



Colorado Springs

El Paso County

Manitou Springs

Green Mountain Falls

Ramah

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, January 14, 2009 - 1:30 p.m.  
PPACG Main Conference Room  
15 S. 7th Street, Colorado Springs**

***MEMBERS PRESENT***

**El Paso County Directors**

**Commissioner Sallie Clark, Chair**

Commissioner Dennis Hisey

Commissioner Jim Bensberg

**City of Manitou Springs Director**

Mayor Eric Drummond

**City of Colorado Springs Directors**

**Vice Mayor Larry Small, Vice Chair**

Councilmember Jerry Heimlicher

Mayor Lionel Rivera

**Town of Green Mountain Falls Director**

Mayor Tyler Stevens

**Town of Ramah**

Trustee Pamela Smith

***OTHERS PRESENT***

Mr. Ed Icenogle, Legal Counsel

Mr. Rob MacDonald, Board Secretary

Ms. Barb Louricas, Recording Secretary

Ms. Beverly Majewski, Financial Manager

Mr. Rick Sonnenburg, Program/Contracts Manager

Ms. Erica Whitcombe, Website & Publication Coordinator

Citizens and Member government employees

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

El Paso County Director Clark established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

El Paso County Director Clark indicated that Agenda Item No. 9A, *FY 2009 Funding Allocation for Specialized Transportation Providers*, would include a discussion of contracts as well as funding allocation.

El Paso County Director Hisey made a motion to approve the agenda. El Paso County Director Bensberg seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Ramah Director Pamela Smith introduced herself.

*Green Mountain Falls Director Stevens arrived at 1:36 p.m.*

Ms. Ann Devere, Brookwood Estates Homeowners Association and Woodmen Enhancement Committee, discussed the Vincent Bridge and Road improvements project. She requested that the plans to improve Vincent Road be accelerated to mitigate the increase of traffic from the Woodmen Road project during construction.

*Manitou Springs Director Drummond arrived at 1:40 p.m.*

*Colorado Springs Director Rivera arrived at 1:40 p.m.*

Mr. Robin Kidder, Colorado Springs City Engineering, discussed the improvements of the Vincent Bridge and extension from Dublin to Nevada Avenue. He said the design has started, and the traffic patterns have been analyzed. Mr. Kidder said that the traffic patterns will be monitored as the Woodmen Road project is constructed.

#### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 10, 2008 REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Manitou Springs Director Drummond made a motion to approve the minutes. Colorado Springs Director Small seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

#### **5. BOARD APPOINTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS FOR 2009**

Mr. Rick Sonnenburg, PPRTA Program/Contracts Manager, indicated that he received correspondence from the City of Colorado Springs, the Town of Green Mountain Falls, and the Town of Ramah regarding the Board member appointments for 2009.

Mr. Sonnenburg indicated that officers for 2009 need to be selected. The Chair for 2009 needs to be selected from the Directors of Colorado Springs and the Vice Chair for 2009 needs to be selected from the Directors of El Paso County. The Board Secretary also needs to be appointed.

Colorado Springs Director Heimlicher made a motion to nominate Colorado Springs Director Small for Chair and El Paso County Director Clark for Vice Chair and appoint Mr. Robert MacDonald as Secretary to the PPRTA Board. Manitou Springs Director Drummond seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Sonnenburg requested that the PPRTA Board ratify PPRTA CAC appointments of Ms. Alicia Archibald for the Colorado Springs CTAB and Ms. Jane Brown and Mr. Dennis Carpenter for the Town of Ramah.

Green Mountain Falls Director Stevens made a motion to ratify the PPRTA CAC appointments of Ms. Alicia Archibald, Ms. Jane Brown, and Mr. Dennis Carpenter. Colorado Springs Director Heimlicher seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Sonnenburg requested that 3 PPRTA CAC At Large and 3 PPRTA CAC At Large Alternate positions be appointed. El Paso County Director Clark indicated that she and Colorado Springs Director Small met and reviewed 17 applications for the 6 positions. El Paso County Director Clark said that they recommend that the PPRTA Board appoint the following individuals:

1. At Large: Tom Rogers
2. At Large: Curtis Lorash, Jr.
3. At Large: Jon-Michael Horst
4. At Large Alternate: Justin McDonald

5. At Large Alternate: Kit Roupé
6. At Large Alternate: Beverly Johnson

El Paso County Director Hisey made a motion to appoint the citizens recommended by the selection committee. Green Mountain Falls Director Stevens seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **6. CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MONTHLY REPORT**

Mr. Tom Harold, Chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee, gave a report on the January 7, 2009 meeting.

- Received public comment from Mr. Kelly Finnegan, CFO Silver Key Services, reporting on ridership
- Approved contracts for Colorado Springs and El Paso County
- CCOST recommendation for funding allocation on specialized transportation: PPRTA CAC recommended to PPRTA Board to accept CCOST allocation
- Approval of draft revision to PPRTA CAC bylaws
- Discussed activities, reports, and other updates

## **7. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Ms. Beverly Majewski, PPRTA Financial Manager, reported that November sales and use tax receipts are \$4,741,984, which is behind the November budget by \$804,965. The year-to-date sales and use tax receipts are behind the year-to-date budget by \$1,131,750. Interest earnings are \$1,416,415, as of December 31, 2008, which is \$583,585 behind the annual budget.

## **8. 2008 CAPITAL, MAINTENANCE, AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTS**

### City of Colorado Springs

Mr. Rob Kidder, Colorado Springs City Engineering, requested the approval of 5 contracts and 1 change order:

1. Blue Ridge Construction, Maintenance (Bridge Repair and Maintenance), \$348,833
2. TRAX-\$183,000, Blue Ridge Construction-\$268,000, Even-Preisser-\$71,000, AA Construction-\$109,000, Concrete Express-\$99,000, NORAA-\$239,000, CMS-\$76,000, Maintenance (Curb/Gutter/Sidewalks and ADA Pedestrian Ramps)
3. WESTATES, Inc., Maintenance (Pothole Patching), not-to-exceed \$80,000
4. Anderson Stump Removal, Maintenance (Curb/Gutter/Sidewalks and ADA Pedestrian Ramps), not-to-exceed \$40,000
5. Land America, Capital (Proby Parkway Phase 1 Land Acquisition), \$2,113,600
6. Blue Ridge Construction Change Order, Capital (Constitution and Circle Intersection Improvements), \$52,315.01

Colorado Springs Director Heimlicher made a motion to approve 5 contracts and 1 change order for the City of Colorado Springs. El Paso County Director Hisey seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

### El Paso County

Mr. André Brackin, El Paso County Public Service Department County Engineer, requested the approval of 1 contract.

1. DMJM + Harris Contract Amendment #4, Capital (South Academy Boulevard Improvements Project), \$299,397.75

Colorado Springs Director Heimlicher made a motion to approve 1 contract amendment for El Paso County. El Paso County Director Hisey seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **9. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS AND REPORTS**

### FY 2009 Funding Allocation and Contracts for Specialized Transportation Providers

Mr. Joe Vaccaro, Chair of Coordinating Committee on Specialized Transportation (CCOST), reported that CCOST met with the 4 providers and agreed on the allocation of the \$310,000: \$150,000 for Silver Key, \$76,700 for Fountain Valley Senior Services, \$68,300 for Amblicab, and \$15,000 for Community Intersections.

El Paso County Director Clark asked if the CCOST discussed provider efficiencies and duplication of services. Mr. Vaccaro indicated that Silver Key and Fountain Valley Senior Services discussed how to assist each other. Mr. Vaccaro said they used a collective approach to the transportation needs of specialized transportation in the region.

Ms. Barbara Drake, Director of El Paso County Human Services, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the services of Fountain Valley Senior Services and the El Paso County Rides program and sustainability of the programs for social engagement for the citizens that the programs serve.

Mr. Rob MacDonald discussed the task of CCOST to identify the funding sources and implementation a total system with the available funds by breaking down boundaries.

Mr. Lynn Hopeman, Director of Pikes Peak Partnership/Disability Services, Inc. (Amblicab), discussed the meeting, subsequent agreement, and the plan of CCOST in the future.

Mr. Tom Harold indicated that the ballot language does not include anything specific regarding the Fountain Valley Senior Services funding.

Ms. Jan Doran indicated that she was not at the PPRTA CAC meeting when the vote occurred and would have voted against the recommendation. She said that the funding cut for Fountain Valley Senior Services from \$200,000 to \$76,000 is too drastic.

Ms. Kit Roupé, PPRTA CAC member, indicated there is a need for several areas of funding criteria, and the Fountain Valley Senior Services provides services to areas outside of the Fountain Valley.

Colorado Springs Director Small made a motion to allocate \$143,000 to Fountain Valley Senior Services, \$93,000 to Silver Key, \$59,000 to Amblicab, and \$15,000 to Community Intersections for 2009 based on the same ratio used for 2008 funding. Colorado Springs Director Rivera seconded the motion.

El Paso County Director Clark requested that the approval of the IGA between the City of Colorado Springs and El Paso County regarding Fountain Valley Senior Services be a part of the motion. Ms. Sherre Ritenour, Metropolitan Transit Services, said that once the decision is made to continue the service, contracts and IGAs will be executed.

The motion passed by majority vote with dissenting votes by Green Mountain Falls Director Stevens and Colorado Springs Director Heimlicher.

*A break was taken from 3:50 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.*

*El Paso County Director Clark departed the meeting during the break.*

*Manitou Springs Director Drummond departed the meeting during the break.*

#### Legislative Update

Mr. Rick Sonnenburg discussed House Bill 09-1034 that was introduced by Representative Larry Liston titled, *Concerning Authorization for a Regional Transportation Authority to Impose Property Tax*, that would allow up to 5 mills of property tax for RTAs, if approved by voters. A second bill has been drafted titled, *Expand Regional Transportation Authority Powers*, which is being proposed by the Transportation Legislation Review Committee pertaining to numerous procedural changes and revenue-producing proposals.

El Paso County Director Hisey made a motion to support House Bill 09-1034 and monitor the 2<sup>nd</sup> piece of legislation. Green Mountain Falls Director Stevens seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Colorado Springs Director Small requested that Agenda Item No. 10B, *City of Colorado Springs Potential Decrease in PPRTA 2009 Revenue and Possible Impacts on Transit*, be presented next.

#### City of Colorado Springs Potential Decrease in PPRTA 2009 Revenue and Possible Impacts on Transit

Ms. Sherre Ritenour, Colorado Springs Transit Services Manager, discussed the decrease in revenues to PPRTA and how it will affect Transit operations. Ms. Ritenour indicated that there is a shortfall in 2008 to Transit revenues, and there will be also be a shortfall in 2009, and service hours will need to be eliminated. Ms. Ritenour discussed various options and the service reduction process.

#### Annual Report of CAC Activities

The Board accepted the CAC annual report as submitted.

#### Designation of Posting Places for Meeting Notices

El Paso County Director Bensberg made a motion to designate the front bulletin board of the PPACG building and the PPRTA website as the posting places for the PPRTA meeting notices. Green Mountain Falls Director Stevens seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

*Colorado Springs Director Heimlicher departed the meeting at 4:35 p.m.*

#### Draft Revisions to CAC Bylaws to Add Town of Ramah

El Paso County Bensberg made a motion to approve the revisions to the PPRTA CAC Bylaws to add the Town of Ramah. Colorado Springs Director Rivera seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

## Draft Revision to Board Bylaws to Add Town of Ramah—First Review

El Paso County Bensberg made a motion to approve the revision to the PPRTA Board Bylaws to change the number of Board members from “eight” to “nine”. Colorado Springs Director Rivera seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

*El Paso County Director Hisey departed at 4:38 p.m.*

## Staff Field Review Report

There were no questions.

## **10. OTHER REPORTS**

### City of Colorado Springs Process for Designation Specialized Transportation Providers as City-Sponsored Transit Activities

Mr. Rick Sonnenburg indicated that the process used by the City of Colorado Springs to designate City-Sponsored Transit activities was different in 2008 than in 2007, and he requested clarification. Colorado Springs Director Rivera indicated that the designation should come from the Colorado Springs City Council.

Mr. Ed Icenogle, PPRTA Counsel, indicated that the City of Colorado Springs should advise the PPRTA Board of City-sponsored activities and suggested that the Colorado Springs Directors talk to Mr. Robert Mack, Colorado Springs Counsel, and report to the other PPRTA Directors and staff how the designation will be accomplished.

### Maintenance of Effort Presentations

Mr. Rick Sonnenburg reminded the PPRTA Board that the maintenance of effort presentations will be done in February.

### City of Colorado Springs Monthly Change Order Report and Property Acquisition Report

There were no questions.

### City of Colorado Springs Transit Services Monthly Update

There were no questions

## **11. PPRTA MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were none.

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

Colorado Springs Director Small adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.