

**TOWN OF DE BEQUE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING  
JUNE 27, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on June 27, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Center, 381 Minter Avenue, De Beque, Colorado. Present were the following:

Mayor: Shanelle Hansen

Trustees: Cindy Farris, John Giffin, Sarah Hambrick, and Vernon Bruse

Absent: Lisa Lippoldt and Walter Wood

Staff Present: Town Manager Care' McInnis, Town Attorney Chris McAnany, Planner Matt Farrar

Also Present: Joe Keys (JetBoat Colorado)

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Mayor Shanelle Hansen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ROLL CALL:**

Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PROCUREMENT PROCESS FOR AWARD OF BROADBAND CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT:**

Town Attorney Chris McAnany stated that the Town has received two grants from DOLA to assist with extending broadband infrastructure. NeuComm Solutions LLC has done the design and engineering. The construction for a neutral carrier location has yet to be awarded to a specific contractor. The project is about \$950,000. Staff is seeking a different procurement process for this project. The Town has the ability to sole source the project. Mr. McAnany stated that he had reached out to DOLA and they have no concerns. All the references such as Garfield County and Region 10 spoke highly of NeuComm. Trustee Hambrick asked if this would benefit consumers. Mr. McAnany stated that this was for the CNL and not ISP. Ms. McInnis stated that this would allow any carriers to come in so it could ultimately provide a cost savings to consumers. Mr. McAnany stated that by going with NeuComm there would be economies of scale with purchasing and that they know the area/terrain. Trustee Giffin stated that it seemed to be the most effeient and effective solution. Trustee Farris stated that it sounded like a good idea. Mayor Hansen stated that she had no concerns. Trustee Hambrick agreed. Ms. McInnis confirmed that the Board was in favor of moving forward with sole sourcing the broadband project.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by the Board of Trustees

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Lisa M. Rogers, Town Clerk

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Shanelle Hansen, Mayor