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Otero County Board of Commissioners

AGENDA

March 11, 2024

1. Opening Prayer
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Call to Order
4. Public Comment (limit of 3 minutes)
5. Presentations
6. Consent Agenda. *The Chair will remove any Consent Agenda item upon request by any Commissioner or assigned staff. Items removed upon request will be considered separately by the Board immediately following the action on the remaining Consent Agenda, be continued to another meeting date, or handled in a manner otherwise determined at the discretion of the Board.*
 - a. Approval of Minutes
 - b. Approval of Bills & Payroll
 - c. Letter of Support, Manzanola United Methodist Church, History Colorado Grant
7. Old Business
8. New Business
 - a. Resolution #2024-06 Opposing Illegal Immigration and Support for Uninvited Migrants
 - b. County Veterans Service Officer Appointment Verification
 - c. EIAF Grant – 16th Judicial District Attorney Elevator
9. Departmental Reports
10. Commissioners Report
11. Discussion
12. Announcements

February 26th, 2024

The Board of County Commissioners now meets pursuant to adjournment.

Present:	Rob Oquist	Chairman
	Tim Knabenshue	Commissioner
	Jim Baldwin	Commissioner
	Amy White-Tanabe	Administrator
	Lynda Scott	Clerk

Guests in attendance in person: Bette McFarren, Chad Penner, and Adrian Hart.

Chr. Oquist asked everyone to stand for prayer and to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chr. Oquist called the regular meeting to order.

Chr. Oquist called for approval of the consent agenda. The agenda includes approval of the minutes from February 12th, 2024, bills, and payroll for February 1st to February 15th, 2024. The consent agenda also includes Financial Statements - General Human Services. Co. Baldwin motioned to approve the consent agenda. Co. Knabenshue seconded. Motion carried.

Admin. White-Tanabe presented the sales tax report. We are at \$2,635,280.79 for the year. This is a cumulative change of 1.83% from the fiscal year 2022. The County is doing well.

Co. Knabenshue reported that he attended several CCI meetings and construction meetings for the new Detention Center. The Administration building was delivered on Friday; progress is being made.

Admin. White-Tanabe reported that she is working on grants to help supplement monies needed for different projects in the county.

Clerk Scott reported that early voting was underway.

With no further business, the Board adjourned the meeting.

The next meeting will be Monday, March 11th, 2024, at 1:30 pm.

Clerk

Chairman

OTERO COUNTY PAYMENTS
FEBRUARY 16 THROUGH FEBRUARY 29, 2024

Check #	Vendor	Description	Department	Amount
128127	US POST OFFICE	POSTAGE, BOX RENT, ETC	ELECTIONS	136.00
128128	ACM DIESEL, LLC	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	24,029.09
128129	ALTERNATIVE CREMATION	AUTOPSY	CORONER	895.00
128130	AVRMC - PATIENT ACCOUNTS	EVIDENCE TESTING/MEDICAL SERVICES	SHERIFF/JAIL	658.39
128131	BENT COUNTY AMBULANCE SERVICE	MEDICAL SERVICES	JAIL	150.00
128132	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITIES	R&B	415.61
128133	BOB BARKER COMPANY, INC	UNIFORMS	JAIL	129.98
128134	BRIGITTE BROWN	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	399.72
128135	CCTPTA - EASTERN DIVISION	DUES & MEETINGS	TREASURER	700.00
128136	CITY OF LA JUNTA - UTILITIES	UTILITIES	VARIOUS	6,804.75
128137	CITY OF ROCKY FORD	UTILITIES	LAND USE/HEALTH	273.77
128138	COLORADO DEPT OF PUBLIC HEALTH	OPERATING SUPPLIES	HEALTH	1,081.00
128139	DAVID N TRUJILLO, DDS PC	MATERIAL AID	AAA	1,584.95
128140	DEEP ROCK	OPERATING SUPPLIES	SHERIFF	76.45
128141	FBI-LEEDA INC	DUES & MEETINGS	SHERIFF	50.00
128142	GOBIN'S INC	OPERATING SUPPLIES	HEALTH/R&B	759.82
128143	GRAINGER, INC	BUILDING MAINT/REPAIRS	G&B	712.41
128144	GREAT AMERICA LEASING CORP.	CTC GRANT	HEALTH	84.94
128145	JACOB DILLEN ROATH	SOFTWARE/TRAINING	LAND USE	150.00
128146	JERRY D. BAY	P & Z BOARD FEES	LAND USE	78.00
128147	JR THOMPSON	P & Z BOARD FEES	LAND USE	60.90
128148	KENNETH SHEARER	TRAVEL	AAA	181.26
128149	KIMBALL MIDWEST	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	835.89
128150	LEONARD TAFOYA	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	540.00
128151	MATTHEW MCINTYRE	P & Z BOARD FEES	LAND USE	65.42
128152	MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	307.13
128153	NORMAN JAY SMITH	P & Z BOARD FEES	LAND USE	77.10
128154	OFFICE DEPOT, INC	OFFICE SUPPLIES	SHERIFF	178.00
128155	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	REPAIR/MAINT-MOTOR VEHICLES	JAIL	19.99
128156	OTERO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	RENT/OPERATING	ADULT SERVICES	3,139.40
128157	OTERO COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT -PETTY CASH	PRE-EMPLOYMENT COSTS	JAIL	90.00
128158	OTERO COUNTY SHERIFF POSSE	UNIFORMS	SHERIFF/JAIL/TRANSPORT	1,793.50
128159	PROFORCE LAW ENFORCEMENT	TACTICAL EQUIPMENT-SHERIFF	SHERIFF	237.00
128160	ROBINSON PRINTING, INC	OPERATING/SHOP SUPPLIES	R&B	179.30
128161	SAFARILAND, LLC	OPERATING SUPPLIES	SHERIFF	203.25
128162	SECOM	CTC GRANT	HEALTH	105.07
128163	SHRED AMERICA COLORADO	DOCUMENT SHREDDING	ADMIN/ADULT SERVICES	41.20
128164	STATE OF COLO DPA ACCOUNTING	POSTAGE, BOX RENT, ETC	CLERK	1,620.80
128165	VALLEY PLUMBING & HEATING, INC	BUILDING MAINT/REPAIRS	G&B	202.50
128166	VANESSA ROMERO	TRAVEL/TRAINING	SEP	115.54
128167	VIAERO WIRELESS	TELEPHONE	VARIOUS	2,301.24
128168	WALMART / CAPITAL ONE	OPERATING SUPPLIES/FOOD	SHERIFF/JAIL	247.00
128169	WITTMAN WELDING, LLC	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	300.80
3047	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC	SUPPLIES	G&B/SHERIFF/JAIL	353.61
3048	DAVE W HILL	P & Z BOARD FEES	LAND USE	69.90
3049	DIGICARE HEARING SOLUTIONS INC	MATERIAL AID	AAA	1,498.00
3050	DIGITCOM ELECTRONICS, INC	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	179.56
3051	ELSIE MAE KLEIN	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	434.08
3052	ERICA ADAMSON	SIS ASSESSMENTS	SEP	350.09
3053	FLOYD R WARD JR	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	77.81
3054	GALLS, LLC	UNIFORMS	SHERIFF	610.98
3055	GAYLE LANGAN	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	215.94
3056	GREGGORY PORTCH	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	42.00
3057	GROUND ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS, INC	DETENTION DEVELOPMENT	JAIL	18,277.48
3058	HIGH PLAINS AUDIOLOGY LLC	AAA GENERAL FUND	AAA	2,400.00
3059	IVOR JOHN HILL	CONTRACT SERVICES	ASSESSOR	843.27
3060	J&A TRAFFIC PRODUCTS	SIGNS	R&B	4,240.00

Check #	Vendor	Description	Department	Amount
3061	JACKI SHERIFF CLARK	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	372.81
3062	JOHNETTE SUE FULLER	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	789.63
3063	JRS KNIVES, LLC	OPERATING SUPPLIES	SHERIFF/JAIL	765.00
3064	NEWMAN TRAFFIC SIGNS	SIGNS	R&B	469.26
3065	QUILL CORPORATION	OPERATING SUPPLIES	VARIOUS	853.72
3066	ROBERT L KLINKERMAN	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	14.00
3067	SANDRA LEE ESTEP	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	348.01
3068	SHULTZ LAW OFFICE LLC	SUPPORTIVE SERVICES	HEALTH	234.00
3069	SOUTHEAST COLORADO POWER ASSN	UTILITIES	R&B	1,273.16
3070	THE HOME DEPOT PRO	PARTS/SERVICE	G&B/R&B	239.65
3071	TYLA T HIATT	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	305.65
				87,269.78

Fund Summary

010 - GENERAL FUND	17,518.47
020 - ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	33,603.99
040 - AAA FUND	9,748.34
050 - DETENTION CENTER FUND	18,277.48
070 - GENERAL HUMAN SERVICES	3,465.27
080 - HEALTH FUND	3,035.43
090 - CLERK HIRE FUND	1,620.80
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Office of the Commissioners

March 11, 2024

Marcia Moore Gantz
History Colorado-State Historical Fund
1200 Broadway
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Ms. Moore Gantz:

The Otero County Commissioners are pleased to offer their support for the grant application to the State Historical Fund from the Manzanola United Methodist Church (MUMC).

In 2004, the Otero Board of County Commissioners established the Otero County Historic Preservation Advisory Board (OCHPAB) to lead our efforts to document and preserve our historic resources, and to provide support and guidance for historic preservation projects. In 2010 we took the additional step of becoming a Certified Local Government to better facilitate these efforts. The MUMC is a perfect example of the importance of these preservation efforts. Listed on the Otero County Historic Register in 2019, the MUMC and its association with the African-American homestead settlement known as The Dry, demonstrates the importance of Otero County's historic preservation efforts.

As the only extant building associated with the African-American homestead settlement known as The Dry, this building proudly tells the story of the ethnic diversity of our county and the substantial contributions that many generations have made to building stronger communities. The Church and its small, but determined, congregation serve not only the spiritual needs of their community but have a long history of being a leader in supporting the daily needs of our residents. They run a foodbank, work with the seasonal farm workers, partner with the Manzanola School District on numerous activities, and offer their basement as the emergency shelter for the community. Once the building is fully rehabilitated, they plan to expand their community outreach and support efforts.


Thanks to the generous funding of History Colorado-State Historical Fund, and a National Trust for Historic Preservation Black Churches grant, the Church and its project team have already made significant progress on the rehabilitation. Previous work has documented the poor condition of the roof which is allowing water infiltration behind the exterior stucco and is risking damage to the interior. The project that is the subject of this grant application will remedy these issues and allow future phases of rehabilitation to proceed in an efficient manner.

We respectfully encourage your affirmative support for the grant application from the Manzanola United Methodist Church.

Thank you,



Rob Oquist, Chairman



Tim Knabenshue



Jim Baldwin

STATE OF COLORADO)
) ss.
County of Otero)

At a Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners for Otero County, Colorado, held at the Courthouse in La Junta, Colorado, on the 11th day of March, A.D., 2024, there were present:

- Rob Oquist, Chairman
- Tim Knabenshue, Commissioner
- Jim Baldwin, Commissioner
- Lyn Scott, Clerk to the Board
- Amy White-Tanabe, County Administrator

when the following proceedings were had and done, to-wit:

Resolution #2024-06

OPPOSING ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION AND SUPPORT FOR UNINVITED MIGRANTS

WHEREAS, The Otero County Board of County Commissioners firmly believes any person immigrating to the United States should do so in a legal manner, following all applicable laws; and

WHEREAS, the present surge of uninvited migrants and/or illegal immigrants on the Southwest Border is negatively impacting numerous communities across the country; and

WHEREAS the continued and increasing number of uninvited migrants and/or illegal immigrants arriving by bus loads into Denver has caused the City of Denver to declare an emergency on Dec 15th, 2023, as their resources were overwhelmed; and

WHEREAS, the saturation of the urban Colorado resources to support uninvited migrants and/or illegal immigrants has already led to some dispersion into rural areas of Colorado and creates the possibility of groups arriving in the Arkansas Valley and Otero County; and

WHEREAS, Otero County lacks the infrastructure and other resources necessary to accommodate any number of undocumented persons and/or illegal immigrants including sheltering, social services, public health, and public safety.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Otero, Colorado, that:

1. Otero County is NOT a sanctuary county and will not open shelters or provide services to uninvited migrants and/or illegal immigrants that may arrive in the Arkansas Valley and in Otero County.
2. Otero County will continue to place the needs of our local citizens first above requests for emergency or long-term assistance from non-citizens.
3. The Otero County Board of County Commissioners calls upon the United States Congress as well as the United States Executive Branch to immediately restore the rule of law along the Southwest Border by enforcing existing laws and rapidly creating a system to allow reasonable vetting of migrants who may then enter the United States legally and become productive members of this country.

This resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and adoption.

Adopted this 11th day of March 2024.

ATTEST:

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

Clerk & Recorder

Rob Oquist, Chairman

Tim Knabenshue

Jim Baldwin

3/11/2024 to 3/15/2024

Commissioner's Calendar

	Mon 11	Tue 12	Wed 13	Thu 14	Fri 15
AM					
AM	Public Works/Facility Management -- LN, DG, RO, TK, JB, AT		Bureau of Reclamation - Conduits Discussion 10 W and St. Room 167 or Teams		CCI Steering Committee
1 AM	Economic Development - DD, RO, TK, JB, AT Room 212		FESADA - RO		
1 AM	Department of Human Services / RO, TK, JB, DP, AT Room 212	SETRANS			
2 PM	Administration / RO, TK, JB, AT Room 212				
PM		Construction Conference	Ark River Basin Roundtable / JB		
PM	Department of Human Services Room 167 or Zoom	Otero County Board of Commissioners Public Hearing / RO, TK, JB Room 167 or Zoom			
PM					
PM					
PM			Historic Preservation Room 107		

3/18/2024 to 3/22/2024

Commissioner's Calendar

	Mon 18	Tue 19	Wed 20	Thu 21	Fri 22
AM					
AM	OPI/OCL				
AM					Southern Colorado Working Group Pinon Canyon - RO,TK 125 North Ames, Trinidad, CO 81082
AM				SEWCD Board Meeting	
AM			Lower Ark Water Conservancy -- JB		
AM	Emergency Management / RO, TK, JB, DC, AT Room 212				
AM					
PM	Administration/ AT, RO, TK, JB Room 212		SEBREA - RO		
PM	Sheriff Mobley/ SM, RO, TK, JB, AT	Construction Conference			
PM			SAGE -- RO		
PM					
PM					