

**Minutes of the Proceedings of  
The Board of County Commissioners of Teller County, Colorado  
April 23, 2024**

In attendance:

Bob Campbell, County Commissioner/Chair  
Dan Williams, County Commissioner/Vice-Chair  
Erik Stone, County Commissioner  
Ross Herzog, County Administrator  
Paul Hurcomb, County Attorney  
Ashley Headrick, Chief Deputy Clerk & Recorder

**1. 9:20 a.m. Convene in Regular Session:**

The Board of County Commissioners of Teller County convened in regular session in the Teller County Centennial Building in Cripple Creek, CO.

Mr. Campbell presided.

Mr. Williams gave the invocation.

Mr. Jay Teague led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Minutes of Previous Meetings:**

**Action:** Mr. Williams moved, and Mr. Stone seconded, to **approve** the minutes of the meeting of the Teller County Board of County Commissioners on April 9, 2024, as presented. All Commissioners voted yes.

**Accounts Payable:**

Action: Mr. Stone moved, and Mr. Williams seconded, that the Board **approve** the accounts payable run date of April 18, 2024, in the amount of \$639,499.37. All Commissioners voted yes.

**Board Reports:**

Mr. Stone:

- Gave update on the final weeks of legislative session.
- Opposes House Bill 24-1460 on law enforcement misconduct reporting requirements. Sheriff Mikesell is testifying today in opposition.
- Attended the Senior Coalition Expo event in Woodland Park last weekend.
- Glad to see that fire mitigation is occurring in the community. This is the time of year to mitigate your property.
- Attended meetings with Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG), including a transit meeting for Cripple Creek and Teller County Senior Coalition.

Mr. Williams:

- Attended Senior Coalition Event and commented on the decrease in their funding. Recognized Teller County Public Health and Department of Social Services for

their attendance at this event.

- Attended the Colorado Sportsmen's Caucus Day at the Capitol in Denver. This was a bipartisan event to educate legislators and the public about hunting and fishing traditions; commented the urban/rural divide in the state.
- Provided an update on the progress being made with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on preserving future water rights.
- Attended a Colorado Counties, Inc. (CCI) session on Thursday.
  - He is focused on bills regarding land use and clean energy.
  - The bill on Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) will only apply to areas with a population of more than 40,000 so it will not affect Teller County.
  - There are multiple gun bills and the conceal carry bill goes to the Governor today.

Mr. Campbell:

- Attended a 4H event last Saturday and judged the smoked meats and BBQ contest.
- Attended the Community Partnership Summerfest event and it was well-attended.
- The Crabby Tax Night with the Kiwanis was successful.
- Gave update of the ongoing audit of the Pikes Peak Workforce Center (PPWC).
- He is tracking 18 Tax and Finance related bills. HCR 24-1006 was introduced to submit a property tax bill to the voters in November to amend the Constitution for TABOR rates plus 2% growth on property tax values.

#### **Elected Officials Report: (None)**

#### **Administrator's Report:**

Ross Herzog, County Administrator

- Teller County Sheriff's office is fully staffed.
- Public Works has openings for equipment operators.
- Road crews continue to work on repairs focusing on potholes.
- Teller County Wastewater Utilities (TCWU) was awarded a one million dollar grant from the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) for its upgrade and expansion project.

Commissioner Campbell commented on the extensive work Public Works is doing to repair the roads.

Commissioner Williams shared he had positive feedback from two Home Owners Associations in the county.

#### **2. Time Reserved for Department Heads: None.**

Jay Teague, Director, Office of Emergency Management

- Preparing for 2024 fire season. Working with the Fire Chiefs in the region to confirm fire resources.

- Introduced Shane Pratt, CERT Program Manager for Teller County, who described the CERT program.
  - FEMA based program.
  - Basic class is 20 hours.
  - 35 students have completed the course.
  - 17 students for tonight's class.
  - 5 people have been certified to date.

The Board thanked Mr. Pratt and commented on the CERT program.

Commissioner Stone commented on the one-million-dollar grant from the Colorado Strategic Wildfire Action Program (COSWAP) for fire mitigation and coordination with OEM to match.

**3. Time Reserved for the Public without an appointment:** None

**4. Time Reserved for Employee Service Awards:**

Mary Doolittle, Staff Accountant and Payroll Manager, 20 years of service

**5. Administration – Consider a resolution to amend various 2024 Department Fund Budgets.**

Presenting: Ross Herzog, Administrator

Public Comment: None.

Action: Mr. Williams moved, and Mr. Stone seconded, to **approve Resolution No. 04-23-2024(13)**, a Resolution to amend the 2024 General, Road and Bridge, Jail Enterprise, Fleet Management, and DSS Fund Budgets and have it attached to the minutes. All Commissioners voted yes.

**6. BoCC: Set the Date for the Public Hearing on the Amended and Restated Service Plan for the Southern Teller County Health Services District.**

Presenting: Bob Campbell, Commissioner

Action: Mr. Stone moved, and Mr. Williams seconded, to **approve May 23, 2024 at 9:15am for the Public Hearing on the Amended and Restated Service Plan for the Southern Teller County Health Services District**. All Commissioners voted yes.

**7. BoCC: Consider the appointment of Mr. Lee Chapin as an alternate on Teller County Board of Review.**

Presenting: Ross Herzog, Administrator

Attorney Hurcomb and Commissioners Campbell and Williams provided comments in support of the appointment.

Board discussion.

Public Comment: None

Action: Mr. Williams moved, and Mr. Stone seconded, to **appoint Mr. Lee Chapin as an alternate on Teller County Board of Review**. All Commissioners voted yes.

**8. BoCC: Consider approval of the 2024 Revised Capital Improvements Policy.**

Presenting: Ross Herzog, Administrator

Public Comment: None.

Board comments.

Action: Mr. Stone moved, and Mr. Williams seconded, to **approve** the 2024 Revised Capital Improvements Policy. All Commissioners voted yes.

**~~9. BoCC: Consider the appointment of Marion Clare to the Teller County Planning Commissioner.~~**

This agenda item was removed until a future meeting.

**Commissioner's Business Items:** Ross Herzog, County Administrator

The Board duly approved the following business agenda items:

1. Contract amendment #4 to Colorado Department of Human Services contract #23 IBEH 174479 for Jail-Based Behavioral Service.
2. Professional Service Agreement (PSA) with KM Appraisal Services with any modifications requested by the Contractor and approved by the County Attorney.
3. Other administrative matters received after agenda deadlines.  
Mr. Herzog informed the Board of the following:
  - a. The Finance Department filed the required SLT-1024 Funds Requirement Report with State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) and he approved that filing.
  - b. The Teller County Mental Health Alliance is pursuing grants.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bob Campbell, Chair, Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ashley Headrick, Chief Deputy Clerk & Recorder