

MEETING MINUTES
Chaffee County Transportation Advisory Board
February 10, 2022
10:00 – 11:00 AM MST

Via ZOOM Conference Call

In Attendance: Chaffee County Commissioner Keith Baker, Kate Garwood, Joseph Teipel, Greg Laudenslager, Brian Berger, Donna Rhoads, Bonnie Davis, Jennifer Davis, Thomas Brown, Hank Martin, JoAnne Allen, Christie Barton and Wendy Rombold

I. Call to Order

Garwood called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM

II. Approval of Agenda

Allen asked if we could add an item onto the agenda regarding presenting an end of the year summary to the County Commissioners. Commissioner Baker motioned to approve the agenda with the addition. Rhoads seconded. All in favor.

III. Approval of the Minutes from January 13, 2022

Rombold motioned to approve. Teipel seconded. All in favor.

IV. Commissioners Report

Commissioner Baker reported that the STAC (Statewide Transportation Advisory Committee) was continuing to discuss the 10-year plan, which is now going to be divided into two 5-year parts. Many of the projects will be to the south of Chaffee County, but Baker was able to get the Hwy 24/DePaul/CR 317 intersection on the list for improvements during the first half and near future.

Baker was on his way to join in a CCI video teleconference call dealing with HB22-1046, The Local Designation of County Roads for Over-Snow Use. It would give the counties the explicit authority to plow the roads of their choice. This proposed bill was approved by the House Transportation and Local Government Committee yesterday.

V. Old Business

A. Update on Transit – Hank Martin

Martin was disappointed to report that due to supply chain issues, there will be a delay in receiving the new shuttle. Also, as always, he and his staff are busy writing grant applications.

B. HOPE Grant Update: Upcoming Public Outreach – Phase II

Phase Two of the study will be introduced at the next regional meeting which is on 2/18/22. Allen asked to be added to the list of interested parties to receive correspondence. This next phase will engage the public and they are planning events, referred to as “Pop-Ups”, in March at various locations such as Walmart, LeGree’s and City Market. There will be advertising to promote these dates, times and locations. Martin mentioned he’d heard from the people in Crestone recently who want a transit route in the future, too. Garwood mentioned that the Region 5 TPR MMOF may be sufficiently funded for the next several years and she and Martin are hoping they will be able to access monies to use towards expanding routes.

VI. New Business

A. Discussion of Sub-Area Planning for Rural Chaffee County

Garwood explained that TAB was added last year as a “review agency” in the subdivision application process. After surveying several new subdivision applications, it has become very apparent that there are many existing rural residential areas with one road in and out of it. Garwood shared her screen to show an example of CR 190 E off of CR 291 in Salida. Happy Jack Lane is to the right and leads back to 35 acre parcels with no other exits. CR 190 E to the left, where the Sage and Ogden subdivisions will be added, dead ends with no other exits. After the County’s experience with the Decker Fire, it was noted that the County, for safety of residents and emergency personnel, should consider adding connecting roads or trails to use in the event of an emergency. Garwood, Laudenslager, Allen and Barton agreed that a Sub-Area Plan would help address this issue and lay the framework for future development. Identifying areas of connection in advance will help developers and the decision makers (the Planning and Zoning Commission). Barton added that the county and all 3 municipalities have discussed hiring a GIS professional to pull together and layer the topics of interest in the county, and it would make sense to add connectivity here as well.

B. Annual Report to The Commissioners

As a member of the Chaffee County Planning and Zoning Board, Allen thought it would be helpful to their new board members as well as the BOC if TAB could provide them with an annual summary. Not only can TAB prioritize its accomplishments, but this report will raise awareness and visibility of the many transportation issues in the county. Earlier Commissioner Baker expressed his encouragement for a report such as this that could be presented during a work session.

VII. Other Business

Rhoads asked about the status of the Land Use Code review and how TAB can assist. Barton replied that the contract with the consultant has been signed and they’ve had a kick-off meeting. Laudenslager and Barton will refer to TAB for input on many occasions. As the Chair

of the Board, Garwood will be the lead and expects input from Rhoads on the issue of trails, Martin for transit and Thomas for bicycling and pedestrian connections.

Teipel mentioned that the Town of Buena Vista Planning and Zoning board is having a joint hybrid meeting with the Chaffee County Planning and Zoning Board on February 16, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Anyone can attend this ZOOM meeting and can find the link on the Town's website. They will be discussing municipal services within the three mile area.

Rhoads met someone recently, by the name of Hank Morman, who is focused on increasing handicap accessibility. She hopes to introduce him to Martin, and has invited him to attend TAB meetings.

VIII. Adjournment

The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 10, 2022. There's a possibility that it may be in person.

Garwood adjourned the meeting at 10:56 AM MST

Submit by Wendy Rombold, Secretary