



*Keith Goodwin* - Commissioner Dist. 1  
*John Hostetter* - Commissioner Dist. 2  
*Jim Baldwin* - Commissioner Dist. 3  
*Amy White-Tanabe* - County Administrator  
*Nathan Shultz* - County Attorney

**Office of the Commissioners**

# ***AGENDA***

***MARCH 16, 2020***

- 1.0 Call to Order/Approval of Minutes**
- 2.0 Guests**
- 3.0 Public Comment (Limit of 3 minutes)**
- 4.0 Old Business**
- 5.0 New Business**
  - 5.1 Resolution 2020-06 Abatement Authority
- 6.0 Other Business**
- 7.0 Departmental Reports**
  - 7.1 COVID-19 Update – Rick Ritter, Otero County Health Department
- 8.0 Commissioners Report**
- 9.0 Discussion**
- 10.0 Announcements**

***SEE ATTACHMENTS***

***THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:*** *“The successful physician is a doctor who can manage to keep the patient calm until nature has time to cure him.” The Spice of Life*



March 9<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: Duane Gurule, Amber Betterman, Jolly Rose, Christian Burney, Rick Ritter, Marty Lee, Anne Boswell and Danelle Berg.

Chr. Pro-Tem Baldwin called the meeting to order and requested to approve the minutes from March 2, 2020. Co. Hostetler motioned to approve the minutes. Chr. Pro-Tem Baldwin seconded. Motion carried.

Duane Gurule of the Small Town Project reported that he had attended a Community Health Equity seminar. He learned about the causes of health inequity in Colorado and ways to help correct that.

Admin. White-Tanabe presented a Resolution to the Board. Resolution 2020-05 will deal with the DA Building. This resolution will replenish the 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney's Fund. The Resolution will need to be approved by all 3 Counties. Co. Hostetler motioned to approve signing the Resolution. Chr. Pro-Tem Baldwin seconded. Motion carried.

Rick Ritter the Health Department Director gave a weekly update on the COVID-19 virus. There are 101,587 confirmed cases worldwide. In the State of Colorado we have about 8 people confirmed. This is a dated announcement as there are new reports coming out that have not been confirmed yet. Every one so far in Colorado have been travel related. The symptoms seem to be more respiratory than physical. There is a plan for the County in case there is a need for it.

Danelle Berg reported that she attended a DOLA conference call that discussed the planning grant for studying the utility transmission lines. She also attended a tax incentive meeting, it was more for homeowners than for economic development but she did find some of what was talked about but she felt it was beneficial. Ms. Berg attended a GOCO strategic meeting. They are looking to make significant changes to the grant process. One of the changes could be in kind donations by volunteering. There will be a Justice Center meeting that will focus on the safety of the people using the center.

Admin. White-Tanabe attended the staff wellness committee meeting and we have a new program called Wellness Wednesday for staff to be able to do exercise, meditation or do anything else they want for an extra half hour for mental and physical wellbeing. She also attended a PIO (Public Information Officer) training in Pueblo with FEMA. She has also been working with the contractor for the generator at the jail, to make sure that it will be big enough for improvements.

Co. Hostetler attended the wellness committee meeting and feels it will be beneficial to the county employees. He sat in on a CCI conference call. Talked to Joey Gacnik with the Department of Wildlife on nuisance animal control, mostly coyotes and skunks. He checked on progress on the Road 21 Bridge and feels it will be finished by next week.

With no further business, the board adjourned the meeting.

Next meeting will be Monday, March 16, 2020 at 1:30pm.

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Clerk

Chairman

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 16th day of March, A.D., 2020, there were present:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Keith Goodwin,	Chairman
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jim Baldwin,	Commissioner
<input type="checkbox"/>	John Hostetler,	Commissioner
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lynda "Lyn" Scott,	Clerk to the Board

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

**Resolution #2020-06**

**WHEREAS**, Colorado Revised Statute 39-1-113(1.5) allows the Board of County Commissioners to delegate abatement authority up to \$10,000.00 to the County Assessor; and

**WHEREAS**, the Otero County Board of County Commissioners is desirous of delegating this authority to the Otero County Assessor for the efficiency of that department and the convenience of the county residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Assessor has agreed to accept this responsibility.

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

1. Pursuant to C.R.S 39-1-113(1.5), the County Assessor may review petitions for abatement or refund and settle by written mutual agreement any such petition for abatement or refund in an amount of two thousand dollars or less per tract, parcel, or lot of land or per schedule of personal property.
2. That any abatement or refund agreed upon and settled pursuant to C.R.S. 39-1-113(1.5) shall not be subject to the requirements of C.R.S. 39-1-113(1).
3. Pursuant to C.R.S. 39-1-113(2)(b), whenever any abatement or refund in an amount of two thousand dollars or less has been agreed upon and settled by the County Assessor, the County Assessor is granted the authority to order the abatement of taxes pro rata for all levies applicable to such property, or in the case of a refund, the County Assessor is granted the authority to order the refund of taxes pro rata by all jurisdictions receiving payment thereof.

Adopted this 16th day of March, 2020.

ATTEST:

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

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Clerk & Recorder

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Keith Goodwin, Chairman

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Jim Baldwin, Chairman Pro Tem

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John Hostetler

**Resolution No. 2020-06**

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**Mon Mar 16, 2020**

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

**Where:** Room 212

**8:30am - 11am OPI/City/County/OCLI / KG, JB, JH**

**Where:** Room 107

**11:30am - 12:30pm Dept Head Meeting**

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

**Where:** Room 107

**Tue Mar 17, 2020**

**1:30pm - 2:30pm Sheriff Mobley**

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

**Who:** smobley@otero.gov, amytanabe@gmail.com

**2:30pm - 3:30pm RESADA**

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

**Where:** Room 212

**4pm - 5pm TENTATIVE Danelle Berg**

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

**Wed Mar 18, 2020**

**All day SECAHB -- DC**

**Where:** Wed Mar 18, 2020

**8am - 11:30am Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District / KG**

**Where:** Rocky Ford

**11:30am - 12pm SECRETAC**

**12pm - 2pm SEBREA / DB, KG**

**Where:** OJC, McDonald Hall

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**2pm - 3pm SAGE / JH, DR**

**Where:** OJC

**Thu Mar 19, 2020**

**9:30am - 11am Ft Carson Southern Colorado Working Group**

**Where:** Trinidad at the City Council Chambers, 135 N. Animas Street on the 3rd floor

**6pm - 7pm EMS Council**