



**Minutes of the Proceedings of
The Board of County Commissioners of Teller County, Colorado
June 18, 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
Stephanie Kees, 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.

Ms. Krystal Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Action: Mr. Stone moved, and Mr. Williams seconded, to **approve** the minutes of the meeting of the Teller County Board of County Commissioners on June 6, 2024, as amended. All Commissioners voted yes.

Accounts Payable:

Action: Mr. Williams moved, and Mr. Stone seconded, that the Board **approve** the accounts payable run date of June 13, 2024, in the amount of \$1,011,335.04. All Commissioners voted yes.

Board Reports:

Mr. Stone:

- Provided updates from the latest Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG) meeting.
 - Federal grant money is available through the state to PPACG for local groups, but these grants require recipients to complete Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) training, which is difficult for small nonprofits staffed by volunteers, so PPACG is objecting to this requirement.
 - Plans to amend its bylaws to allow the PPACG legislative committee to take positions on pending bills faster than it currently can.
 - Provided updates on transportation projects.
 - drainage project on N. Highway 67 north of Woodland Park.
 - the resurfacing of Highway 24 from Edlowe Road to Florissant should



be completed this Fall.

- resurfacing of Highway 67 has been delayed until 2025.

- Discussed the wildfires in New Mexico and how their topography is similar to Teller County. Reminded everyone to be vigilant of the dry and windy conditions and encouraged mitigation.

Mr. Williams:

- Wildfire Council meeting coming up.
- The Commissioners toured the renovations of the Teller County fairgrounds to include the grandstands and ADA compliance work.
- The Commissioners did a ride along with new County Code Enforcement Officer. The County will be making renewed efforts to get properties into compliance.
- Attended an Aspen Mine Center-Community of Caring board meeting and reported they are working on obtaining a childcare facility.
- Will attend a Colorado Park and Wildlife (CPW) meeting on Thursday and they are working on an update to their strategic plan.
- Attended a Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) board meeting and reported that there are a record number of cases in the County, but also a record number of CASA volunteers.
- The American Legion and VFW held a ceremony for the dignified disposal of over 2,000 American Flags.

Mr. Campbell:

- Attended two recent Colorado Technical Services, Inc. (CTSI) meetings concerning the possible sale of the building partially owned by Colorado Counties, Inc. (CCI).
- Attended a Pikes Peak Workforce Center (PPWFC) executive meeting.
- Thanked Human Resources for putting together the well-attended County picnic.

Elected Officials Report:

Stephanie Kees, Clerk and Recorder

- Gave an update on the June Primary Election
 - Less than 10% of ballots have been returned to date.
 - Election judges starting at election central today
- Gave update on the Fraud Guard project for property owners.

Commissioner Williams thanked the Clerk and her staff.

In response to a question from Commissioner Campbell, Ms. Kees explained that the typical turnout for a Primary Election is approximately 60%.

Administrator's Report:

Ross Herzog, County Administrator



- Provided updates on the Fairgrounds renovations and the progress at the Florissant Park project.
- Noted that the Board will review the County road maintenance plan later in the meeting.
- Thanked staff for their efforts with the picnic.

2. Time Reserved for Department Heads: None.

3. Time Reserved for the Public without an Appointment: None.

4. Administration: Consider a resolution to amend various 2024 Department Fund Budgets.

Presenting: Ross Herzog, Administrator

Public Comment: None.

Action: Mr. Stone moved, and Mr. Williams seconded, to **approve Resolution No. 06-18-2024(20)** a Resolution to amend the 2024 General, Road and Bridge, Jail Enterprise, Fleet Management and DSS Fund Budgets and have it attached to the written minutes to show the details. All Commissioners voted yes.

5. Finance: Consider a resolution to amend the 2024 General, Road and Bridge, Social Services, Capital Projects, Wastewater Utility, Jail Enterprise, and Fleet Fund Budgets.

Presenting: Violet Watt, Accounting Supervisor

Board discussion and comments.

Public Comment: None.

Action: Mr. Williams moved, and Mr. Stone seconded, to **approve Resolution No. 06-18-2024(21)** a Resolution to amend the 2024 General, Road and Bridge, Social Services, Capital Projects, Wastewater Utility, Jail Enterprise, and Fleet Fund Budgets and have it attached to the written minutes to show the details. All Commissioners voted yes.

6. Finance: Consider a resolution to amend the 2024 General, Road and Bridge, Social Services, Capital Projects, Wastewater, Jail Enterprise, and Fleet Fund Budgets.

Presenting: Violet Watt, Accounting Supervisor

Board discussion and comments on the increase of funds for the Sheriff's Department for equipment upgrades, including the spike strips deployment system and additional ammunition.

Public Comment: None.

Action: Mr. Stone moved, and Mr. Williams seconded, to **approve Resolution No. 06-18-2024(22)** a Resolution to amend the 2024 General, Road and Bridge, Social Services, Capital Projects, Wastewater, Jail Enterprise, and Fleet Fund Budgets and have it attached to the written minutes to show the details. All Commissioners voted yes.

7. Finance: Consider a resolution to amend the 2024 General, Road and Bridge, Social Services, Conservation Trust, Jail Enterprise, and Fleet Fund Budgets.

Presenting: Violet Watt, Accounting Supervisor

Public Comment: None.

Action: Mr. Williams moved, and Mr. Stone seconded, to **approve Resolution No. 06-18-2024(23)** a Resolution to amend the 2024 General, Road and Bridge, Social Services, Conservation Trust, Jail Enterprise, and Fleet Fund Budgets and have it attached to the written minutes to show the details. All Commissioners voted yes.

8. Finance: Presentation of 2023 audited Financial Statements.

Presenting: Vicki Caldwell, Finance Director.

The public can review the audit on our website and copies are available.

Commissioner Williams noted that the annual audit is a way for the taxpayers to see that the County is a good steward of the budget and that the auditors issued a “clean” audit, which is a good report card.

Commissioner Stone thanked Ms. Caldwell for the “clean” audit, which is the best grade available on an audit.

Commissioner Campbell highlighted the positive comments from the auditors about the high quality of the County’s financial books and records.

9. Public Works: Consider approval of the Teller County Public Works Transportation Division Annual Road Maintenance and Improvement Plan.

Presenting: Brad Shaw and Bryan Kincaid, Public Works

Slideshow presentation

Public Comment: None.

The public can review the plan on our website and copies are available.

Action: Mr. Williams moved, and Mr. Stone seconded, to **approve** the Teller County Public Works Transportation Division Annual Road Maintenance and Improvement Plan 2024 as written and as presented. All Commissioners voted yes.

Commissioner Williams thanked Public Works and Director Fred Clifford for their work on this presentation and implementing the improvement plan approved by BoCC.

Commissioner Stone commented on the warranty work of the chipseal project and reminded drivers to keep their distance to avoid chipped/cracked windshields.

Commissioner Campbell reminded citizens this chipseal warranty project is at no cost to the county because it is warranty work. Urged citizens to review the plan online to see the roads that will receive dust suppression / magnesium chloride.

10. BoCC: Second reading and adoption of Teller County Ordinance #22

Presenting: Paul Hurcomb, County Attorney

Board discussion and comments. Commissioner Williams requested Administrator Herzog



issue a press release. Commissioner Stone explained this Ordinance preserves the status quo in Teller County.

Public Comment: None.

Action: Mr. Stone moved, and Mr. Williams seconded, to **approve** on the second reading of Ordinance #22, a Teller County Ordinance to protect the right to carry firearms in sensitive spaces in accordance with SB 24-131. All Commissioners voted yes.

Commissioner's Business Items: Ross Herzog, County Administrator

The Board duly approved the following business agenda items:

1. Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Digitcom Electronics as presented with any modifications requested by the Contractor and approved by the County Attorney.
2. Authorize the Director of Human Services and the Director of Public Health to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Collaborative Management Program (CMP), Families and Community Together (FACT), and Interagency Oversight Group (IOG).
3. Consent to the appointment of the following individuals to Deputy District Attorney:
 - Madelyn Selvaggi
 - Marshall Garrett
 - Cynthia Thomas
4. Amendment #1 to Master Task Order #23 FFA 00049 extending the contract to June 30, 2025.
5. Deeds to clarify ownership of Lots 1, 2, 3, 7 and 8 in Highlands of Divide, Filing No. 3.
6. Assignment and Assumption Agreement between Teller County, Waste Management of Colorado, Inc. and Materials Management Company LLC as presented.
7. Other administrative matters received after agenda deadlines. None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

APPROVED: _____

Robert Campbell, Chair, Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST: _____

Stephanie Kees, Clerk & Recorder

