

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Hugo, Colorado

May 11, 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 May 11, 2026, at 6:00 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 Piper, Trustee Messer, Trustee Emmerling, Trustee Thelen and Trustee Mohan. Trustee Ehlers was absent. Trustee Boyd arrived at 7:02 P.M. 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 Valinda Eberle, Henry Freeman, Sam Emmerling, Chris Rosado Sr., Kay Brookshire, Troy McCue, Rachel Carson, Linda Messer, Ritchie Bruno, John Creighton, and via Zoom Stephanie Zwick, Koby Anderson, Brandon Know, Stephen Jones, and Brad Schlepp.

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

Mayor Emmerling thanked Trustee Todd Messer for his four years of service on the Hugo Town Board.

Mayor Emmerling administered the Oath of Office to Trustee Renita Thelen.

Mayor Emmerling administered the Oath of Office to Trustee James Emmerling.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sam Emmerling with the Hugo Lions Club stated that the organization will be closing. They will be paying all of their scholarships out in full. They will be donating the remaining balance of approximately \$21,005 to the Town of Hugo for new playground equipment.

GUEST REPORTS:

Rachel Carson with Lincoln Community Health presented the monthly report highlighting that this week is Hospital Week, Lincoln Health is hosting "The Thank You Project" this month, the Rural Hospital Revitalization Act could give Lincoln Health up to forty million dollars towards the new hospital, there are two new Specialty Surgeons at the Byers Clinic, make sure you are staying healthy through your busy season, and Dr. Killian was named Emergency Department Physician of the Year at the Plains to Peak RETAC Regional EMS & Trauma Awards.

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 new housing, he is happy to be highlighting new Hugo businesses, the LCEDC Annual Meeting was a success, the World Wonder View will be open for the summer season, Big Ben's RV in Arriba continues to make progress and Sentinel Clean Power in Karval is moving forward.

Brandon Knox with Dacra Tech presented the Speed Study that was conducted in April. 85% of the traffic was not speeding. He will have his team conduct another study in the summer.

ACTION ITEMS:

Koby Anderson with TextMyGov presented on the uses of TextMyGov to communicate with residents. This can be used for communications from emergencies to Holiday closures and infrastructure repairs. Residents can also ask questions through TextMyGov. The Board gave direction to collect information from other Towns, Flagler, Calhan and Otis, to see how they liked using TextMyGov.

Mayor Emmerling administered the Oath of Office to Trustee Kelsey Boyd.

Bruno Painting and Halcyon Construction presented their proposals for painting Town Hall to the Board. A motion was made by Trustee Mohan and a second was made by Trustee Piper to approve the Halcyon Construction proposal. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

An interview was conducted with Municipal Judge applicant Stephen Jones. A motion was made by Trustee Thelen and a second was made by Trustee Piper to hire Stephen Jones as the Municipal Court Judge at \$300 per session. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A motion was made by Trustee Emmerling and a second was made by Trustee Mohan to approve Ordinance 299, an Ordinance of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Hugo, Colorado Authorizing the Code Enforcement Officer to Enforce all Applicable Ordinances Within the Town. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A motion was made by Trustee Thelen and a second was made by Trustee Piper to appoint the Clerk Administrator as the Code Enforcement Officer. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

John Creighton presented the High Plains Bank CD rates. A motion was made by Trustee Emmerling and a second was made by Trustee Thelen to renew the Sewer and Sewer Debt Reserve CDs at High Plains Bank for six months and to open the Water, Cemetery, and Sales Tax CDs at Stockmens Bank for six months. THE MOTION CARRIED.

The Board gave direction to have OLC update their recommendations for the survey and geotechnical evaluation of the pool property.

The Board gave direction to keep the rubber mat in the playground design.

The April 13, 2026 minutes were tabled until June.

A motion was made by Trustee Thelen and a second was made by Trustee Mohan to accept the April financial report. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

OLD BUSINESS:

We have four community members committed and two looking into being on the Hugo Main Street Board. We will schedule a meeting with potential Bord members and Colorado Main Street to determine if we can move forward. The next step is an MOU with the Town and Colorado Main Street.

Staff suggestions for the trash ordinance revision were discussed. We will work on draft revisions.

STAFF REPORTS:

There were no comments on the Maintenance Supervisor’s report.
Clerk Administrator Lancaster reviewed the Clerk Administrator report and asked for a Special Board Meeting Tuesday, May 26 to review Pothole Patching and Crack Sealing RFP submissions, confirmed that Mayor Emmerling and herself would be attending the CML District Meeting Tuesday, May 19 in Stratton, and reported that we have been able to lease two preferred shares of water, we will be watching to see if this is enough to cover our usage this year, and we have asked the LAWMA Board to convert 5 of our common shares into 2 preferred shares.

MAYOR AND TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Mayor Emmerling wanted to remind everyone of the meeting on the 19th in Stratton. We want to keep on the radar that we are still reviewing the tire, trash and junk ordinances. Thank you to the Town staff for the water tower repair, they did an amazing job on getting that done,
Trustee Emmerling asked how the water tower repair went and it was reported it was the best case scenario.
Trustee Thelen reported that the weeds in the gutters are getting high.

The Meeting was adjourned.

Kara Emmerling, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sara Lancaster, Town Clerk Administrator