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**Town of Flagler, Colorado**  
**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**REGULAR SESSION**

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**August 11, 2025**

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The Board of Trustees for the Town of Flagler, Colorado met Monday, August 11, 2025, for the REGULAR MEETING at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held at Town Hall 311 Main Avenue. Present at the meeting were Mayor Randy Fagerlund, Trustees Wyatt Taylor, Jake Allacher, Chuck Crisp, Town Clerk Kendra Eberle, Accountant Tim Fulmer, Town Manager Bob Rush, Assistant Town Manager JD Beyers and Recreation Director Trisha Fritzler. Absent board members: Trustee Marlys Kossman

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At 6:00 PM Mayor Fagerlund called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Public Audience**

- Erika Saffer
- Steve Sloan
- Dave Canaway

### **Reports**

- **Erika Saffer, Lincoln Health**
  - Reported on the recent Congressional bill affecting Medicaid funding, the introduction of a \$50 billion reformation, concerns about distribution and definitions, and the impact on rural facilities.
  - Erica provided an update on ongoing negotiations with Blue Cross Blue Shield, including the latest offer, premium increases, and the impact on employers and individuals.
  - Anthem Statement and Billing Update was presented by Erica: Erica discussed the new statement and billing process with Anthem, including the secure payment portal, missing number in the letter, and ongoing cleanup with the billing company.
- **Steve Sloan and Dave Connolly presented the Master Meter System**
  - highlighting features such as radio frequency reading, alarms for leaks and tampering, data logging, and ease of replacement.
  - Discussion on the migration process, including phased replacement over several years, compatibility with current billing software, and operational benefits.
  - Questions addressed regarding reading meters under snow, integration with Cassell billing software, and the ability to stage conversion by blocks.
  - Cost comparison between Master Meter and Sensus, including meter price, training fees, and annual support contracts.
  - Discussion on funding assistance, operational advantages, and warranty details for the new meters.
- **Recreation Director, Trisha Fritzler**
  - Flagler Days Setup and teardown went smoothly, no major incidents, lower alcohol sales than previous year, t-shirt sales broke even, tractor pull had over 100 attendees.
  - Pool closed for summer but high demand for extended hours. Pool Extended Hours proposed to keep the pool open on Thursdays and Sundays during the school year, including family night swim and Sunday afternoon hours, pending lifeguard availability and school coordination.

- Homecoming Donation proposed: Request for a \$1,650 donation to support Homecoming events, specifically for the Dueling Pianos down payment.
- **Town Manager, Bob Rush**
  - Sewer Cleaning and Study Report was presented by Bob: Simon's will be out the last week of August 2025 to start sewer cleaning. Due to work done by JD, Bob, and the boys over the summer, \$45,000 was saved and will be used for additional cleaning and camera work, on top of the \$15,000 already budgeted. GMS will oversee the mapping and required cleaning for the state report.
  - Streetlights that are out have been called in for repair. KC Electric will not work on park lights past the meter; LED replacements are being considered.
  - Street Repair Report: Bob was quoted \$59,600 for street repairs at the curved corner, including asphalt removal, dirt hauling, grading, cement work, and new asphalt.
  - Asphalt/concrete crushing is quoted at \$12/ton, awaiting timeframe confirmation.
  - The newer trash truck is expected back soon.
  - Tornado Siren by Campbell's not working, suspected motor brush issue, need to set siren on ground for repairs, awaiting KC Electric to disconnect power.
  - Bob raised the issue of overgrown trees and bushes in alleys and streets, which are causing damage to equipment and impeding access. He proposed considering hiring a contractor for major trimming and suggested notifying homeowners.
  - Bob introduced the need for a plan to gradually replace battery-operated water meters reaching end-of-life by 2036, considering options between the current brand (Sensus) and a new brand (Master Meter).
  - Bob suggested installing a cellular alert system for the sewer lift station to notify staff of pump failures, especially during winter, as the current system only has a red flashing light. This is presented as a budget item for consideration.
- **Accountant, Tim Fulmer**
  - Financial Audit Report: The independent financial audit was reviewed, including discussion of expenditures in the trash and sewer departments exceeding budget due to unforeseen state requirements and increased work.
  - Trash revenue increased by 20% after rate hikes, with customer numbers remaining stable.
  - Water usage resulted in higher bills due to increased sprinkler use and lack of rain.
  - Sewer revenue increased but additional costs for aerators and repairs are expected.
- **Town Clerk, Kendra Eberle**
  - Reported that she has completed the Town's .gov website.
  - All ordinances and resolutions since 2016 have been submitted to American Legal for codification.
  - Elevator Maintenance Report: Morningstar scheduled for annual maintenance on August 13<sup>th</sup>. A to Z Elevator is scheduled to conduct 3<sup>rd</sup> party inspection on August 25<sup>th</sup> as required by state law.
  - Presented applicant for the open Town Board trustee position.
  - Dog clinic was successful, with over 30 dogs vaccinated and licensed.

## Unfinished Business

- **Water Meter System Conversion:** Discussion on transitioning from Sensus water meters to Master Meter system, including phased replacement, training, integration with billing software, and budget planning.
  - Steve and Dave Connolly presented the Master Meter system, highlighting features such as radio frequency reading, alarms for leaks and tampering, data logging, and ease of replacement.
  - Discussion on the migration process, including phased replacement over several years, compatibility with current billing software, and operational benefits.
  - Questions addressed regarding reading meters under snow, integration with Cassell billing software, and the ability to stage conversion by blocks.
  - Cost comparison between Master Meter and Sensus, including meter price, training fees, and annual support contracts.
  - Discussion on funding assistance, operational advantages, and warranty details for the new meters.
  - No final motion or vote was recorded; the item remains unfinished pending budget proposal and further decision.
- **Tree and Alley Trimming:** Discussion on handling overgrown trees and bushes in alleys and streets, including notification to homeowners and possible contractor hire.
  - Bob described the problem of equipment damage due to overgrown trees and bushes in alleys and streets. The group discussed whether it is the town's responsibility to trim private property, agreed that notification to homeowners should precede any action, and considered hiring a contractor for major trimming. Suggestions included making a list, sending letters, and circulating drafts for review.
- **Budget Amendment for Sewer Department:** Research and recommendation needed on amending the budget to address \$60,000 in unplanned sewer expenditures due to new state requirements.
  - Discussion focused on the need to revise the budget for the sewer department after new state regulations required additional work and expenditures not anticipated during the original budgeting process.
  - Kendra was tasked with researching the process and reporting back on how to amend the budget.
  - It was noted that previous years have seen supplemental budgets adopted for similar situations.
- **Rock Crushing Contract:** Discussion of unfinished business regarding the slow progress and contract issues with the rock crushing contractor.
  - Contractor has been slow, with only six hours logged in five days and inconsistent attendance.
  - Discussion about writing an addendum to the contract with a timeline and penalty for delays and charging for loader use.
  - Contractor promises to finish by end of August.
  - Options discussed: give contractor two more weeks with daily penalty or termination of contract and seek refund for used loader time.
  - Material needed for upcoming projects by November 2026
  - Kendra tasked to write up contract, Cody to approve.

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## Approval of Minutes

**Motion** to approve July 14, 2025, Meeting Minutes was made by Trustee Taylor and seconded by Trustee Allacher.

**Motion** passed unanimously.

## Motions

1. **Motion** to approve the CPA's report for the last fiscal year, as submitted to the state by July 31, 2025, and to accept the CPA's fee for the next year at \$11,475 was made by Trustee Allacher and seconded by Trustee Martin.

1. **Discussion**

- Accountant Fulmer reported that the CPA completed the audit in less time than scheduled, resulting in a lower fee. The report was submitted to the state before the July 31, 2025 deadline, ensuring no delay in property tax processing.

2. **Voting Results**

- **Motion** Passed unanimously

2. **Motion** was made by Trustee Martin and seconded by Trustee Taylor to approve a \$1,650 donation to the Community Homecoming Events specifically as a down payment for Dueling Pianos.

1. **Voting Results**

- **Motion** Passed unanimously

3. **Motion** to appoint Brevity Langley as council trustee to replace Trustee Kindley, filling the vacancy until the next election, was made by Trustee Crisp and seconded by Trustee Allacher.

1. **Discussion**

- Discussion about whether to interview Brevity Langley before appointment, length of term, and background check requirements.
- Clarification that the appointment is only until the next election and background check is not legally required.

2. **Voting Results**

- Majority in favor, one opposed, Trustee Martin due to lack of personal knowledge. Motion passed.

## Financial Report

**Motion** to approve the bills was made by Trustee Crisp and seconded by Trustee Taylor.

### Voting Results

Unanimously passed

## Adjournment

Mayor Randy Fagerlund adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.



Randy C Fagerlund MAYOR

Kenda H. Ellett CLERK

September 8, 2025 DATE APPROVED