



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PALISADE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
September 12, 2023**

A work session of the Board of Trustees for the Town of Palisade began at 6:00 pm to discuss the Highway 6 safety improvements and a possible annexation. Present were Mayor Greg Mikolai, Trustees Thea Chase, Jamie Somerville, Stan Harbaugh, Nicole Maxwell, and Mayor Pro-Tem Ellen Turner. Absent was Trustee Bill Carlson. Also in attendance were Town Manager Janet Hawkinson and Fire Chief Charles Balke.

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Town of Palisade was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Greg Mikolai with Trustees present: Thea Chase, Jamie Somerville, Stan Harbaugh, Bill Carlson, Nicole Maxwell, and Mayor Pro-Tem Ellen Turner. A quorum was declared. Also in attendance were Town Manager Janet Hawkinson, Recreation Coordinator Rebecca Loucks, and Fire Chief Charles Balke.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Motion #1 by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Turner, to approve the agenda as amended to remove item B, "Tourism Advisory Board Grant Application," under new business.

A voice vote was requested.
Motion carried unanimously.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager Hawkinson updated the Board on the various projects underway in the Town of Palisade.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda is intended to allow the Board to spend its time on more complex items. These items are generally perceived as non-controversial and can be approved by a single motion. The public or the Board members may ask that an item be removed from the Consent Agenda for individual consideration.

- **Expenditures**
Approval of Bills from Various Town Funds – August 17, 2023 – September 7, 2023
- **Minutes**
Minutes from the August 22, 2023, Regular Board of Trustees Meeting
- **Internal Governmental Agreement (IGA) with Mesa County Animal Control**

Motion #2 by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Turner, to approve the consent agenda as amended to remove the Mesa County Animal Control IGA from the consent agenda to *New Business Item B*.

A roll call vote was requested.

Yes: Mayor Mikolai, Trustee Maxwell, Trustee Chase, Trustee Harbaugh, Mayor Pro-Tem Turner, Trustee Somerville, Trustee Carlson

No:

Absent:

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Purchase Electronic Gurneys for the Palisade Fire Department

Fire Chief Charles Balke reviewed the staff report, presenting the requested necessary equipment for the Palisade Emergency Medical Services staff.

Motion #3 by Trustee Chase, seconded by Trustee Maxwell, to approve direct the Town Manager to purchase two gurneys for the Fire Department ambulances.

A roll call vote was requested.

Yes: Trustee Maxwell, Trustee Chase, Trustee Harbaugh, Mayor Pro-Tem Turner, Trustee Somerville, Trustee Carlson, Mayor Mikolai

No:

Absent:

Motion carried.

Tourism Advisory Board Grant Application

REMOVED FROM AGENDA

Internal Government Agreement (IGA) with Mesa County Animal Control

Town Manager Hawkinson presented the agreement details and cost.

Trustee Maxwell asked for clarification and additional information.

Motion #4 by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Trustee Maxwell, to direct the Town Manager to enter into an Internal Government Agreement (IGA) with Mesa County Animal Control for 2024.

A roll call vote was requested.

Yes: Trustee Chase, Trustee Harbaugh, Mayor Pro-Tem Turner, Trustee Somerville, Trustee Carlson, Mayor Mikolai, Trustee Maxwell

No:

Absent:

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rondo Buecheler (239 Main Street), Nancy Lewis (848 Montclair Drive), Sharon Bouse-Ferry (585 39 Road), and JJ Fletcher (631 Aldrea Vista Court) all expressed their concerns regarding a planned solar farm project in unincorporated Mesa County and asked for Board support in opposition to the project.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Board members briefly explained the various meetings they had recently attended.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion #5 by Trustee Somerville, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Turner, to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 pm.

A voice vote was requested.
Motion carried unanimously.

X 

Greg Mikolaj
Mayor

X 

Keli Frasier
Town Clerk

