

**HIGHWAY ADVISORY COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
April 21, 2021**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Richard Robertson, Tom Vierzba, Derrick Harper, Larry Tobias, William Harrell, Joe Kneib, Ed Houle, Jean Meinzer, Andrea Baker

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** David Zelenok

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Valerie Vigil (CDOT), David Sprague (Atkins Global), Kevin Mastin (EPC DPW), Jennifer Irvine (EPC DPW), Troy Wiitala (EPC DPW), Jana Nemeckova (EPC DPW), Chris Reynolds (EPC DPW), Kelly Hathaway (EPC DPW), Victoria Chavez (EPC DPW), Christian Wright (EPC PIO)

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chair Tobias called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. ABSENCES**

**MOTION (Mr. Vierzba/Mr. Robertson)** to excuse Mr. Zelenok. **MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**4. MEETING MINUTES**

**MOTION (Mr. Robertson/Mr. Ferguson)** to approve minutes of the June 16, 2021 meeting. **MOTION TO APPROVE CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**5. COMMISSIONER/CITIZEN COMMENTS**

- Mr. Tobias thanked and complimented DPW on In-person June meeting.
- Mr. Tobias presented PPRTA 2021 booklet that publishes 2020 accomplished projects.

## 6. STAFF REPORTS

### A. ADMINISTRATION

#### **Kevin Mastin, (Director, Department of Public Works)**

- Mr. Mastin introduced Jack Ladley as the new Deputy Director for DPW
- DPW currently maintains 1,157.49 centerline miles of paved roads and 1,046.90 centerline miles of gravel roads
- Paved and gravel roads conditions and ratings (Good, Satisfactory, Fair, Poor, reconstruct) were explained and discussed.
- Mr. Mastin explained the average estimated costs for paved road maintenance (Pavement preservation, Reconstruction) and average estimated costs for gravel road maintenance (Gravel preservation, Adding gravel, Reconstruction). Discussion followed and all questions were answered.
- Mr. Mastin talked about BoCC approving a ballot measure that would allow for the voters to decide if TABOR money should be retained.

### B. ENGINEERING DIVISION UPDATES

#### **Jennifer Irvine, (County Engineer, Department of Public Works)**

- Mrs. Irvine provided Legislative update
  - o Federal – American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
  - o State – CDPHE Air Quality Control Commission Rulemaking and CDOT Greenhouse Gas Rulemaking
- Mrs. Irvine talked about DPW's Capital Programs, Maintenance Programs, Asset Management, Transportation Planning, Annexations and Roadway Conveyances
- Mrs. Irvine explained the 2021 PPRTA 2<sup>nd</sup> Budget Amendment and PPRTA Extension update

### C. HIGHWAY DIVISION UPDATES

#### **Troy Wiitala (Highway Manager, Department of Public Works)**

- Graveling Program
  - Completed Meridian Rd, Jones Rd, South Meridian Rd, Thunder Rd East, Thunder Rd West
  - Completed 22.22 lane miles
- Dust Abatement / Reclamation Program
  - Completed 69.45 lane miles
- Chip Sealing Program
  - Completed scheduled roads
  - Completed 71.66 lane miles
- Drainage
  - Completed Ellicott bridge barrier project
  - Removed asphalt and welded deck on Eastonville bridge
  - Painting Judge Orr bridge

- Snow Updates 2021-2022
  - Reviewing IGAs
  - Scheduled snowplow simulator/snow removal training for Mid-September
- Customer Service Requests
  - Potholes/Drainage
  - Grading (rainy weather)
- Paint Striping
  - Working on additional contract striping
  - Completed 22.19 lane miles
- Mowing
  - Lack of seasonal applicants – slow process

#### **D. FLEET DIVISION UPDATE**

##### **Chris Reynolds (Fleet Manager, Department of Public Works)**

- Mr. Reynolds provided updates on received equipment, equipment that still needs to be ordered and vehicles/equipment received and are in service already
- Current Fleet Projects
  - Fleet Maintenance Information System (Asset works)
  - County Fuel Site Update
  - Fleet Telematics Systems/ Fleet Utilization
  - Installation of New Heavy Lift at Calhan
  - 2 New Heavy Lifts Installed at Akers

#### **E. HWY 83 ACCESS CONTROL PLAN**

##### **David Sprague / Valerie Vigil (Atkins Global/ CDOT)**

- The access control plan was developed by the Colorado Department of Transportation in collaboration with El Paso county and the City of Colorado Springs
- The purpose/goal of access control plan:
  - Recommend a long-range plan for ultimate access conditions that address existing spacing deficiencies
  - Provide adequate access to adjacent properties while better utilizing the local roadway system
  - Improve mobility while considering safety for all users
  - Enhance the highway aesthetics to improve the overall experience of those that reside in the area, visitors, and those conducting business
  - Provide the County, City and CDOT with a tool to help make access decisions during development and/or redevelopment and streamline the access permitting process
- Discussion followed and many questions were asked. HAC members wish to have more information and materials. Mrs. Chavez will provide additional information to the HAC members to review before the Sept 15 meeting. HAC members asked for

special meeting in September on Teams, giving them more time to review all the information. Ms. Nemeckova will set up meeting for 15 September at 9 a.m. for HAC members to vote on this.

## **7. AGENDA TOPICS FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

- none

**This meeting was adjourned at 11:29 AM.**

**The next HAC meeting will be on September 15, 2021 at 9 a.m. – TEAMS meeting**

Respectfully submitted,

**Jana Nemeckova**

Executive Assistant to the County Engineer / Board Liaison – Department of Public Works