

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Hugo, Colorado

March 9, 2026, 6:00 PM

Hugo Town Hall Board Room

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Town of Hugo, Colorado was called to order on March 9, 2026, at 6:04 P.M. by Mayor Emmerling. The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag was recited in unison. The following Trustees answered roll call: Trustee Ehlers, Trustee Piper, Trustee Messer, and Trustee Mohan. Trustee Emmerling was on Zoom. Trustee Thelen was absent. Mayor Emmerling declared that there was a quorum of the Board present for the transaction of business.

Staff present at this meeting were Clerk Administrator Lancaster.

Guests present were Kevin Stansbury, Scott Poss, Mark Allis, Troy McCue, and Valinda Eberle and via Zoom Stephanie Zwick.

A motion was made by Trustee Piper and a second was made by Trustee Messer to approve the agenda. **THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

GUEST REPORTS:

Kevin Stansbury with Lincoln Community Health presented the monthly report highlighting that respiratory illness is on the rise, thanking the community for the response at the Lincoln County Courthouse, there is a new payment program called HELP Financing, there are some possible federal policy changes that may help Lincoln Health, the Provider Spotlight, a new Urology Specialist will be coming in April and a Urogynecology Specialist will be here soon.

Scott Poss and Mark Allis presented the proposed plan for the new firehouse. They reviewed the current and future property maps.

Troy McCue with Lincoln County Economic Development presented the monthly report highlighting Rural Philanthropy Days July 8-10, 2026, Opportunity Zone 2.0 of which part of Lincoln County is in the map, possible housing by the old courthouse property, he will be helping facilitate ribbon cuttings with the Limon Chamber of Commerce and new Hugo Businesses, the World Wonder View Grand Opening will be May 1, there is a Genoa Rail Transfer in planning and the LCEDC Annual Meeting is April 22 at the Fairgrounds.

ACTION ITEMS:

PUBLIC HEARING: Smith Minor Subdivision Replat Minor Application

Mayor Emmerling opened the Public Hearing for the Smith Minor Subdivision Replat Application at 6:50P.M. Clerk Administrator Lancaster reported that the notice of hearing was posted and no comments from the public were received.

Mayor Emmerling asked for public comment. There were no public comments.

The public comment portion of the public hearing closed at 6:52P.M.

A motion was made by Trustee Ehlers and a second was made by Trustee Messer to approve the Smith Minor Subdivision Replat Application request based on a finding that it meets the requirements of the review criteria under Section 404 of the Hugo Land Development Code. **THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The public hearing closed at 6:56P.M.

A motion was made by Trustee Messer and a second was made by Trustee Piper to table Ordinance 295, an Ordinance of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Hugo, Colorado Adopting by Reference the 2025 Wildfire Resiliency Code. **THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

A motion was made by Trustee Mohan and a second was made by Trustee Piper to approve Ordinance 296, an Ordinance of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Hugo, Colorado Establishing an Automated Vehicle Identification System. **THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

A motion was made by Trustee Piper and a second was made by Trustee Ehlers to approve Resolution 2026-04, a Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Hugo, Colorado Approving an Agreement with DacraTech, LLC for Speeding Enforcer System Services. Those voting in favor were Trustee Messer, Trustee Ehlers, Trustee Piper and Trustee Mohan. Those voting opposed were Trustee Emmerling. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

We are waiting for quotes on playground equipment. We are exploring grants and other funding sources. Trustee Messer volunteered to remove the rock from the playground area at no charge when we reach that point.

A motion was made by Trustee Messer and a second was made by Trustee Ehlers to withdraw the previous decision to table Ordinance 295, an Ordinance of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Hugo, Colorado Adopting by Reference the 2025 Wildfire Resiliency Code. **THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

A motion was made by Trustee Ehlers and a second was made by Trustee Messer to approve Ordinance 295, an Ordinance of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Hugo, Colorado Adopting by Reference the 2025 Wildfire Resiliency Code. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A motion was made by Trustee Ehlers and a second was made by Trustee Piper to approve Ordinance 297, an Ordinance of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Hugo, Colorado Repealing and Replacing Ordinance No. 271, Regarding the Maximum Penalty for Ordinance and Code Violations. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A motion was made by Trustee Mohan and a second was made by Trustee Ehlers to approve the February 9, 2026 minutes. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OLD BUSINESS:

We have a meeting with a few community members that are interested in being on the Hugo Main Street Board on Thursday, March 12.

Staff suggestions for the trash ordinance revision were discussed. The Mayor and Trustees discussed the junk ordinance, specifically tires. We will work on draft revisions.

We reviewed the existing water and sewer lines in the Solomon Addition/Roundhouse Estates.

STAFF REPORTS:

There were no comments on the Maintenance Supervisor's report.

Clerk Administrator Lancaster reviewed the Clerk Administrator report and reviewed the pothole map, we are working with Joe Rush from CDOT on what they can help us with on the 5th Avenue repair, we are still waiting on signatures from CDOT to begin segment 4 of the sidewalk project, the other segments of the sidewalk project will be finished when an asphalt plant opens that batches the approved CDOT mix, Mark Foxworthy will be out Wednesday, summer baseball is going, the Colorado Safer Youth Sports Act went into effect last year and our coaches will be taking the corresponding trainings, dates for a CIRSA Board training were presented with June 1 being the best day, an update on the patching on the water tower was given,

MAYOR AND TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Mayor Emmerling appreciates Troy and the Limon Chamber of Commerce for reaching out to new business in our community. It is important for Troy to have those connections with our new businesses. Hopefully we can get the Hugo Main Street Board established and they can then reach out to our businesses to provide them other avenues for grants and other opportunities that maybe out there. This is an important connection.

The Meeting was adjourned.

Kara Emmerling, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sara Lancaster, Town Clerk Administrator