



**Rob Oquist** - Commissioner Dist. 1  
**Tim Knabenshue** - Commissioner Dist. 2  
**Jim Baldwin** - Commissioner Dist. 3  
**Amy White-Tanabe** - County Administrator  
**Nathan Shultz** - County Attorney

## Otero County Board of Commissioners

# AGENDA

July 10, 2023

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
7. Old Business
8. New Business
  - a. Resolution 2023-09 Support for Advance Colorado Challenge to Senate Bill 23-303 Proposition HH
9. Departmental Reports
10. Commissioners Report
11. Discussion
12. Announcements

June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023

The Board of County Commissioners now meets pursuant to adjournment.

Present:	Rob Oquist	Chairman
	Tim Knabenshue	Commissioner
	Jim Baldwin	Commissioner
	Amy White-Tanabe	Administrator
	Holly Huerta-Hudak	Deputy Clerk

Guests in attendance in person: Adrian Hart, Bette McFarren, Hannah Fasick, Dillon Roath, Lex Nichols, and Rick Ward.  
Zoom: Anne Boswell

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

Chr. Oquist called the regular meeting to order.

No public comments.

Veteran Service officer Rick Ward talked about what has been going on at the Veteran Service office for the past year. Ward has filed 120 claims for Veterans. Ward spoke on new legislation coming into effect for property tax exemptions. Ward has collaborated on the new Coffee Break Project with Southeast Mental Health Group to give Veterans a place to talk and aims to help with suicide prevention. August 8, 2023, the VA is going to be in the area for a Town Hall meeting. They are also signing people up for health care and doing toxic exposure screening. Ward went over the GEX (Geographic Distribution of VA Expenditures) report.

Chr. Oquist called for approval of the consent agenda. The agenda includes approval of the minutes from June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and bills and payroll for June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 - June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Co. Baldwin motioned to approve the consent agenda. Co. Knabenshue seconded. Motion carried.

Dillon Roath with Public Works department requested to adopt Resolution 2023-08. This resolution is to adopt the 2018 Energy Code. The current Energy Code is from 2006. This code will apply to all new construction. Co. Knabenshue motioned to approve. Co. Baldwin seconded. Motion carried.

Admin. White-Tanabe introduced amendment number one on the new Sheriff's building contract with Nunn Construction. This amendment addresses the updated funds request for the design of the building. Co. Baldwin motioned to approve. Co. Knabenshue seconded. Motion carried.

Admin. White-Tanabe spoke on the April 2023 Sales tax report. She was happy to report the sales tax collected is up from April 2022.

Lex Nichols with Public Works spoke about the water levels within the County. Nichols reported on minor agricultural flooding and the water levels have gone down. The Otero County sandbag station was opened by the County and utilized by the citizens.

Co. Knabenshue reported on helping with the flood watch, attending the walk through of the new jail construction project, and attending the CSU Extension robot training.

Chair Oquist reported on attending CSU Extension robot training and the SEBREA meeting.

Admin. White-Tanabe announced the County offices are closed July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday.

With no further business the Board adjourned the meeting.

Next meeting will be Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 1:30pm.

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Clerk

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Chairman

**OTERO COUNTY PAYMENTS  
JUNE 16 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023**

Check #	Vendor	Description	Department	Amount
126876	LITTLE ROX'S TREASURE BOX	REVOLVED LOANS	SBD	14,518.00
126877	TOP VIEW UAS IMAGING, LLC	REVOLVED LOANS	SBD	34,118.00
126878	TRIAD COMPUTER SERVICES, INC	COURTHOUSE BUILDING	ADMIN	849.95
126879	A CUT ABOVE PEST CONTROL, LLC	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	270.00
126880	ACM DIESEL, LLC	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	7,411.03
126881	ALL RITE PAVING & REDI MIX, INC	ROAD OIL	R&B	8,661.14
126882	ARTISTIC CUSTOM BADGES AND COINS, LLC	OPERATING SUPPLIES	SHERIFF	396.50
126883	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITIES	LAND USE/G&B/R&B	712.52
126884	BRIGITTE BROWN	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	802.00
126885	CITY OF LA JUNTA	PURCHASED SERVICES-COMM	E911	695.02
126886	CITY OF LA JUNTA - UTILITIES	UTILITIES	G&B/SHERIFF/JAIL/R&B	9,076.95
126887	CITY OF ROCKY FORD	UTILITIES	LAND USE	132.95
126888	COLORADO DEPT OF PUBLIC HEALTH	OPERATING SUPPLIES	HEALTH	1,163.00
126889	COUNTY TECH SERV-VOLUNTEER INS	OTHER INSURANCE	INSURANCE FUND	63.80
126890	DAVIS AUTO REPAIR	REPAIR/MAINT-MOTOR VEHICLES	SHERIFF	62.00
126891	DEEP ROCK	MISCELLANEOUS	ADMIN	60.94
126892	DEEP ROCK	OPERATING SUPPLIES	SHERIFF/JAIL	179.37
126893	DENVER INDUSTRIAL SALES & SERVICE CO	ROAD OIL	R&B	1,267.09
126894	EAST OTERO SCHOOL DISTRICT R-1	PILT PAYMENTS - DOW	INTERGOVERNMENTAL	390.07
126895	ELEGANT CONCRETE LLC	CONTINGENCY RESERVE	ADMIN	4,800.00
126896	GOBIN'S INC	MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS/CAP. OUTLAY	LAND USE/INTERNAL SVCS	10,229.27
126897	GREAT AMERICA LEASING CORP.	CTC GRANT	HEALTH	84.16
126898	JERRY D. BAY	P & Z BOARD FEES	LAND USE	78.00
126899	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	BUILDING MAINT/REPAIRS	G&B/R&B	564.84
126900	JR THOMPSON	P & Z BOARD FEES	LAND USE	60.90
126901	KIMBALL MIDWEST	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	1,898.54
126902	LEONARD TAFOYA	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	950.00
126903	LOWER ARKANSAS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT	PILT PAYMENTS - DOW	INTERGOVERNMENTAL	134.92
126904	MARDONA L MORELAND	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	260.00
126905	MARSHALL & SWIFT/BOECKH, LLC	BOOKS	ASSESSOR	1,446.10
126906	MATTHEW MCINTYRE	P & Z BOARD FEES	LAND USE	65.42
126907	MATTHEWS & SONS ELECTRIC	REVOLVED LOANS	SBD	15,000.00
126908	MCKESSON MEDICAL-SURGICAL GOV. SOLUTIONS	MEDICAL SUPPLIES	HEALTH	278.00
126909	MOBILE RECORD SHREDDERS	DOCUMENT SHREDDING	VARIOUS	142.00
126910	MSHA / DEPARTMENT OF LABOR	GRAVEL	R&B	133.00
126911	NORMAN JAY SMITH	P & Z BOARD FEES	LAND USE	77.10
126912	OFFICE DEPOT, INC	OFFICE SUPPLIES	SHERIFF/JAIL/HEALTH	769.29
126913	OTERO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	RENT	ADULT SERVICES	2,398.00
126914	OTERO COUNTY HEALTH DEPT - PETTY CASH	PETTY CASH	HEALTH	81.50
126915	OTERO COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT -PETTY CASH	POSTAGE, BOX RENT, ETC	SHERIFF	10.75
126916	OTERO COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES	SALARY/OPERATING	ADULT SERVICES	6,790.06
126917	NOT A CHECK			-
126918	PERKINS MOTOR COMPANY, INC.	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	217.70
126919	PIPEYARD	CULVERTS	R&B	1,041.00
126920	PITNEY BOWES, INC	MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS	VARIOUS	462.15
126921	PRECISION HYDRAULICS, INC	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	250.00
126922	PROFORCE LAW ENFORCEMENT	TACTICAL EQUIPMENT-SHERIFF	SHERIFF	199.75
126923	RAM PRODUCTS, LTD	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	191.74
126924	ROCKY FORD DAILY GAZETTE	CTC GRANT	HEALTH	80.00
126925	ROCKY FORD RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT	PILT PAYMENTS - DOW	INTERGOVERNMENTAL	103.87
126926	RUSLER IMPLEMENT CO	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	2,885.17
126927	SAFETY-KLEEN SYSTEMS, INC	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	144.45
126928	SCREENVISION DIRECT, INC	STEPP GRANT	HEALTH	6,457.00
126929	SECOM	SECOM CIRCUIT/TELEPHONE	VARIOUS	5,385.06
126930	NOT A CHECK			-
126931	SECOM (911)	SECOM CIRCUIT	E911	1,436.40
126932	SIGNS & DESIGNS	SIGNS	R&B	380.00
126933	SMARTFORCE TECHNOLOGIES, INC	SOFTWARE/HARDWARE RENTAL	SHERIFF	599.88

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126934	SOUTHEAST COLO WEED MGMT	BUILDING MAINT/REPAIRS	VARIOUS	6,245.50
126935	SOUTHERN TIRE MART LLC	TIRES	SHERIFF/R&B	7,880.87
126936	STATE OF COLO DPA ACCOUNTING	POSTAGE, BOX RENT, ETC	CLERK	2,582.30
126937	SWINK SCHOOL DISTRICT #33	PILT PAYMENTS - DOW	INTERGOVERNMENTAL	1,499.27
126938	TOTAL OFFICE SOLUTIONS	OFFICE SUPPLIES	CLERK	27.40
126939	TRACEY A SMALLLEY	TRAINING	SHERIFF	1,000.00
126940	TRIAD COMPUTER SERVICES, INC	PURCHASES UNDER \$5,000	VARIOUS	25,218.19
126941	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS	ADMIN	292.49
126942	ULINE, INC	BUILDING MAINT/REPAIRS	JAIL	1,089.30
126943	VIAERO WIRELESS	TELEPHONE	VARIOUS	3,097.59
126944	VISA	OPERATING SUPPLIES	HEALTH	6,281.27
126945	WAGNER EQUIPMENT CO	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	514.86
126946	WALMART / CAPITAL ONE	OPERATING SUPPLIES	SHERIFF/JAIL	1,177.24
2455	16TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT	16TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT	INTERGOVERNMENTAL	43,272.61
2456	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC	OFFICE SUPPLIES	ADMIN/SHERIFF/JAIL	360.74
2457	CENTURYLINK	TELEPHONE	SHERIFF	62.34
2458	DEAN W CHASE	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	343.00
2459	DIGITCOM ELECTRONICS, INC	OPERATING SUPPLIES	E911	1,798.00
2460	ELSIE MAE KLEIN	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	401.00
2461	FLOYD A ORNELAS JR	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	296.00
2462	FLOYD R WARD JR	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	68.00
2463	GAYLE LANGAN	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	31.00
2464	J&A TRAFFIC PRODUCTS	SIGNS	R&B	1,925.00
2465	JACKI SHERIFF CLARK	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	97.00
2466	KATHRYN L. SCHROEDER	LEGAL SERVICES	ADMIN	6,000.00
2467	LA JUNTA RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT	PILT PAYMENTS - DOW	INTERGOVERNMENTAL	351.99
2468	MAVERICK SOLUTIONS, LLC	PARKS & REC FACILITIES	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	315.00
2469	MCCANDLESS INTERNATIONAL	CAPITAL OUTLAY	R&B	173,130.00
2470	MEDINA'S TIRE SERVICE, LLC	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	146.00
2471	NEWMAN TRAFFIC SIGNS	SIGNS	R&B	477.79
2472	QUILL CORPORATION	OFFICE SUPPLIES	VARIOUS	1,205.06
2473	RMMI	MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS	ADMIN	9,786.00
2474	ROCKY FORD SCHOOL DISTRICT R2	PILT PAYMENTS - DOW	INTERGOVERNMENTAL	1,198.35
2475	SANDRA LEE ESTEP	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	839.00
2476	SE COLORADO WATER CONSERVANCY DIST	PILT PAYMENTS - DOW	INTERGOVERNMENTAL	79.63
2477	SHELLY R BAUER	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	52.00
2478	SOUTHEAST COLORADO POWER ASSN	UTILITIES	R&B	339.45
2479	THE HOME DEPOT PRO	BUILDING MAINT/REPAIRS	LAND USE/G&B	833.52
2480	TYLA T HIATT	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	473.00
2481	VALLEY TRASH LLC	OPR / SHOP SUPPLIES	R&B	25.00
				447,729.11

Fund Summary

010 - GENERAL FUND	88,501.07
011 - SMALL BUSINESS DEVL P RLF	63,636.00
012 - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	849.95
020 - ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	215,055.02
030 - CONTINGENT FUND	4,800.00
040 - AAA FUND	2,567.41
045 - INSURANCE FUND	63.80
050 - DETENTION CENTER FUND	39.95
065 - INTERNAL SERVICES FUND	26,627.62
070 - GENERAL HUMAN SERVICES	12,200.61
080 - HEALTH FUND	16,535.94
085 - CONSERVATION TRUST FUND	1,475.00
090 - CLERK HIRE FUND	11,447.32
095 - E-911	3,929.42
447,729.11	

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 10th day of July, A.D., 2023, there were present:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Rob Oquist,	Chairman
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tim Knabenshue,	Commissioner
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jim Baldwin,	Commissioner
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lynda Scott,	Clerk to the Board
<input type="checkbox"/>	Amy White-Tanabe	County Administrator

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

**Resolution #2023-09**

**A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT FOR ADVANCE COLORADO CHALLENGE TO SENATE BILL 23-303 PROPOSITION HH**

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 23-303 was hastily enacted by the General Assembly on the last day of the 2023 Legislative Session without adequate opportunity for debate, discussion and the public process that protects against ill-advised legislation becoming law; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 23-303 was enacted without consultation with local governments and local elected officials; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 23-303 purports to provide tax relief but in fact would eliminate or dramatically decrease future TABOR refunds thus increasing rather than decreasing the future costs and burdens on Colorado taxpayers; and

**WHEREAS**, the language of the proposed ballot initiative is confusing, misleading and violates the requirement in Colorado law that such initiatives be limited to a single subject; and

**WHEREAS**, Advance Colorado has initiated litigation to challenge Senate Bill 23-303 and the referred ballot Proposition HH as not conforming to Colorado law pertaining to such ballot initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, had the General Assembly been sincere in its concerns about the impact to taxpayers resulting from the 2023 statewide real property valuation, the issues could have been discussed by all members of the General Assembly early in the session to elicit more reasonable, bi-partisan solutions than this surreptitiously drafted legislation, including the simple solution of skipping the 2023 property valuation process pending a long-range solution; and

**WHEREAS**, Otero County cannot afford to lose any revenue from the reduction of property taxes and Otero County does not trust or believe that state revenues will be used to backfill some of the reduced property tax revenue; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 6 of SB23-303 would establish a limit on specified property tax revenue for local governments, including Otero County, that is equal to inflation above the property tax revenue from the prior tax year that would restrict potential growth in Otero County; and

**WHEREAS**, Otero County does not want any more unfunded mandates where Otero County is dependent and reliant on the State of Colorado for local government reimbursement as is anticipated in Section 24-77-203, C.R.S.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Otero County desires to adopt a resolution documenting the concerns of the impact of Senate Bill 23-303 on the citizens of Otero County, Colorado.

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

1. Otero County fully supports the litigation initiated by Advance Colorado to challenge this misleading and misguided legislation and ballot proposition.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval by the Board of County Commissioners of Otero County, Colorado.

Adopted this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.

ATTEST:

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

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Clerk & Recorder

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Rob Oquist, Chairman

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Tim Knabenshue

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Jim Baldwin

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**Mon 10 Jul 2023**

9am - 10am Public Works / RO, TK, JB, LN, DG

10am - 11am Economic Development

11am - 12pm Department of Human Services / RO, TK, JB, DR

12pm - 12:30pm Ken Hood

12:30pm - 1:30pm Administration / RO, TK, JB

1:30pm - 2:30pm Department of Human Services

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

**Tue 11 Jul 2023**

2pm - 5pm Work Session / RO, TK, JB

**Wed 12 Jul 2023**

10:30am - 12pm RESADA / RO, DR

12:30pm - 4pm Ark River Basin Roundtable / JB

4pm - 5pm Historic Preservation

**Mon 17 Jul 2023**

8:30am - 10:30am OPI/OCLI

11am - 12pm Emergency Management / RO, TK, JB, DC

12pm - 1pm Administration / AT, RO, TK, JB

1pm - 2pm Sheriff Mobley

**Tue 18 Jul 2023**

2pm - 5pm Work Session / RO, TK, JB



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**Wed 19 Jul 2023**

10:30am - 11:30am Lower Ark Water Conservancy -- JB

12pm - 1pm SEBREA – RO, DB

2pm - 3pm SAGE – RO

**Thu 20 Jul 2023**

9:30am - 12pm SEWCD Board Meeting

1pm - 2pm Fort Carson/PCMS AAP Meeting

**Mon 24 Jul 2023**

9am - 10am Public Works / RO, TK, JB, LN, DG

10am - 11am Economic Development

11am - 12pm Department of Human Services

12pm - 1pm Administration / AT, RO, TK, JB

1:30pm - 2:30pm Department of Human Services

1:30pm - 2:30pm Land Use

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

3pm - 4pm SECOR