



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

**Office of the Commissioners**

# ***AGENDA***

***MARCH 23, 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 Approval of Bills
  - 5.2 Sales Tax Report
  - 5.3 Resolution 2020-07 Emergency Declaration
  - 5.4 Letter of Support – Plaza Building
- 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:*** “Are you contributing to the solution or adding to the problem?” *The Spice of Life*



March 16<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, Danelle Berg, Jolly Rose, Anne Boswell, Rick Ritter, Christian Burney and Ken Hood.

Chr. Pro-Tem Baldwin called the meeting to order and requested to approve the minutes from March 9, 2020. Co. Hostetler motioned to approve the minutes. Chr. Pro-Tem Baldwin seconded. Motion carried.

Ken Hood the County Assessor presented the 2020-06 Resolution for Abatement Authority. This Resolution allows the Board of Commissioners to delegate abatement authority up to \$2000.00 to the County Assessor. Mr. Hood is asking for signature on the Resolution. Discussion was held. Co. Hostetler motioned to approve signature on Resolution 2020-06. Chr. Pro-Tem Baldwin seconded. Motion carried.

Rick Ritter the Health Department Director, gave an update on the COVID-19. He gave us a guidance on the virus and what to do and how to be proactive on how to deal with it. There is at this time no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our area. The high risk groups are: people 65 years of age and older; anyone who has a chronic disorder. Discussion was held.

Danelle Berg reported that she attended the Justice Center meeting, she felt that it went well. She attended a SCEED meeting, the Executive Director resigned. They are thinking about changing it into 2 Districts. The EDA is now currently working on how to do that. Attended a BOCES Workforce development meeting, they talked about the manufacturing tours and how to get people interested. Along with Lex Nichols and Shannon Wallace met with the GOCO concerning the Bike Park in Rocky Ford. Ms. Berg met with the Realtor on the Gibson building discussed ideas on how to use it. Discussion was held.

Admin. White-Tanabe reported that she met with the Emergency team and the Health Department on what can happen with the Corona virus and how to handle it. Attended a department head meeting concerning the Coronavirus to review what we will do concerning the virus. Would like all departments to start cross-training.

Co. Hostetler reported that he attended a Census meeting, there will be a website available if you do not receive your code. The code is necessary to be able to do the Census. Co. Hostetler along with Chr. Pro-Tem Baldwin attended the department head meeting, found it beneficial. He attended the RESADA and the OCLI meetings, as well as the CCI meeting in Denver. He also went to the Justice Center meeting. Discussion was held.

Chr. Pro-Tem Baldwin attended the Arkansas River Basin Roundtable meeting, they talked about the conduit. Construction should start in a couple of years. Jim Broadrick the Director for the Southeast Water Conservation District said that they will be meeting with all 52 customers that will be on the conduit. Discussion was held.

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

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Chairman

**OTERO COUNTY PAYMENTS**  
**MARCH 1 THROUGH MARCH 15, 2020**

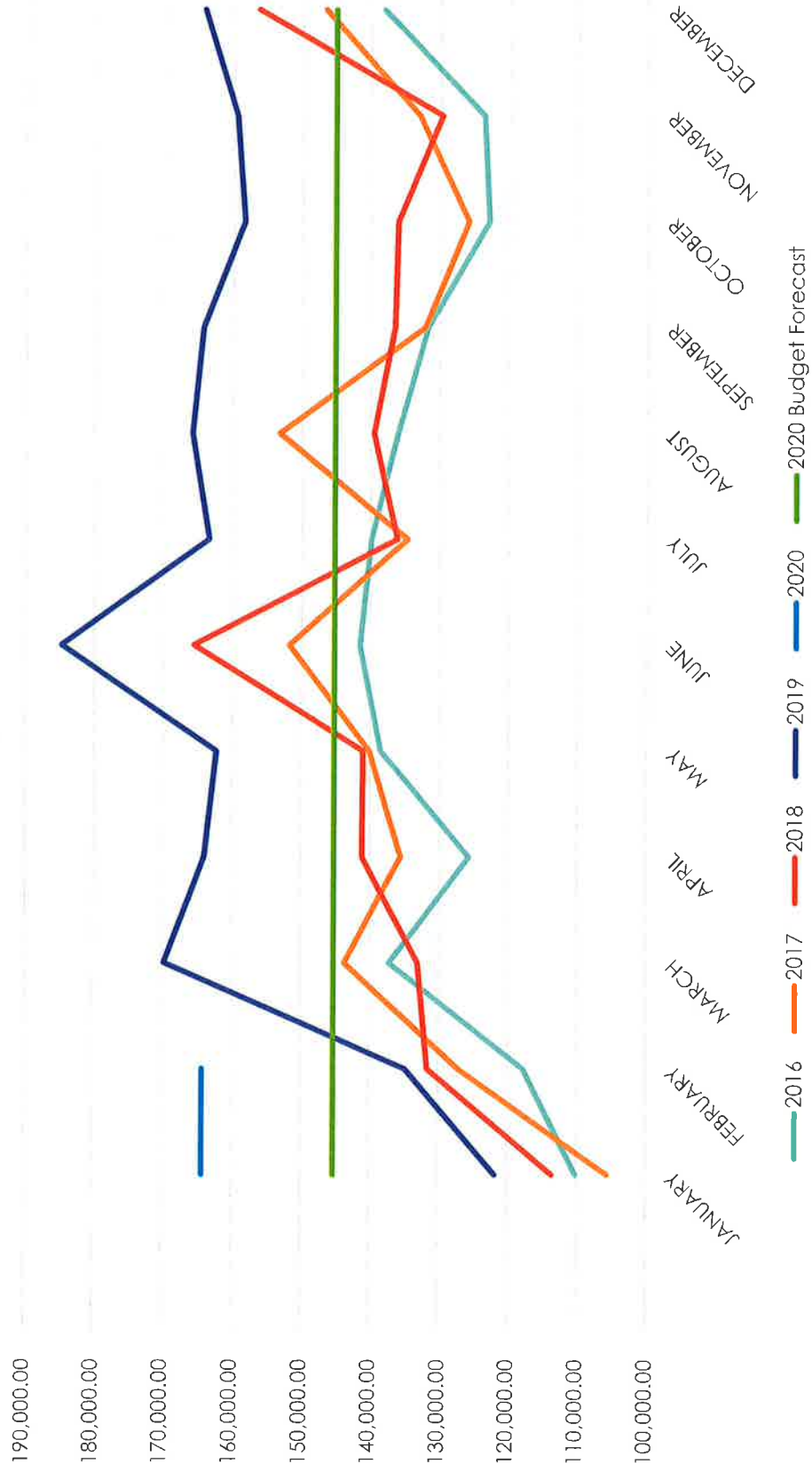
Check #	Vendor	Description	Department	Amount
119218	TRI COUNTY CHRYSLER DODGE JEEP RAM	CAPITAL OUTLAY	INTERNAL SERVICES/R&B	66,191.00
119219	A CUT ABOVE PEST CONTROL, LLC	MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS	G&B/JAIL/EXTENSION	86.00
119220	A&G UPHOLSTERY	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	75.00
119221	ADP SCREENING	DRUG TESTING & DOT PHYSICALS	R&B	7.01
119222	ARK VALLEY DISTRIBUTING	OFFICE SUPPLIES	ADMIN/R&B	257.32
119223	ARKANSAS VALLEY ACCUMED	MEDICAL SERVICES	JAIL/HEALTH	1,277.33
119224	ARKANSAS VALLEY COOP	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	240.10
119225	ARKANSAS VALLEY HOSPICE, INC	CAREGIVER SUPPORT	AAA	1,449.60
119226	ARKANSAS VALLEY LUMBER & SUPPLY	BUILDING MAINT/REPAIRS	G&B/R&B/EXTENSION	291.36
119227	ARMOR SHEET METAL, INC	SUPPORTIVE SERVICES	HEALTH	115.50
119228	BACA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	AAA GENERAL FUND	AAA	1,086.00
119229	BACA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY	AAA GENERAL FUND	AAA	72.30
119230	BACA COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES	CAREGIVER SUPPORT	AAA	658.67
119231	BENT COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	AAA GENERAL FUND	AAA	1,075.29
119232	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITIES	VARIOUS	5,326.75
119233	BLUE TARP FINANCIAL, INC. (NORTHERN TOOL)	OPERATING/SHOP SUPPLIES	R&B	235.90
119234	BRIGITTE BROWN	MED TRANS - OTERO	CSBG	41.00
119235	CENTURYLINK	PURCHASED SERVICES-COMM	E911	266.59
119236	CENTURYLINK	TELEPHONE	SHERIFF	59.00
119237	CENTURYLINK	OPERATING	AAA	4.99
119238	CENTURYLINK - SEATTLE, WA	PURCHASED SERVICES-COMM	E911	726.80
119239	CITY OF LA JUNTA	BT GRANTS/CTC GRANT	HEALTH	500.00
119240	CITY OF LA JUNTA - UTILITIES	UTILITIES		2,004.01
119241	CITY OF LA JUNTA TRANSIT	CITY OF LA JUNTA	AAA	1,137.24
119242	COLO ASSN. LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS	DUES & MEETINGS	HEALTH	1,207.00
119243	COLORADO BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	CONCEALED HAND GUN PERMIT	SHERIFF	367.00
119244	COLORADO SECRETARY OF STATE	DUES & MEETINGS	CLERK/ELECTIONS	30.00
119245	COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY	UTILITIES	EXTENSION	1,166.05
119246	COMPANION LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	ASO ADMINISTRATION	MED TRUST	2,592.00
119247	CONNIE M RING	OMBUDSMAN ACTIVITIES SERV	AAA	39.60
119248	COUNTRY CHIROPRACTIC, PC	DRUG TESTING & DOT PHYSICALS	R&B	100.00
119249	CROWLEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	AAA GENERAL FUND	AAA	3,250.92
119250	DANIEL ROBERT DAVIS	NEMT TRAVEL	NEMT	42.00
119251	DAYLIGHT DONUTS	DUES & MEETINGS	R&B	29.70
119252	DEAN W CHASE	NEMT TRAVEL	NEMT	89.00
119253	DEE ANN LYONS	MEDICAL SERVICES	JAIL	3,062.10
119254	DEEP ROCK	MISCELLANEOUS	ADMIN	34.97
119255	DIGITCOM ELECTRONICS, INC	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	1,760.25
119256	DONNA STARCK	STEPP GRANT	HEALTH	70.00
119257	EL PASO COUNTY CORONER	AUTOPSY	CORONER	4,500.00
119258	ERIC'S ELECTRIC OF LA JUNTA	SHOP MAINTENANCE	R&B	2,199.96
119259	FASTENAL COMPANY	OPERATING SUPPLIES	SHERIFF/R&B	445.01
119260	FLOYD R WARD JR	TRAVEL	CSBG/NEMT	558.00
119261	FOWLER TRIBUNE	ADVERTISING/LEGAL NOTICES	ELECTIONS	28.00
119262	GAYLE LANGAN	TRAVEL	CSBG/NEMT	209.00
119263	GCR TIRES & SERVICE	TIRES	R&B	1,728.82
119264	GOBIN'S INC	MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS	VARIOUS	497.73
119265	GRAINGER, INC	SIGNS	R&B	68.04
119266	GREAT AMERICA LEASING CORP.	MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS	ASSESSOR	147.00
119267	GT INDEPENDENCE	FMS FEE EXPENSE/CLIENT SERVICES	VDC	31,290.36
119268	HOLLY HUERTA	TRAVEL	ELECTIONS	82.35
119269	J&A TRAFFIC PRODUCTS	SIGNS	R&B	126.00
119270	JACKSON AWARDS & DESIGN LTD	OPERATING	AAA/SEP	20.00
119271	JIM COLLINS	MED TRANS - OTERO	CSBG	100.00
119272	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	339.44
119273	JOHNETTE SUE FULLER	TRAVEL	CSBG/NEMT	135.00

119274	JOURNEYWORKS PUBLISHING, INC	STEPP GRANT	HEALTH	214.50
119275	KEVIN LINDAHL	HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD	ADMIN	481.62
119276	LA JUNTA TRADING COMPANY, INC	BUILDING MAINT/REPAIRS	JAIL	6.59
119277	LA JUNTA VALLEY TIRE SHOP	BATTERIES, TIRES, TUBES, ETC	SHERIFF/LANDFILL	100.95
119278	LAMAR AREA HOSPICE	CAREGIVER SUPPORT	AAA	545.41
119279	LAWSON PRODUCTS, INC	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	46.21
119280	MARDONA L MORELAND	TRAVEL	CSBG/NEMT	474.00
119281	MARTIN PIPE & STEEL, INC	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B/LANDFILL	75.28
119282	MCKESSON MEDICAL-SURGICAL GOV SOLUTIONS	OPERATING SUPPLIES	HEALTH	96.50
119283	MEDINA'S TIRE SERVICE, LLC	EQUIPMENT R & M	LANDFILL	258.00
119284	MHC KENWORTH-PUEBLO	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	182.07
119285	MICHELLE JARAMILLO	OMBUDSMAN ACTIVITIES SERV	AAA	111.50
119286	MIGUEL A ESTRADA-HURTADO	BLDG UTIL/MAINT - RF	HEALTH	50.00
119287	MOBILE RECORD SHREDDERS	DOCUMENT SHREDDING	TREASURER/SHERIFF/JAI	24.00
119288	NEWMAN TRAFFIC SIGNS	SIGNS	R&B	123.78
119289	OFFICE DEPOT, INC	OPERATING SUPPLIES	HEALTH	347.18
119290	OFFICE MAX INC.	OFFICE SUPPLIES	SHERIFF/JAIL	150.42
119291	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	REPAIR/MAINT-MOTOR VEHICLES	SHERIFF/R&B	931.73
119292	OTERO COUNTY CLERK	REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	ADMIN/SHERIFF/R&B	55.18
119293	OTERO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	OPERATING	ADULT SERVICES	662.59
119294	OTERO COUNTY HEALTH DEPT - PETTY CASH	OPERATING SUPPLIES	HEALTH	37.65
119295	OTERO COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE	REPAIR/MAINT-MOTOR VEHICLES	VARIOUS	331.25
119296	OTERO COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT -PETTY CASH	TRAVEL/EMPLOYMENT COSTS	SHERIFF/JAIL	60.74
119297	OTERO TRUE VALUE	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	46.92
119298	PATRICIA F CLAUNCH	TRAVEL	CSBG/NEMT	26.00
119299	PEACOCK-LARSEN FUNERAL HOME, INC	AUTOPSY	CORONER	465.00
119300	PEAK ELEVATOR PERFORMANCE GROUP	MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS	G&B	120.00
119301	PROWERS AREA TRANSIT	PROWERS AREA TRANSIT	AAA	26,737.16
119302	PUEBLO BRAKE AND CLUTCH, INC	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	432.30
119303	QUILL CORPORATION	OFFICE SUPPLIES	VARIOUS	737.09
119304	RAM PRODUCTS, LTD	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	872.38
119305	REDSTONE PRINT & MAIL	PRINTING/POSTAGE	ELECTIONS	11,918.35
119306	RESERVE ACCOUNT	POSTAGE	VARIOUS	850.00
119307	RICHARD L COX	TRAVEL	CSBG/NEMT	267.00
119308	ROCKY FORD AUTO PARTS	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B/LANDFILL	43.95
119309	ROCKY FORD DAILY GAZETTE	ADVERTISING/LEGAL NOTICES	ELECTIONS/ADMIN/JAIL	617.50
119310	ROCKY FORD FOOD MARKET LLC	FOOD	JAIL	1,937.93
119311	SAGE SERVICES, INC.	CONGREGATE/HOME DEL. MEALS	AAA	80,217.00
119312	SECED	SECED	INTERGOVERNMENTAL	16,344.85
119313	SECOM	SECOM CIRCUIT/TELEPHONE	VARIOUS	4,937.02
119314	NOT A CHECK			
119315	SECOM (911)	SECOM CIRCUIT	E911	513.00
119316	SHANNON CASILLAS	TRAVEL	ELECTIONS	35.55
119317	SHULTZ LAW OFFICE LLC	LEGAL SERVICES	VARIOUS	1,640.00
119318	SIGNS & DESIGNS	OPERATING SUPPLIES	VARIOUS	550.00
119319	SKYLINE STEEL	BRIDGE MAINTENANCE	R&B	20,719.00
119320	SNO-WHITE LINEN & UNIFORM RENTAL	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	140.26
119321	SOUTH SWINK WATER COMPANY	UTILITIES	LANDFILL	26.00
119322	SOUTHEAST COLORADO POWER ASSN	UTILITIES	JAIL/R&B	1,002.81
119323	STATE OF COLO DPA ACCOUNTING	POSTAGE, BOX RENT, ETC	CLERK/ELECTIONS	778.64
119324	STEIR FUEL & OIL	FLUIDS	R&B	203.28
119325	SWAT LIGHTING	CAPITAL OUTLAY	INTERNAL SERVICES	6,685.90
119326	TEZAK HEAVY EQUIPMENT CO., INC.	GRAVEL	R&B	2,789.33
119327	THE HOME DEPOT PRO	OPERATING SUPPLIES	JAIL	194.33
119328	THIN BLUE LINE CREATIVE DESIGN	SPECIAL PROJECTS	HEALTH	50.00
119329	THOMSON REUTERS - WEST	SOFTWARE/HARDWARE RENTAL	SHERIFF	280.37
119330	TOTAL OFFICE SOLUTIONS	OFFICE SUPPLIES	VARIOUS	406.05
119331	TOWN OF CHERAW	BUILDING MAINT/REPAIRS	ADMIN	58.00
119332	TOWN OF FOWLER	UTILITIES	R&B	91.21
119333	TOWN OF SWINK	UTILITIES	R&B	102.08
119334	TRANSPORTS ACROSS CO (TAC), INC	DUES & MEETINGS	SHERIFF	50.00
119335	TPL COUNTY CHRYSLER DODGE JEEP RAM	REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	ADMIN	254.95

119335	TRIPLE T AUTO PARTS	REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	ADMIN	434.59
119336	TRIPLE T AUTO PARTS	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	452.76
119337	TRISPOKE TECHNOLOGIES, LLC	CIVIL PROCESS FEES	SHERIFF	129.69
119338	ULINE, INC	OPERATING SUPPLIES	SHERIFF	625.06
119339	UNITED REPROGRAPHIC SUPPLY, INC	OPERATING SUPPLIES	LAND USE	99.79
119340	VALCRETE	BRIDGE MAINTENANCE	R&B	1,570.00
119341	VALLEY AUTO PARTS, INC	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	1,125.19
119342	VALLEY PLUMBING & HEATING, INC	HOUSING	CSBG	1,500.00
119343	VAL-U-MED HEALTH MART	MEDICAL SERVICES	JAIL	269.56
119344	VERONICA MATA	TRAVEL	ELECTIONS	25.65
119345	VIAERO WIRELESS	TELEPHONE	EXTENSION	237.86
119346	VISA	DUES & MEETINGS/OPERATING/TRAVEL	VARIOUS	14,240.15
119347	NOT A CHECK			
119348	VISA-SHERIFF OFFICE	OPERATING/TRAVEL/UNIFORMS	SHERIFF/JAIL	1,931.23
119349	WAGNER EQUIPMENT CO	RENTAL/LEASE	R&B	795.51
119350	WALTER TUCKER	BIKE PARK/REPAIRS	R&B/ADMIN	435.00
119351	WAXIE SANITARY SUPPLY	OPERATING SUPPLIES	G&B	442.26
119352	WEX BANK	GAS	R&B	799.56
119353	WEX BANK	DIESEL	LANDFILL	60.12
119354	WEX BANK	GAS & OIL	SHERIFF/TRANSPORT	3,636.07
119355	WEX BANK	OCHD VEHICLE	HEALTH	190.29
119356	WEX BANK	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	123.31
119357	WEX BANK	GAS & OIL	ADMIN/EMERG MGT	380.29
119358	WEX BANK	FUEL	LAND USE	204.34
119359	WITTMAN WELDING, LLC	OPERATING SUPPLIES	SHERIFF	36.55
119360	X-TREME H2O	REPAIR/MAINT-MOTOR VEHICLES	SHERIFF/TRANSPORT	38.39
119361	ZOLTON JOHN ZELENAK	TRAVEL	CSBG/NEMT	207.00
			TOTAL	357,564.05
		<b>Fund Summary</b>		
			010 - GENERAL FUND	67,266.81
			011 - SMALL BUSINESS DEVELP RLF	16.00
			020 - ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	83,978.07
			025 - MEDICAL TRUST FUND	2,592.00
			040 - AAA FUND	148,155.99
			065 - INTERNAL SERVICES FUND	34,149.86
			070 - GENERAL HUMAN SERVICES	4,438.89
			080 - HEALTH FUND	13,536.07
			085 - CONSERVATION TRUST FUND	506.35
			090 - CLERK HIRE FUND	1,417.62
			095 - E-911	1,506.39
				357,564.05



# Otero County Sales Tax Report







**WHEREAS**, the conditions that spurred the Chairman of the Board to declare the local emergency have not abated; and

**WHEREAS**, the Otero County Health Department has proactively been working to respond to this pandemic by activating their National Incident Management System Structure, deploying the Department Operations Center, and providing medical provider support/outreach and community support/outreach; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners deems it necessary to continue the declaration of local public health and economic emergency proclaimed for the County of Otero, State of Colorado, by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners on March 18, 2020, in order to preserve the life, health and safety of the citizens of Otero County, Colorado.

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

1. The Board of County Commissioners confirms, determines and declares that the presence and likelihood of additional cases of the COVID-19 virus within the County of Otero and State of Colorado constitute a local emergency that warrants continuing the emergency response and furnishing aid and assistance as needed.

2. The Board of County Commissioners declares that in order to preserve the life, health and safety of the citizens of Otero County, Colorado, the local public health and economic emergency proclaimed for the County of Otero, Colorado, by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners on March 18, 2020, is hereby continued.

3. The Board of County Commissioners recognizes that the Otero County Health Department, by and through its Director and in coordination with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, is currently incident command for the response to COVID-19 in Otero County. The Otero County Health Department has the authority under state law to issue orders and guidance and take other actions as necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare. The Board of County Commissioners directs County staff to take such actions to effectuate the orders and guidance of the Otero County Health Department, in consultation with the Board as appropriate.

4. The Board of County Commissioners recognizes that the Otero County Sheriff is a constitutional officer charged with maintaining public order within Otero County and is authorized under State law to enforce the orders of the Otero County Health Department as well as other governmental directives related to disasters and emergencies, all as reasonably necessary to protect the safety of the public. The Board of County Commissioners requests the Sheriff to enforce the orders of the Otero County Health Department and continue taking

other actions as necessary to ensure the safety of the public during this local emergency, in consultation with the Board as appropriate.

5. The Board of County Commissioners recognizes that the Emergency Manager of Otero County is coordinating the Countywide response to the emergency, including with partners of Otero County such as the towns and cities within the County; first responders; human services; healthcare and emergency medical services providers; providers of critical infrastructure for the community; and other providers of important and necessary services to the public. The Board of County Commissioners directs that the Emergency Manager continue to work closely with these partners to ensure a coordinated response throughout the County and to continue to utilize Otero County staff and other resources as necessary for an effective response, in consultation with the Board as appropriate.

6. The Board of County Commissioners recognizes that the Otero County Department of Human Services must meet the needs of the citizens of Otero County, Colorado, including but not limited to children, older adults, pregnant women, individuals with disabilities, individuals who live in institutional settings, individuals from diverse cultures, individuals who have limited English proficiency, individuals who are transportation disadvantaged, individuals experiencing homelessness, individuals who have chronic medical disorders, individuals with serious mental illnesses, and individuals who have pharmacological dependency, during the time of the local state of emergency. The Board of County Commissioners requests the Otero County Department of Human Services to assist in the continuity of essential health and social services, in consultation with the Board as appropriate.

7. The extension of the declaration of a local state of emergency will continue without interruption until terminated by Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners.

8. This Resolution and Declaration is necessary for the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Otero County, Colorado.

9. This Resolution and Declaration shall be promptly filed with the Otero County Clerk and Recorder and with the Office of Emergency Management.

10. The Board of County Commissioners would like to recognize and extend a gratitude to Rick Ritter, the Otero County Health Department Director; Shawn Mobley, the Otero County Sheriff; Donna Rohde, the Director of the Otero County Department of Human Services; and Danny Chavez, the Emergency Manager, for the active and preventative actions they have taken in order to ensure the health and wellbeing of the citizens of Otero County, Colorado.

Adopted this 23rd 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

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John Hostetler

Acknowledged and Endorsed by:

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Rick Ritter  
Otero County Health Department Director

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Danny Chavez  
Otero County Emergency Manager

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Shawn Mobley  
Otero County Sheriff

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Donna Rohde  
Otero County Department of Human Services  
Director

Resolution No. 2020-07

March 23, 2020

Mr. Tim Stroh  
History Colorado-State Historical Fund  
1200 Broadway  
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Mr. Stroh:

Revitalization of our communities, and support for entrepreneurship and economic development are important to rural counties like Otero County. Because of limited capacity and resources, these efforts often require broad cooperative efforts among county and cities, non-profits and citizens. The ongoing project to rehabilitate the Plaza Building in La Junta to serve as a creative arts facility, commercial kitchen and apartments is a perfect example of these efforts.

Located in downtown La Junta, just one block from the Otero County Courthouse, and highly visible on Highway 50 the Plaza Building is an important part of our local history and when fully rehabilitated will serve as an asset for the city, county and surrounding region. County departments are interested in using the completed facility for a variety of potential uses. These include to teach cooking classes for adults, teens, or children and parents through their Cooking Matters Colorado program which is taught by the County Extension Agent and the WIC nutritionist team and food safety classes through the Department of Health. The art facilities will provide badly needed space to provide classes and activities for our youth and seniors.

The Otero County Health Department partnered with the Southeast Colorado Creative Partnership on a Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Brownfield grant to deal with the asbestos and environmental issues in the building. We want to continue support this project, and hope that the State Historical Fund will as well through SECCP's grant request to develop the construction documents for the interior rehabilitation.

Gaining and maintaining momentum for a project like this in a rural area is difficult. SECCP's grant request for interior construction documents will allow them to maintain that momentum and plan for beginning interior rehabilitation in 2021. We respectfully encourage your favorable support of SECCP's grant request.

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

**Mon Mar 23, 2020**

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

**Where:** Room 212

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

**Where:** Room 212

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

**Where:** Room 212

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

**Where:** Room 212

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

**Where:** Room 107

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

**Where:** Room 107

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

**Tue Mar 24, 2020**

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

**Where:** Room 212

**Wed Mar 25, 2020**

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

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