



**Minutes of the Proceedings of
The Board of County Commissioners of Teller County, Colorado
September 26, 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 and Recorder

1. 9:15 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.
Mrs. 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 August 20, 2024, as presented. All Commissioners voted yes.

Accounts Payable:

Action: Mr. Williams moved, and Mr. Stone seconded, that the Board **approve** the accounts payable run date of September 24, 2024, in the amount of \$678,069.13. All Commissioners voted yes.

Board Reports:

Mr. Stone:

- Provided an update on his work on the Region 16 Opioid Abatement Council. They are in the process of strategic planning and have an upcoming State meeting in Loveland of all Regional Councils. He attended an opioid crisis meeting with District Attorney Michael Allen regarding high potency marijuana and the impact of social media on youth.
- Reported on the Teller Senior Coalition – medical ride services are increasing, and the Coalition is applying for grants to increase the fleet and a possible maintenance facility.
- Attended a Colorado Counties, Inc. (CCI) online steering committee meeting that included discussions on construction defect reform and stabilizing unpredictable tax



relief changes enacted by the Legislature.

- Discussed the recent changes to Colorado laws on conceal carry and requirements for instructors. The Commissioners have had discussions with Senator Baisley about sponsoring a bill to amend the recent law that requires concealed carry instructors be certified by their local Sheriff but does not allow for reciprocity with other County Sheriffs.

Mr. Williams:

- Reminder of the upcoming Light of Hope fundraiser event for the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) on October 2nd at the Ute Pass Cultural Center from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.
- Attended a Braver Angels meeting concerning Election Integrity along with Commissioner Stone and Clerk Kees.
- Commented on the rising crime in Teller County along with homelessness, safety issue, and drug use.

Mr. Campbell:

- Commented on the goal of the Braver Angels program to have civil conversations about current topics.
- Attended a Pikes Peak Workforce Center (PPWFC) meeting and reported on another audit being conducted by State regulators.
- Noted he was able to take time off to go on a camping trip with his family last week.

Elected Officials Report: None

Krystal Brown, Treasurer

- Attended the County Treasurers Association conference in Limon.
- Tax lien sale will take place November 1st through the 4th. There are 644 tax liens for sale, which is up from last year.
- 98% of taxes have been collected year to date.

Stephanie Kees, Clerk & Recorder

- Gave an update on the upcoming November election. Approximately 19,100 ballots will be mailed on October 11 and ballot drop boxes will be open on October 11.
- Commented on the Braver Angels meeting, how well it was run, and that she was honored to have been invited.
- In response to a question from Commissioner Williams about poll watchers, she explained that poll watchers must submit an application completed by the person/committee they will be representing, provide a certificate of completion of required online classes, and receive their credentials from the Clerk prior to serving as a poll watcher at the vote center or election central.



Administrator's Report:

Ross Herzog, County Administrator

- Attended International County and City Manager conference and commented on the training on technology policies and Artificial Intelligence (AI).
- Reminded everyone to be careful on the County roads because it is peak leaf time.

2. Time Reserved for Department Heads: None

3. Time Reserved for the Public without an Appointment:

Holly Sample, County resident, commented on her concern about how the homeless may be victims of crime with the information available and is interested in engaging more people in the community such as churches, schools, businesses, etc. She works with Braver Angels and that organization would be willing to help orchestrate and/or assist with engaging the community to discuss these issues.

Commissioner Williams thanked Ms. Sample for the Braver Angels' meeting to discuss Election Integrity. He also expressed his support to assisting the homeless; he recognizes the mental health crisis, but also noted that some people don't want assistance.

Commissioner Stone commented on his interest to assist with the homelessness. There is an opioid and fentanyl problem that comes with the homeless population.

Garrett and Gage Hall, 4-H Club members, thanked the Commissioners for their support at the County Fair, reported that they donate 100 pounds of ground beef to the Aspen Mine Center, and presented the commissioners with a plaque. The Commissioners expressed their appreciation to Garrett and Gage Hall for giving back to the community and took a brief break for photos with them.

Jerry Jenkins, County resident, commented suggested the County put flashing signs for the visitors looking at the leaves. Administrator Herzog stated he has already contacted Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) to get these message boards on the highways. Mr. Jenkins made additional comments on the County's code enforcement and repeated his request for understanding some people's circumstances.

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. 09-26-2024(32)** a Resolution to amend the 2024 General, Road and Bridge, Jail Enterprise, Fund Budgets and to have it attached to the written minutes in order to show the detail of the budget amendments. All Commissioners voted yes.



5. BoCC: Consider a Proclamation recognizing October 2024 as Arts Month in Teller County.

Presenting: Erik Stone, County Commissioner

Commissioners Stone, Williams and Campbell commented on the importance of arts in Teller County.

Action: Mr. Campbell moved, and Mr. Williams seconded, to **recognize** October 2024 as Arts Month in Teller County. All Commissioners voted yes.

Commissioner's Business Items: Ross Herzog, County Administrator

The Board duly approved the following business agenda items:

1. Commercial Real Estate Agreement with Cripple Creek-Victor School District (RE-1).
2. Other administrative matters received after agenda deadlines.
 - a. Contract Amendment #2 between Teller County and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) updating termination dates.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

APPROVED: 

Robert Campbell, Chair, Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST: 

Stephanie Kees, Clerk & Recorder



THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF TELLER COUNTY, COLORADO
RESOLUTION NO. 09-26-2024 (32)

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2024 GENERAL, ROAD AND BRIDGE, AND JAIL ENTERPRISE FUND BUDGETS.

WHEREAS, in the past, the County has recognized significant savings from employment turnover that the Board of County Commissioners could consider for use in other areas; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has directed staff to make a monthly budget adjustment by transferring personnel related funds from individual departments to holding departments within each fund as personnel budget needs are reduced; and from holding departments to individual departments as personnel budget needs increase, within county policy; and

WHEREAS, funds budgeted in the above referenced holding departments, which have been added to each fund as Personnel Contingency Departments (ending in the numbers 2190), are not appropriated nor available for expenditure and are only accessible by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners transferring them to other departmental budget accounts; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners hereby finds, determines and declares that adoption of this Resolution is necessary for the preservation and protection of the public health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of Teller County, Colorado,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF TELLER COUNTY, COLORADO:

that the departmental budgets and Personnel Contingency Department accounts be decreased as follows:

General Fund:

1100-2120	(\$19,650)
1100-2510	(\$169)
1100-2512	(\$40)
1100-2520	(\$12,883)
1100-2550	(\$8)
1100-2800	(\$218)
2010-2120	(\$21,925)
2010-2510	(\$1,359)
2010-2512	(\$318)
2010-2520	(\$12,589)
2010-2550	(\$66)
2010-2800	(\$1,754)
4998-2190	(\$219,555)

Subtotal: (\$290,534)

Road and Bridge:

0150-2120	(\$1,588)
0150-2120-921	(\$833)
0150-2510	(\$161)
0150-2512	(\$38)



0150-2520 (\$3,830)
0150-2550 (\$5)
0150-2800 (\$127)

Subtotal: (\$6,582)

Jail Enterprise:

0075-2120 (\$112,522)
0075-2510 (\$7,087)
0075-2512 (\$1,657)
0075-2520 (\$22,916)
0075-2550 (\$338)
0075-2800 (\$9,002)

Subtotal: (\$153,522)

and that departmental budgets and Personnel Contingency Department accounts be increased as follows:

GENERAL FUND:

1100-2130 \$16,922
1450-2120 \$33,458
1450-2510 \$2,074
1450-2512 \$485
1450-2520 \$10,291
1450-2550 \$100
1450-2800 \$2,677
1500-2120 \$21,724
1500-2510 \$1,347
1500-2512 \$315
1500-2520 \$5,092
1500-2550 \$65
1500-2800 \$1,738
2000-2120 \$40,359
2000-2510 \$1,284
2000-2512 \$300
2000-2520 \$23,191
2000-2550 \$121
2000-2800 \$3,229
2100-2120 \$24,174
2100-2510 \$1,499
2100-2512 \$351
2100-2520 \$12,589
2100-2550 \$73
2100-2800 \$1,934
2500-2120 \$12,215
2500-2510 \$757
2500-2512 \$177
2500-2550 \$37
2500-2800 \$977
4998-2190 \$70,979

Subtotal: \$290,534

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Road and Bridge Fund:
0198-2190 \$6,582

Subtotal: \$6,582

Jail Enterprise:
0078-2190 \$153,522

Subtotal: \$153,522

and that the amounts appropriated for expenditure be reduced and increased accordingly.

Adopted at the regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Teller County, Colorado, this
26th day of September 2024.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF TELLER COUNTY, COLORADO

Attest:

By: 
Bob Campbell, Chairman


Stephanie Kees, Clerk & Recorder

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