



**MINUTES OF THE BUENA VISTA BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Virtual Special Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 7, 2020**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ARE A TRANSCRIPT OF THE GOVERNING BODY'S ACTIONS RATHER THAN A VERBATIM RECORD OF DELIBERATIONS.**

A virtual special meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Duff Lacy, at 6:00 pm, Thursday, May 7, 2020 having previously been noticed in accordance with the Colorado Open Meetings Law.

**ROLL CALL**

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>
Duff Lacy	Mayor	Present
Amy Eckstein	Trustee	Present
Libby Fay	Trustee	Present
Norm Nyberg	Trustee	Present
Devin Rowe	Trustee	Present
Cindie Swisher	Trustee	Present
David Volpe	Trustee	Present

Town Staff Present:

Town Administrator Phillip Puckett  
Airport Manager Jack Wyles

Police Chief Jimmy Tidwell  
Town Clerk Paula Barnett

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Lacy led the pledge of allegiance.

**AGENDA ADOPTION**

**MOTION NO. 1:**

MOVE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Trustee Fay
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Trustee Volpe
<b>AYES:</b>	Eckstein, Fay, Nyberg, Rowe, Swisher, Volpe

**Consider approving Mayor Lacy sign the request from the Chaffee County Board of Commissioners for a variance from part of Governor Polis' Safer at Home Order (Executive Order D2020 044).**

Mayor Lacy reviewed the County Commissioners are in the process of submitting a variance request from part of Governor Polis' Safer at Home Order (Executive Order D2020 044) to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. The Commissioners are requesting support from the municipalities in the form of the Mayor's signature on the request, or by means of a Letter of Support, dependent on the submittal process. Mayor Lacy stated if the variance is granted, retail food establishments, Places of Worship, Fitness Centers, Recreational activities, Outfitters, and the Bowling Alley would be allowed to open prior to the opening date designated by the state, assuming they are able to follow the distancing and other requirements specific to their industry . Chaffee County Public Health determines when Lodging establishments and Short-term rentals will be allowed to open, and these are not included in the variance.

Town Administrator Phillip Puckett reviewed with the Trustees the draft variance request created by Chaffee County Public Health outlines the background of COVID19 and the actions and activities that have transpired since January 30, 2020. The level of detail in the document proves to the State that businesses/industries are committed to maintaining safe business practices and are able to open and provide necessary services to the community. Puckett stated upon approval of the variance, multiple details will be defined in a new Chaffee County Public Health Order.

The Trustees and Puckett discussed at length a variety of topics/concerns related to variances that included exact/projected dates all businesses would be able to open, restaurant seating capacity, how to handle camping, and procedures to allow for the safe operation of? tap rooms, tasting rooms, distilleries, and the winery.

Trustee Rowe stated the State is relaying the message that mountain communities are closed to out of county residents and tourists. He is concerned that by requesting and being granted a variance, Chaffee County will convey the message that the county is open for business, which will result in a large influx of tourists and increase the risk of COVID19 exposure. Puckett stated the message will continue to be to stay home, and the variance will allow the businesses to arrange a soft opening, and prepare for the summer season.

Trustee Volpe shared the trail heads, trails, river, and woods are full of people, and expressed concern with the enforceability of the documents.

Trustee Swisher commented that if the Town/County is safe to open to the public, playgrounds should be opened to allow families in the community to enjoy them. Puckett stated Town Staff is in the process of phasing in opening the parks and playgrounds and implementing cleaning/sanitizing procedures.

Trustee Nyberg shared he is concerned with the state campgrounds being closed, the increased number of people camping and having campfires, and the risk and enforcement issues that arise from that activity.

Trustee Rowe stated he feels it is his responsibility as a Trustee to protect the health and safety of the residents and visitors of Buena Vista, and is not comfortable opening the county/town at this time and possibly increasing the risks/chances of being exposed to and contracting COVID19.

**MOTION NO. 2:**

MOVE TO AUTHORIZE MAYOR LACY TO SIGN THE REQUEST/LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM CHAFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR A VARIANCE FROM PART OF GOVERNOR POLIS' SAFER AT HOME ORDER (EXECUTIVE ORDER D2020 044) SUBJECT TO NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ROLL CALL</b>	<b>CARRIED</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>		Trustee Eckstein
<b>SECONDER:</b>		Trustee Volpe
<b>AYES:</b>	Eckstein, Fay, Nyberg, Swisher, Volpe	
<b>NAYES:</b>		Rowe

Puckett stated he will provide the Trustees with a copy of the final draft of the variance request document.

**TRUSTEE/STAFF INTERACTION**

Trustees and Staff reported on or commented about recent and upcoming events, activities and topics.

**MOTION NO. 3:**

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 6:46 PM.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Trustee Nyberg
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Trustee Volpe
<b>AYES:</b>	Eckstein, Fay, Nyberg, Rowe, Swisher, Volpe

Respectfully submitted:

  
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Paula Barnett, Town Clerk

  
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Duff Lacy, Mayor

