

RESOLUTION NO: 21 (2024)

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN MOFFAT COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND CRAIG CITY COUNCIL REGARDING LEGAL SERVICES RELATED TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY'S JUST TRANSITION SOLICITATION HEARINGS AT THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION, INCLUDING AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN CONTRACTS RELATED TO SUCH HEARINGS

WHEREAS, C.R.S. §29-1-203 provides authority for Governments to cooperate or contract with one another to provide any function, service, or facility lawfully authorized in Colorado, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Craig and Moffat County find it necessary to hire legal counsel to assist them, jointly, to participate in hearing number 24A-0442E at the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (PUC). Public Service Company of Colorado (Xcel Energy) filed its Just Transition Solicitation with the PUC;

WHEREAS, the City of Craig and Moffat County agree to enter into an Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) specifically to obtain legal services for this purpose. The MOU is attached to this resolution as Exhibit A;

WHEREAS, the Craig City Council desires to authorize the Mayor, Chris Nichols, to represent the City of Craig and to act on behalf of said Council in negotiations related to the process and hearings at the Public Utilities Commission and to sign any documents required for the Public Service Company of Colorado PUC process. This authorization permits the delegation of authority to the Mayor so that action can be taken promptly and as needed for the PUC process. This authorization includes the authorization for the Mayor to sign contracts up to \$25,000.00, including contracts with expert witnesses, on behalf of the City when such contracts relate to the process and hearings at the Public Utilities Commission.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CRAIG:

1. The City of Craig is authorized to enter the MOU, marked as exhibit A, for the benefit of the citizens of the City of Craig.
2. The City of Craig is authorized to take all actions pursuant to the MOU to secure qualified legal counsel to assist the City, jointly, with Moffat County to represent the entities throughout the PUC process.
3. The City of Craig is securing legal services during this process that will benefit the City of Craig. Accordingly, all actions taken pursuant to the MOU by the officers, employees and agents of the City related to securing necessary and qualified legal counsel are approved and confirmed.

4. The Mayor is deemed to have the authority to act on behalf of City Council during negotiations related to the Public Service Company of Colorado hearings, and to sign any and all contracts on behalf of the City which are related to these PUC hearings, provided such contracts do not exceed \$25,000.00. The Mayor is authorized to act on behalf of the entire Council as stated herein.

RESOLVED AND APPROVED THE 12th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2024.

Chris Nichols, Mayor

ATTEST:

Liz White, City Clerk