



**Rob Oquist** - 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

July 11, 2022

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comment (limit of 3 minutes)
3. Presentations
4. 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 and Payroll
5. Old Business
6. New Business
  - a. Ambulance Permit – American Medical Response of Colorado, Inc.
  - b. Resolution 2022-07 Opposing the Closure of the La Junta VA Clinic
7. Departmental Reports
  - a. Rick Ward, Veteran Service Officer
  - b. Lex Nichols, Planning Commission Appointment
8. Commissioners Report
9. Discussion
10. Announcements



June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022

The Board of County Commissioners now meets pursuant to adjournment.

Present:	Jim Baldwin	Chairman
	John Hostetler	Member
	Rob Oquist	Member
	Amy White-Tanabe	Admin
	Shannon Casillas	Chief Deputy Clerk

Guests in attendance in person: Jolly Rose, Bette McFarren, Shawn Mobley, Adrian Hart, and Barry Shiohita.  
Zoom: Anne Boswell.

Chr. Baldwin called the meeting to order and asked for approval of the Consent Agenda. The agenda contains: approval of the minutes from June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Co. Oquist motioned to approve the minutes and the consent agenda. Co. Hostetler seconded. Motion carried.

Admin. White-Tanabe presented the appointment for Lauren Jones to the Otero County Housing Authority Board for a five-year term. Co. Hostetler motioned to approve. Co. Oquist seconded. Motion carried.

Admin. White-Tanabe presented the appointment for Tammy Ridennoure for the Otero County Historic Preservation Board for a term of three years. Co. Oquist motioned to approve. Co. Hostetler seconded. Motion carried.

Sheriff Shawn Mobley reported concerns about the Black Hills Fire and that one of their brush trucks was currently down due to a pump issue and will have an update today from the shop. He is thankful for the moisture but did not expect it to amend the current burning restrictions. He also reported the Otero Sheriff's office currently has job openings for patrol officers and jailors. They have sponsored Dominic Mondragon through a grant program through the State POST to help be reimbursed for the police academy funds. They are seeing an increase on criminal investigations especially child porn related cases. He also reported increasing animal complaints.

Chief Deputy Clerk Casillas wanted to remind everyone that June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022, is election day and the Clerk & Records Office will be closed for Motor Vehicle and Recording transactions. They will be open for elections only from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Admin. White-Tanabe presented the April 2022 sales tax report. There was \$7,869.97 less received compared to April 2021. She also reported that the RFP for the Detention center has been released and can be reviewed on the website [oterocounty.colorado.gov](http://oterocounty.colorado.gov). Otero County is looking for an agency to design and build the Detention Center and Sheriff's Administrative offices. She is excited to get this project started and all the commissioners expressed their excitement too.

Co. Oquist has been going to a lot of meetings this week. One meeting was with Sheriff Shawn Mobley and state about the jail.

Co. Hostetler was busy with meetings this week also. He attended the OCLI meeting, and they are coming along with the building with construction. The single-entry point is making progress. He also went to Colorado Springs with Darren Garcia to pick up a new pickup for the Otero County Sheriff's Department.

Chr. Baldwin announced the 4<sup>th</sup> of July closure. State, County offices and Landfill will be closed in observance of the Independence Day holiday on Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

With no further business the Board adjourned the meeting.

Next meeting will be Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 1:30pm.

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Clerk

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Chairman

OTERO COUNTY PAYMENTS  
JUNE 16 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022

Check #	Vendor	Description	Department	Amount
125004	MIKE SHAW CHRYSLER DODGE JEEP RAM	CAPITAL OUTLAY	INTERNAL SERVICES	38,300.00
125005	LA JUNTA VALLEY OIL CO	DIESEL	R&B	54,625.00
125006	A CUT ABOVE PEST CONTROL, LLC	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	270.00
125007	ABBA EYE CARE	AAA GENERAL FUND	AAA	246.94
125008	ALAN M WADLEIGH	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	82.00
125009	ALL RITE PAVING & REDI MIX, INC	ROAD OIL	R&B	24,514.02
125010	ARK VALLEY DISTRIBUTING	OFFICE SUPPLIES	ADMIN/R&B	259.83
125011	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	UTILITIES	VARIOUS	1,808.40
125012	BOB BARKER COMPANY, INC	JAIL COMMISSARY EXPENSE	JAIL	131.96
125013	BRIGITTE BROWN	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	460.00
125014	CAPITAL ONE TRADE CREDIT	OPERATING	R&B	464.01
125015	CITY OF LA JUNTA - UTILITIES	UTILITIES	VARIOUS	10,282.96
125016	CITY OF ROCKY FORD	UTILITIES	HEALTH/LAND USE	254.57
125017	COLORADO BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	CONCEALED HAND GUN PERMIT	SHERIFF	143.50
125018	COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION	SALARIES/TRAVEL/OPERATING	EXTENSION	5,914.28
125019	CONSULTING WITH A HART LLC	ADVERTISING/LEGAL NOTICES	ADMIN	50.00
125020	COUNTY TECH SERV-VOLUNTEER INS	OTHER INSURANCE	INSURANCE FUND	63.80
125021	CROWLEY COUNTY JR FAIRBOARD	STEPP GRANT	HEALTH	500.00
125022	DAVID N TRUJILLO, DDS PC	MEDICAL SERVICES	JAIL	513.93
125023	DEEP ROCK	OPERATING SUPPLIES	ADMIN/SHERIFF/JAIL	243.18
125024	EAST OTERO SCHOOL DISTRICT R-1	PILT PAYMENTS - DOW	INTERGOVERNMENTAL	402.21
125025	ERIC'S ELECTRIC OF LA JUNTA	BLDG MAINT/REPAIRS	G&B/R&B	5,258.33
125026	FASTENAL COMPANY	BUILDING MAINT/REPAIRS	JAIL	10.99
125027	GOBIN'S INC	OPERATING SUPPLIES	VARIOUS	155.57
125028	GRAINGER, INC	PARTS/SERVICE	G&B/R&B	1,873.37
125029	GREAT AMERICA LEASING CORP.	CTC GRANT	HEALTH	84.16
125030	GRIZZLY TIRE AND AUTO LLC	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	35.00
125031	JACKI SHERIFF CLARK	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	609.00
125032	JERRY D. BAY	P & Z BOARD FEES	LAND USE	78.00
125033	JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	OPERATING SUPPLIES	JAIL/R&B	537.46
125034	JOHNETTE SUE FULLER	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	432.00
125035	JR THOMPSON	P & Z BOARD FEES	LAND USE	60.90
125036	KIMBALL MIDWEST	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	764.74
125037	LA JUNTA VALLEY TIRE SHOP	FLUIDS	R&B	15.00
125038	LA POLICE GEAR, INC	OPERATING SUPPLIES	SHERIFF	195.00
125039	LEONARD TAFOYA	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	670.00
125040	LOWER ARKANSAS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT	PILT PAYMENTS - DOW	INTERGOVERNMENTAL	148.09
125041	MARDONA L MORELAND	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	408.00
125042	MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL	ARP 1.4 PUBLIC HEALTH PREVENTION	AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN	329.36
125043	MOBILE RECORD SHREDDERS	MISCELLANEOUS	TREASURER/SHERIFF/JAIL	51.00
125044	MORGAN & SONS GLASS INC	COURTHOUSE BUILDING	G&B	800.00
125045	NATIONAL SHERIFFS ASSOCIATION	DUES & MEETINGS	SHERIFF	142.00
125046	NATRONA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NWSC	TRAINING	TRANSPORT	250.00
125047	OFFICE DEPOT, INC	OFFICE SUPPLIES	SHERIFF/JAIL	188.22
125048	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	REPAIR/MAINT-MOTOR VEHICLES	SHERIFF/TRANSPORT	101.55
125049	OTERO COUNTY CLERK	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	11.56
125050	OTERO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	RENT	ADULT SERVICES	2,380.00
125051	OTERO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	SUPPORTIVE SERVICES	HEALTH	30.50
125052	OTERO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	OPERATING SUPPLIES	SHERIFF	33.30
125053	OTERO COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT -PETTY CASH	UNIFORMS	SHERIFF	61.42
125054	OTERO COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES	SALARIES/OPERATING	ADULT SERVICES	11,728.26
125055	NOT A CHECK			-
125056	PITNEY BOWES, INC	MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS	VARIOUS	581.13
125057	PLAINSMAN HERALD	ADVERTISING	HEALTH	345.00
125058	ROCKY FORD RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT	PILT PAYMENTS - DOW	INTERGOVERNMENTAL	108.35
125059	RUSLER IMPLEMENT CO	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	110.73
125060	SAFETY-KLEEN SYSTEMS, INC	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	151.39
125061	SAGE SERVICES, INC.	BRIC GRANT PURCHASES	ADULT SERVICES	20,658.48
125062	SECOM	SECOM CIRCUIT/TELEPHONE	VARIOUS	5,360.28
125063	NOT A CHECK			-

Check #	Vendor	Description	Department	Amount
125064	SECOM (911)	SECOM CIRCUIT	E911	513.00
125065	SECRETAC	RETURN OVERPAYMENT	EMS	6,824.96
125066	SHERYL SEAMANS	CONTRACT SERVICES	ADMIN	82.00
125067	SWANSTON EQUIPMENT	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	4,065.78
125068	SWINK SCHOOL DISTRICT #33	PILT PAYMENTS - DOW	INTERGOVERNMENTAL	1,594.06
125069	TASC	FEES	MED TRUST	310.50
125070	TASCOSA OFFICE MACHINES, INC	OPERATING	ADULT SERVICES	138.55
125071	TOM FEDDE	P & Z BOARD FEES	LAND USE	77.10
125072	TOTAL OFFICE SOLUTIONS	OFFICE SUPPLIES	CLERK	27.14
125073	TOWN OF CHERAW	BUILDING MAINT/REPAIRS	ADMIN	29.00
125074	TRANE COMPANY	BUILDING MAINT/REPAIRS	G&B	2,422.00
125075	TRIAD COMPUTER SERVICES, INC	E-MAIL/DOMAIN SERVER	GIS	657.16
125076	TRIPLE T AUTO PARTS	BUILDING MAINT/REPAIRS	G&B/HEALTH	281.01
125077	TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS	ADMIN	701.97
125078	ULINE, INC	BUILDING MAINT/REPAIRS	JAIL/HEALTH	17,559.98
125079	VIAERO WIRELESS	TELEPHONE	VARIOUS	1,746.14
125080	WAGNER EQUIPMENT CO	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	1,747.40
125081	WALMART / CAPITAL ONE	OPERATING SUPPLIES	HEALTH	378.44
125082	WALMART / CAPITAL ONE	FOODD/OPERATING	JAIL	478.44
125083	WALMART / CAPITAL ONE	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	125.25
125084	WALMART / CAPITAL ONE	AAA GENERAL FUND	AAA	699.00
125085	WALTER TUCKER	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	40.00
125086	WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE	BOARDING PRISONERS	JAIL	1,705.00
125087	WILLIAM C PIQUETTE	P & Z BOARD FEES	LAND USE	69.90
1679	16TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT	16TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT	INTERGOVERNMENTAL	40,067.20
1680	CENTURYLINK	TELEPHONE	JAIL	59.29
1681	CHARM-TEX, INC	JAIL COMMISSARY EXPENSE	JAIL	49.90
1682	DEAN W CHASE	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	372.00
1683	DEE ANN LYONS	MEDICAL SERVICES	JAIL/STATE GRANTS	3,546.75
1684	GCR TIRES & SERVICE	TIRES	R&B	4,643.50
1685	HIGH PLAINS AUDIOLOGY LLC	AAA GENERAL FUND	AAA	2,400.00
1686	LA JUNTA RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT	PILT PAYMENTS - DOW	INTERGOVERNMENTAL	386.64
1687	LOCK MONKEY INC	OPERATING SUPPLIES	HEALTH	140.00
1688	MEDICAL SYSTEMS OF DENVER, INC	LABORATORY SERVICES	HEALTH	345.14
1689	MEDINA'S TIRE SERVICE, LLC	PARTS/SERVICE	R&B	224.00
1690	QUILL CORPORATION	OFFICE SUPPLIES	VARIOUS	442.97
1691	ROCKY FORD FOOD MARKET LLC	FOOD/SUPPLIES	JAIL	1,452.24
1692	ROCKY FORD SCHOOL DISTRICT R2	PILT PAYMENTS - DOW	INTERGOVERNMENTAL	1,310.64
1693	SAMANTHA BEEDY	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	413.00
1694	SE COLORADO WATER CONSERVANCY DIST	PILT PAYMENTS - DOW	INTERGOVERNMENTAL	82.66
1695	SM CONSTRUCTION INC	COURTHOUSE REMODEL/SINGLE ENTRY	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	62,229.59
1696	SOUTHEAST COLORADO POWER ASSN	UTILITIES	JAIL/R&B	2,134.29
1697	THE HOME DEPOT PRO	BUILDING MAINT/REPAIRS	VARIOUS	1,201.26
1698	VALLEY TRASH LLC	OPR / SHOP SUPPLIES	R&B	44.00
1699	ZELMA NOVAK	TRAVEL	ADULT SERVICES	17.00
				358,124.58

Fund Summary

010 - GENERAL FUND	89,221.92
012 - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	67,669.44
013 - AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN	329.36
020 - ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	99,014.28
025 - MEDICAL TRUST FUND	310.50
040 - AAA FUND	4,277.19
045 - INSURANCE FUND	63.80
065 - INTERNAL SERVICES FUND	38,300.00
070 - GENERAL HUMAN SERVICES	37,903.26
080 - HEALTH FUND	20,115.87
085 - CONSERVATION TRUST FUND	29.00
090 - CLERK HIRE FUND	376.96
095 - E-911	513.00
358,124.58	

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 on Monday, the 11th day of July, A.D. 2022, there were present:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Jim Baldwin,	Chairman
<input type="checkbox"/>	John Hostetler,	Commissioner
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rob Oquist,	Commissioner
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lyn 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 # 2022-07**

**A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE CLOSURE OF THE LA JUNTA VA CLINIC**

**WHEREAS**, on March 23, 2022 the Notice of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Recommendations for Modernization or Realignment of Veterans Health Administration (VA) Facilities has recommended closure of the La Junta VA clinic by 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, the VA is accepting public comments until January 30, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the VA will be making a determination by February 15, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, no matter where a veteran chooses to live and put down roots, the VA should be available; and

**WHEREAS**, our veterans all sacrificed together to keep us safe, and we should come together to keep their health safe; and

**WHEREAS**, VA closures send the wrong message to our youth that are interested in a career in the military; and

**WHEREAS**, VA closures decimate the morale of our veterans; and

**WHEREAS**, rural veterans play a vital role in the health and well-being of our small communities;  
and

**WHEREAS**, there are currently a majority of eligible veterans in the service area who use the La Junta VA clinic located at 1100 Carson Ave. #204 in La Junta, Colorado; and

**WHEREAS**, the closure of the La Junta VA clinic will have a negative effect on the veterans who live in Otero County; and

**WHEREAS**, rural healthcare facilities would not be able to absorb the veteran population due to the shortage of medical staff; and

**WHEREAS**, there are associated problems with veterans using private healthcare facilities which could cause a financial hardship for the veteran; and

**WHEREAS**, our aging veteran population would have difficulty making the long and expensive trip to Pueblo, Colorado Springs and/or Denver; and

**WHEREAS**, the wait times to access healthcare at the out-of-county facilities is expected to increase;  
and

**WHEREAS**, the rural areas lack adequate broadband access to utilize telehealth; and

**WHEREAS**, the closure of the La Junta VA clinic will have an adverse economic impact on Otero County.

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the County of Otero as follows:

1. The County of Otero **OPPOSES** the closure of the La Junta VA Clinic.
2. The County of Otero **REQUESTS** all eligible veterans who have a DD214 to immediately enroll at the La Junta VA clinic.
3. The County of Otero **IMPLORES** all elected leaders from southeastern Colorado to send their written comments to the VA to support the La Junta VA clinic.
4. The County of Otero **CONCLUDES** our veteran population must have face-to-face, local medical appointments available in La Junta.

ADOPTED this 11th Day of July, A.D., 2022.

ATTEST:

Board of County Commissioners of the County of  
Otero, State of Colorado:

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Clerk & Recorder

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Jim Baldwin, Chairman

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John Hostetler

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Rob Oquist



**Keith Goodwin** - Commissioner Dist. 1  
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## Office of the Commissioners

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July 11, 2022

Lex Nichols  
Otero County Land Use Administrator  
411 N 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Rocky Ford, CO 81067

Dear Lex:

Otero County wishes to appoint Matthew McIntyre to the Otero County Planning Commission for a term of three years (July, 2022 – July, 2025). If you have questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

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Jim Baldwin, Chairman  
Otero County Commissioners

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John Hostetler

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Rob Oquist





[ocw@oterogov.org](mailto:ocw@oterogov.org)

**Mon 11 Jul 2022**

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

10am - 11am Economic Development

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

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

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

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

**Tue 12 Jul 2022**

All day Accounts Payable - RO

9am - 10am Bent County and Colorado Springs Utilities Hearing

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

**Wed 13 Jul 2022**

9am - 11am Mandatory Pre-Submittal Conference/Tour

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

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

4pm - 5pm Historic Preservation

**Thu 14 Jul 2022**

1:30pm - 2:30pm 1041 Hearing

**Fri 15 Jul 2022**

8:30am - 12pm Proposed 2023 Legislative Issues Discussion

[ocw@oterogov.org](mailto:ocw@oterogov.org)

**Mon 18 Jul 2022**

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

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

12pm - 1pm Administration

1pm - 2pm Sheriff Mobley

**Tue 19 Jul 2022**

10am - 12pm Otero Construction Conference

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

**Wed 20 Jul 2022**

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

11am - 12pm RETAC

12pm - 1pm SEBREA – RO, DB

2pm - 3pm SAGE – RO

**Thu 21 Jul 2022**

All day NACO Conference

**Fri 22 Jul 2022**

All day NACO Conference

**Sat 23 Jul 2022**

All day NACO Conference

**Sun 24 Jul 2022**

All day NACO Conference

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

**Mon 25 Jul 2022**

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

10am - 11am Economic Development

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

12pm - 1pm Administration / JH, RO, 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