

October 18, 2023
Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Present:

Mayor:

Larry Sitts

Trustees:

Vance Brian

Blaine Ice

Calvin Melcher

Bill Kissell

Rod Swisher

Randy Holland

Town Administrator

Cynthia S. Humrich

Town Clerk/Treasurer

Tracy Kirmer

Town Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Mayor Sitts presided over the regular meeting of the Holly Board of Trustees on the above date at 7:00 p.m. Roll was called. All present except for Trustee Rushton, gave Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions to the Agenda. None

Public Appearances. Stephanie Gonzales from SECED and Michael Yerman from My Rural Planning: Michael, who is a consultant working with SECED presented to the Board of Trustees the future affordable housing project information and goals. This project covers six counties: Baca, Prowers, Kiowa, Bent, Otero and Crowley who have collaborated in order to gain government funding to assist with infrastructure, construction, and affordable housing purchases. Holly could potentially increase the housing over the next three years by six if all qualifications are met. SECED, My Rural Planning and all six of the County Commissioners are working to create a Regional Housing Authority to guide this project. Discussion continued with the many facets of this project, how this will affect our region and more specifically how it will affect Holly.

New Business. **Proposition HH Resolution 2023 -Town of Holly and Prowers County – Vote to Post Resolution 2023-4 A Resolution in Opposition to the Statewide Proposal, Proposition HH.** The Board of Trustees was informed that the Town of Holly had received the Prowers County Resolution Opposing Proposition HH and was given their approval to post this information. So, the request was made to post both the Town of Holly and the Prowers County Resolutions. Motion was made to approve the request to post both resolutions by Trustee Ice. Seconded by Trustee Melcher. Motion carried 5-0. **Resolution 2023-5 – A Resolution Opting Out of Proposition 123 and Not Setting Expedited Review Policies For Future Affordable Housing Projects.** After review of the earlier discussion from Michael Yerman, My Rural Planning on the affordable housing project, the Board of Trustees decided to Opt In instead of Opting Out of this proposal to allow the possibility of future housing to be built in Holly under the project proposal. The Motion to Opt In through Resolution 2023-5 For Future Affordable Housing was made by Trustee Melcher. Seconded by Trustee Swisher. Motion carried 5-0. **Resolution 2023-6 – A Resolution Opposing A Change To The South Central and Southeastern Transportation Planning Region Boundaries.** The Town of Holly Board of Trustees was informed by Southeast Colorado Enterprise Development about Colorado Department of Transportation wanting to change the two boundaries of South Central and Southeastern Regions into one region and take the Intermountain Region and split it into two regions. This will take one voice away from a large area east of Pueblo to the Colorado State line and give an additional voice to a smaller area on the western side of Colorado. Discussion continued with the many facets of how this came about, CDOTs actions with the State of Colorado, and the opinions from the regions themselves. A Motion was made to adopt Resolution 2023-6 opposing the boundary changes CDOT is proposing by Trustee Melcher. Seconded by Trustee Brian. Motion carried 5-0.

Miscellaneous. Trustee Ice discussed with the board the meeting he had with the Granada Town Council and the possible issues with the graphics on the two Holly law enforcement vehicles. The outcome of the meeting was positive with no issues between entities.

Adjournment. Trustee Swisher motioned to adjourn, Seconded by Trustee Brian at 8:18 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

/s/ Larry Sitts, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Cynthia S. Humrich, Clerk/Treasurer