

**Minutes of the Proceedings of  
The Board of County Commissioners of Teller County, Colorado  
March 7, 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.

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 February 20, 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 March 5, 2024, in the amount of \$849,639.50. All Commissioners voted yes.

**Board Reports:**

Mr. Stone:

- Commented on his opposition to the Colorado Legislature's pending anti-gun bills and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment, including:
  - HB 24-1123 (oppose) Firearm school detection systems.
  - HB 24-1353 (oppose) Require firearm dealers to hold a state firearms dealer permit.
  - HB 24-1349 (oppose) New taxation on dealers and manufacturers for firearms and ammunition.
  - HB 24-1270 (oppose) Required homeowners to have liability insurance on firearms.
  - SB24-066 (oppose) Firearms credit card transition tracking.
  - HB 24-1162 (support) The increase of penalties for stolen firearms but this was defeated in committee.

- HB 24-1348 (oppose) Secure firearms storage in vehicle.
- SB 24-131 (oppose) concealed carry not allowed in sensitive area. (schools, churches, events)
- SB 24-003 (oppose) CBI investigations of any firearms violation.
- HB 24-1310 (oppose) Alleviate trained armed security officers in schools if not law enforcement.
- HB-24-1392 (oppose) Assault weapons ban.
- He requested Teller County citizens to testify against these bills.

Mr. Williams:

- Expressed his disappointment that none of the gun bills address mental health.
- Encouraged people to testify on legislation using the online option because the pending bills could have a disproportionate impact on rural Colorado.
- Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) update.
  - 667 children served in 2023 including El Paso County.
  - 26 children in Teller County are under CASA supervision due to domestic violence.
  - 34% turnover in staff.
  - Light of Hope fundraiser on April 18 in El Paso County.
- Attended a Suicide Prevention event last week where it was reported that in the last 20 years there has been a 37% increase in suicides.
- Went with the Sheriff to City of Victor to discuss residents' concerns and law enforcement.
- He is monitoring 5 land use bills and plans to testify on these bills.
- He continues to monitor the federal bill concerning installing solar panels on federal land for the effects on rural properties.
- The Commissioners submitted a letter to Colorado Parks and Wildlife to oppose the current commissioner nominees.
- The Commissioners submitted a letter to Governor Polis to express their concerns over a recent amendment to the rules over futile water rights. The Commissioners will meet with representatives from the State Division of Natural Resources later this month to discuss this issue.

Mr. Campbell:

- Working with Colorado Counties Inc (CCI) on tax and finance bills.
- He is the chair of the workers compensation insurance committee for Colorado Technical Services Inc (CTSI) and is working on improving the processes.
- Limited Gaming impact grant funds to be distributed locally to non-profits.
- The Works Allocation Committee is working on adjusting formulas for Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF) funds.
- The Pikes Peak Workforce Center (PPWFC) continues to work on the federal audit.

**Elected Officials Report:**

Stephanie Kees, Clerk and Recorder

- 2024 Presidential Primary Election had record turnout of 50%.

- 9,300 ballots cast. 3% of votes cast were done in person at the vote center.
- 3,400 votes cast were from unaffiliated voters.

Commissioners commented and expressed appreciation to Clerk Kees and her staff.

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

Ross Herzog, County Administrator

- Provided an update on County staffing and that the Planning Department has posted a position for a Code Enforcement officer.
- Continuing to work on Strategic Plan.

Commissioner Williams thanked Ross Herzog and Fred Clifford for road work repair and noted that Public Works has a full team.

#### **2. Time Reserved for Department Heads and Public Without an Appointment: None.**

Jay Teague, OEM Director

- Gave update on workflow.
- Teller County Emergency Plan rewrite.
- Community Wildfire Protection Program (CWPP) update.
- Session for Colorado Emergency Preparedness Assessment (CEPA).
- Deputy Director Jessica Flohrs represents Teller County on the State of Colorado Forest Collaborative committee.
- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is operating and recruiting volunteers.
- Radio specialist on staff is working well.
- Met with State Digital Trunked Radio System (DTRS) and Pikes Peak Regional Communications Group (PPRCG).
- Met with CORE Electric to upgrade microwave system.
- Preparing for the Pikes Peak Hill Climb.
- Jessica Flohrs is now the Vice Chair on E911 Council.
- State agriculture tabletop exercise improvement process dealing with large livestock emergencies.
- Bi-directional Amplifier (BDA) antenna installation at Sheriff's office completed. This will improve radio capabilities.
- Hosting a FEMA G191 class pertaining to incident command.

Commissioner Williams thanked Jay and asked about exercise with military training for downed aircraft. Mr. Teague gave an update of pending training with the military for this exercise.

Commissioner Campbell and Stone thanked Jay for his work.

#### **3. Time Reserved for the Public without an appointment:**

Daniel and Tiffany Stephens, real-estate brokers, and Bob and Ann Mantooth.

Mr. and Mrs. Mantooth told of their family history in Victor and the property once owned by his ancestors that is now owned by Teller County. They would like to purchase this land.

Commissioner Williams described the process for this type of purchase and referred them to

Dan Swallow, Director of the Community Development Division for guidance on agriculture (A-1) land. County Attorney Hurcomb outlined the process for any potential purchase of County property. Commissioners Campbell and Stone commented.

**4. Administration: Consider a Resolution supporting the grant application for a community impact grant from the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund and the completion of the Florissant Community Park Improvements Project.**

Presenting: Ross Herzog, Administrator

Public Comment: None.

Action: Mr. Stone moved, and Mr. Williams seconded, to **approve Resolution No. 03-07-2024(10)**, a Resolution to support the grant application for a community impact grant from the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund and the completion of the Florissant Community Park Improvements Project. All Commissioners voted yes.

Commissioners acting as the Teller County Wastewater Utility Board for Item #5.

**5. BoCC: Consider a resolution approving a loan agreement between the Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority and the Teller County Wastewater Utility Enterprise.**

Presenting: Vicki Caldwell, Finance Director

County Attorney Hurcomb gave an update on the status of the draft loan agreement.

Board comments.

Public Comment: None.

Action: Mr. Williams moved, and Mr. Stone seconded, to **approve Resolution No. 03-07-2024(11)**, a resolution to approve a loan agreement between the Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority and the Teller County Wastewater Utility Enterprise. All Commissioners voted yes.

Commissioners returned to sitting as the Board of County Commissioners for the remaining items.

**6. Treasurer: Consider acceptance and authorize publishing of Teller County Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report for the period July 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023.**

Presenting: Krystal Brown, Treasurer

After her report, Treasurer Brown also recognized her Chief Deputy, Sharon Marolf, for 5 years of service.

Action: Mr. Stone moved, and Mr. Williams seconded, to **accept and authorize** publishing of Teller County Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report for the period July 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023. All Commissioners voted yes.

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

The Board duly approved the following business agenda items:

1. Amendment #3 to Colorado Department of Human Services-Behavioral Health Administration Contract #23 IBEH 174479 increasing FY 24 funding by \$60,000.

2. Professional Service Agreement (PSA) with Martin Marietta Materials, Inc., as presented, and including any modifications of language that may be made in response to changes requested by the Contractor and approved by the County Attorney.
3. Professional Service Agreement (PSA) with Mule Creek Gravel, as presented, and including any modifications of language that may be made in response to changes requested by the Contractor and approved by the County Attorney.
4. Professional Service Agreement (PSA) with Procom Professional Compliance & Testing, as presented, and including any modifications of language that may be made in response to changes requested by the Contractor and approved by the County Attorney.
5. Fixed asset move/discard submittal from Teller County Sheriff's Office/Jail.
6. Colorado Parks and Wildlife-2023 Impact Assistance Grant (PILT) application.
7. Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City of Victor and the County of Teller for law enforcement service.
8. Other administrative matters received after agenda deadlines.
  - a. Accepted the Local Assistance Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF) annual report as presented.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

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

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Stephanie Kees, Clerk & Recorder