



Chaffee County Commissioners Meeting  
January 16, 2024

These minutes have been taken remotely via Zoom. Some County staff, representatives from other governments and government agencies, and others from the public may attend, including participating in the public hearing portion of the meeting, remotely via Zoom.

**A. Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on January 16, 2024, at the Buena Vista Community Center. Board members present were Chair P. T. Wood, Commissioner Keith Baker, and Commissioner Greg Felt.

Others present in person were County Administrator Don Reimer, Deputy County Administrator Beth Helmke, Director of Finance Dan Short, County Attorney Daniel Tom, and Planning Director Miles Cottom.

Others present remotely were Planning Manager Garry Baker, Planner Brandon Wolff, and Deputy County Clerk Barbara Tidd.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chair Wood called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

2. Approve Agenda

Chair Wood stated that Regular Agenda item E.2. will be pulled and probably moved to the next Work Session on February 5, 2024.

Commissioner Baker moved to approve the Agenda with the modification of pulling Agenda Item E.2. from the Agenda. Commissioner Felt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Review Public Meeting List

The Board reviewed the public meeting list.

4. Public Comment

Chair Wood asked for public comment. He stated that you'll have up to 3 minutes to speak, and please give your name and address for the record.

Public Comment was given by:

Jerry White, 160 Windwalker Rd., Buena Vista, spoke and responded to Commissioner's question. Administrator Reimer, Attorney Tom, and Commissioners spoke.

J. David Holt, 12895 County Rd. 162, Nathrop, spoke and gave materials to Commissioners. Administrator Reimer responded to Holt's question.

**B. Minutes for Approval**

1. Consider for Approval the Minutes of the January 9, 2024 Regular Meeting

Commissioner Felt moved to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2024 Commissioners' regular meeting. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**C. Contracts/Grant Consideration**

There were none.

**D. Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Baker moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Felt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Pay the Bills
2. Acknowledge the Sheriff's Office Monthly Report for December 2023
3. Approve Resolutions for Board Appointments for the following County Boards:
  - Airport Board
  - Board of Adjustment
  - Board of Review
  - Common Ground Citizen Advisory Committee
  - Marijuana Excise Tax Advisory Board (METAB)
  - Transportation Advisory Board (TAB)
  - Chaffee County Visitor's Bureau
4. Consider Recommendations for Board Appointments and Approve Resolutions for the following County Boards:
  - Fair Committee
  - Heritage Advisory Board
5. Acknowledge the Treasurer's Monthly Report for December 2023
6. Consider Release of Lot Sales Restriction for Lots 1, 3-26, 28-29 of the Elk Run Major Subdivision - Caitlynn Fortner

**E. Regular Agenda Items**

1. Delegate the CCI Proxy Designation for CCI Steering Committees

Administrator Reimer addressed the Board regarding delegating the CCI Proxy Designation for CCI Steering Committees.

Commissioner Felt moved to delegate Commissioner Wood as the CCI Proxy Designation for CCI Steering Committees. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Considerations for Allocations of 2024 Financial Contributions from the Blue Triton Brands 1041 Permit - Helmke

This item was removed from the Agenda.

3. Common Ground Presentation for Grant Partnership Project Framework - Ben Doon

Common Ground Vice Chair Michael Hannigan gave a presentation to the Board regarding the Grant Partnership Project Framework.

Commissioners and Attorney Tom spoke.

Commissioner Baker moved to approve the proposed 'Partnership Framework' for the Common Ground Fund grant-making program, effective for its 2024 winter/spring grant-making cycle, and direct staff to collaborate with the Common Ground Advisory Committee and its contracted administrator to finalize related documents, as needed.

Commissioner Felt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. *Continued from January 9, 2024*

Consider the Multi-Year Special Event Permit Application for the Bonfire Bluegrass music festival at The Meadows in Buena Vista - Miles Cottom

Director Cottom addressed the Board to consider the Multi-Year Special Event Permit Application for the Bonfire Bluegrass music festival at The Meadows in Buena Vista.

Discussion ensued during which Director Cottom responded to Commissioners' questions.

Commissioner Baker moved to approve the special event permit with approval of **RESOLUTION 2024-18 CONDITIONALLY GRANTING A REQUEST FOR A MULTI-YEAR SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT SUBMITTED BY BONFIRE ENTERTAINMENT FOR A MULTI-DAY FESTIVAL TO BE HELD AT A LOCATION IN CHAFFEE COUNTY COLORADO KNOWN AS THE "MEADOWS"**.

Commissioner Felt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting recessed at 9:51 a.m. for a short break.

The meeting resumed at 9:54 a.m.

#### **F. Active Projects**

Following this item, the meeting recessed at 10:12 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 11:00 a.m.

#### **E. Regular Agenda Items**

5. **11:00 AM** - Discussion regarding proposed expansion of Clear Creek Reservoir, including

representatives from Pueblo Water and Colorado Springs Utilities - Miles Cottom

Director Cottom addressed the Board to open discussion regarding the proposed expansion of Clear Creek Reservoir.

Pueblo Water - Water Resources Division Manager Alan Ward addressed the Board.

Ward, Colorado Springs Utilities Water Resources Manager Kim Gortz, Colorado Springs Utilities Water Resources Project Manager Maria Pastore, and Colorado Springs Utilities Water Resource Engineer Tyler Benton responded to Commissioners' and County Administrator's questions.

No formal action was taken.

6. **11:30 AM - Enter into Executive Session** under C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(b) for purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions involving the proposed expansion of Clear Creek Reservoir.

Chair Wood addressed the Board to enter into executive session pursuant to § 24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S. for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions involving the proposed expansion of Clear Creek Reservoir.

Commissioner Baker moved to go into executive session pursuant to § 24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S. for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions involving the proposed expansion of Clear Creek Reservoir. Commissioner Felt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Tom stated that this executive session would constitute privileged attorney-client communications and no further recording of the executive session would be necessary.

The following persons are in attendance for executive session: Commissioners Baker, Felt, and Wood and County Attorney Daniel Tom, Outside Counsel David Shohet, County Administrator Don Reimer, Deputy County Administrator Beth Helmke, Director of Finance Dan Short, and Planning Director Miles Cottom.

The Commissioners moved into executive session at 11:46 a.m.

The Commissioners came out of executive session at 12:25 p.m. with no decisions being made.

*I, Daniel Tom, Chaffee County Attorney, do hereby attest that the unrecorded statements and discussions that took place during the executive session held on January 16, 2024 constituted privileged attorney-client communication.*

*Daniel Tom*

*Daniel Tom, Chaffee County Attorney*

*I, P. T. Wood, Chair of the Chaffee County Board of County Commissioners, do hereby attest that the unrecorded statements and discussions that took place during the executive session held on January 16, 2024 were confined to the topic described in the announcement of such session and authorized by the provisions of § 24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S.*



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*P. T. Wood, Chair*

Chair Wood stated that if any person who participated in the executive session believes that any substantial discussion of any matters not included in the motion to enter the executive session occurred during the executive session, or that any improper action occurred during the executive session in violation of the Open Meetings Law, he asked that you state your concerns for the record. Hearing none, Chair Wood asked for a motion to adjourn.

**G. Adjourn**

Commissioner Baker moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Felt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Attest:



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Lori Mitchell, County Clerk