic Flu Meeting / JH, AT**

**Fri Feb 28, 2020**

**3pm - 5pm Wendy Larsen Retirement**

**Created by:** amytanabe@gmail.com