PARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA
Virtual Meeting
THURSDAY, June 4, 2020

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9:30 AM CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
APPROVAL OF AGENDA
APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Documents:
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APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS
RECESS AS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CONVENE AS PARK COUNTY BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES
.I. APPROVE/DENY PARK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES EBT EXPENDITURES
.II. APPROVE/DENY PARK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES OBH CONTRACT WITH FAIRPLAY SCHOOLS (PARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-2)
RECESS AS PARK COUNTY BOARD OF HUMAN SERVICES
RECONVENE AS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CONSIDERATION AND/OR DECISION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

.I. APPROVE/DENY A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE STATE OF COLORADO JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS SUSPEND THE SENIOR CITIZENS AND DISABLED VETERANS REAL PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION PROVIDED UNDER 39-3-203 CRS

Documents:

Homestead-Exemption-Resolution.te.pdf

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

EXECUTIVE SESSION IN REGARD TO LEGAL & PERSONNEL MATTERS (CLOSED SESSION)

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ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

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The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Elsner. The reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Douglas. Members present were Commissioner Elsner and Commissioner Douglas. Commissioner Brazell and County Attorney Erin Smith attended via Zoom.

AGENDA:
Action: Douglas moved to approve the agenda as presented. Brazell seconded, carried 3-0.

MINUTES:
Action: Douglas moved to approve the minutes for May 21, 2020 as presented. Brazell seconded, carried 3-0.

VOUCHERS:
Action: Douglas moved to approve the vouchers in the total amount of $188,778.00 as presented. Brazell seconded, carried 3-0.

CONSIDERATION AND/OR DECISION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

Action: Brazell moved to recess as Board of County Commissioners and convene as Board of Health. Douglas seconded, carried 3-0.

APPROVE/DENY PARK COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH ORDER 20-03
Presenter: Commissioner Elsner.

For the record:
Commissioner Douglas.
Commissioner Elsner.

Action: Brazell moved to approve Health Order as presented. Douglas seconded, carried 3-0.

Action: Douglas moved to recess as Board of Health and reconvene as Board of County Commissioners. Brazell seconded, carried 3-0.

APPROVE/DENY CDPHE VARIANCE REQUEST FOR NON-CRITICAL BUSINESSES
Presenter: Tom Eisenman, County Manager.

For the record:
Commissioner Elsner.
Commissioner Douglas.
Action: Douglas moved to approve Variance as presented. Brazell seconded, carried 3-0.

APPROVE/DENY THE 2020 SPNHA GRANTS
Presenter: Commissioner Elsner.

For the record:
Commissioner Douglas.
Commissioner Brazell.

Action: Douglas moved to approve grants as presented. Brazell seconded, carried 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Amy Mitchell.

Action: Douglas moved to close Public Comments. Brazell seconded, carried 3-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None.

Action: Brazell moved to adjourn the meeting. Douglas seconded, carried 3-0.
RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE STATE OF COLORADO JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO SUSPEND THE SENIOR CITIZENS' AND DISABLED VETERANS' REAL PROPERTY TAX HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION PROVIDED UNDER §39-3-203, C.R.S.

WHEREAS, on April 10, 2020, the Colorado State Joint Budget Committee ("JBC"), published a JBC Working Document containing staff recommendations for balancing the Colorado State Budget for fiscal year 2020-2021; and

WHEREAS, C.R.S. §39-3-203 provides a "homestead" exemption to qualifying senior citizens and qualifying disabled veterans from real property taxes for fifty percent of the first two hundred thousand dollars of property value; and

WHEREAS, the JBC working document recommends suspension of the tax exemption to senior citizens changing the exemption to fifty percent of zero dollars of property value; and

WHEREAS, many senior citizens and disabled veterans in the Park County community live on minimal fixed incomes and are dependent on the homestead property tax exemption, which enables them to pay bills, stay in their homes and make ends meet; and

WHEREAS, Park County Commissioners recognize and respect the value of the senior citizens and disabled veterans in the community and believe they must be protected as some of the most vulnerable population; and

WHEREAS, Park County veterans have by their dedication to service earned our utmost respect and deserve financial protection; and

WHEREAS, Park County senior citizens have served their families, friends and community; and

WHEREAS, senior citizens who qualify for the homestead exemption are 65 years old or above, have lived in their primary residence for at least ten years and are established members of the community; and

WHEREAS, senior citizens and disabled veterans are population groups that is least able to withstand an increase in property taxes to help relieve an anticipated shortfall in state revenue; and

WHEREAS, the senior citizen and disabled veterans homestead exemption was approved by the voters of the State of Colorado through a statewide referendum ballot issue, demonstrating statewide financial support for these homeowners; and

WHEREAS, Park County has approximately ________ property owners who qualify for and benefit from the senior citizens and disabled veterans homestead exemption; and
WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the County of Park, in this Resolution to express opposition to the proposed suspension of any portion of the homestead exemption for senior citizens and disabled veterans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Park County, Colorado:
Hereby, formally opposes the JBC staff proposed suspension of all or any part of the Real Property Tax Homestead Exemption set forth in Article X, Section 3.5 of the Colorado Constitution and Section 39-3-203, C.R.S.


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Richard Elsner, Chairman

ATTESTED:

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COUNTY CLERK