

**MINUTES OF THE ARAPAHOE COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2020**

At a public meeting of the Board of County Commissioners for Arapahoe County, State of Colorado, held at 5334 South Prince Street, Littleton, Colorado 80120 there were:

Nancy Sharpe, Chair	Commissioner District 2	Present
Bill Holen, Chair Pro Tem	Commissioner District 5	Present
Kathleen Conti	Commissioner District 1	Present
Jeff Baker	Commissioner District 3	Present
Nancy Jackson	Commissioner District 4	Present
Ron Carl	County Attorney	Present
Joan Lopez	Clerk to the Board	Absent and Excused
Joleen Sanchez	Clerk to the Board Administrator	Present

when the following proceedings, among others, were had and done, to-wit:

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Sharpe called the meeting to order.

INTRODUCTIONS

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MODIFICATION(S) TO THE AGENDA

The citizen comment period was moved to the end of the General Business Items agenda.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The motion was made by Commissioner Holen and duly seconded by Commissioner Baker to adopt the Agenda as amended.

The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The motion to approve the minutes from the June 9, 2020 Public Meeting was made by Commissioner Conti, duly seconded by Commissioner Jackson.

The motion passed unanimously.

The motion to approve the minutes from the June 10, 2020 Public Meeting was made by Commissioner Holen, duly seconded by Commissioner Conti.

The motion passed 4-0, Commissioner Jackson abstained.

The motion to approve the minutes from the June 16, 2020 Public Meeting was made by Commissioner Baker, duly seconded by Commissioner Conti

The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

The motion was made by Commissioner Jackson, duly seconded by Commissioner Conti to approve the consent agenda as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

GENERAL BUSINESS ITEMS

7.a. Resolution No. 200446 - First Reading Ordinance No. 2020-02 Establishing Limited Retail Marijuana Stores

John Christofferson, Deputy County Attorney, established jurisdiction.

Mr. Christofferson read the ordinance into the record. He stated that if this ordinance is adopted, the four existing medical marijuana stores could choose to sell recreational marijuana as well, with the proper licensing.

Mr. Christofferson confirmed that the Commissioners can choose to have a second reading and vote on this ordinance at the next hearing, which is July 28, 2020.

Commissioner Sharpe asked if there are any public comments.

Andres Ramirez, 3450 S. Platte River Drive, discussed the need for rehabilitation resources to help people who use marijuana.

The following motion was made by Commissioner Baker, duly seconded by Commissioner Jackson: I move to adopt the proposed resolution setting a public hearing before the Board of County Commissioners on the proposed Arapahoe County Ordinance No. 2020-02 for July 28, 2020 at 9:30 a.m., and ordering that the proposed Ordinance be published in The Villager newspaper at least 10 days prior to the public hearing.

Commissioner Baker stated that he is supporting this motion so there can be further discussion between the Board and the citizens.

Commissioner Conti explained how marijuana is a gateway drug and has had a personal impact on her family. She stated that she would vote against this motion.

Commissioner Jackson stated that the voters have voted in favor of recreational marijuana and the county is working on criminal justice reform, but expanding recreational use for the existing stores is the right way to go.

Commissioner Sharpe stated that the two largest cities in her district, Centennial and Greenwood Village, do not allow medical or recreation marijuana, so she would be voting no.

The motion passed 3-2, Commissioner Conti and Commissioner Sharpe opposed.

CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD

Commissioner Sharpe stated that the Board of County Commissioners will be discussing the face covering mandate at a study session on Monday, July 20th, and the Board would be making a formal decision at the regular public meeting on Tuesday, July 21st at 9:30 A.M. She noted that the Board can only make a decision about unincorporated Arapahoe County, and the thirteen cities would make their own decisions. She stated that the public can make comments remotely or via email.

Andres Ramirez, 3450 S. Platte River Drive, supports wearing face masks and explained why he does not support the funding for the RISE program.

Commissioner Sharpe clarified that the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office was not involved with the Elijah McClain case.

Marie Karali explained why she does not support mandated facemasks. She also discussed funding used to improve parks and trails and using some of that money to help citizens negatively affected by COVID-19.

Laura Felix explained why she does not support mandated facemasks.

Katrina Karshner explained why she does not support mandated facemasks.

Crystal Hathaway explained why she does not support mandated facemasks.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Holen said that his wife was attacked recently and he and his wife thanked the community for their support.

Commissioner Conti said thoughts and prayers are with Commissioner Holen and his wife.

Commissioner Jackson said her heart breaks for Commissioner Holen and his wife and she sends her love and warm wishes for a speedy recovery. She said with everything going on, this is a very trying time for everyone, and our political differences should stay political and not become personal. She said we are all in this together, and we need to work together to fight the real challenges that face us.

Commissioner Baker concurred with Commissioner Jackson's comments.

Commissioner Sharpe thanked everyone for all their work.

There being no other business before the Board, Commissioner Sharpe adjourned the meeting at 10:29 a.m.

**JOAN LOPEZ, CLERK TO THE BOARD
BY JOLEEN SANCHEZ, CLERK TO THE BOARD ADMINISTRATOR**