



Chaffee County Commissioners Meeting
August 20, 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 August 20, 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 Deputy County Attorney Lynda Knowles.

Others present remotely were 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 9:00 a.m.

2. Approve Agenda

Commissioner Baker moved to approve the Agenda as published. 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:

Joe Cooper, 9325 County Rd. 160, Salida.

Chair Wood spoke regarding Cooper's comment.

B. Minutes for Approval

1. Consider for Approval the Minutes of the August 13, 2024 Regular Meeting

Commissioner Felt moved to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2024 Commissioners' regular meeting. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Consent Agenda

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

1. Pay the Bills
2. Acknowledge the Treasurer's Monthly Report for July 2024
3. Consider Approval of Contract with HRRMC for Employee Testing Services for ~\$5,000 Annually - Lynda Knowles

D. Contracts/Grant Consideration

1. Consider approval of engagement with Clean Harbor Environmental Services for conduct of a Household Hazardous Waste Diversion event in the amount of \$33,056.74 - B. Helmke; D. Short

Deputy Administrator Helmke addressed the Board to consider approval of engagement with Clean Harbor Environmental Services for the conduct of a Household Hazardous Waste Diversion event in the amount of \$33,056.74.

Discussion ensued. Helmke responded to Commissioner Baker's comment.

Commissioner Baker moved to approve engagement with Clean Harbor Environmental Services for the conduct of a Household Hazardous Waste Diversion event in the amount of \$33,056.74. Commissioner Felt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Regular Agenda Items

2. Consider providing Letter of Support for Buena Vista Library for their pursuit of a Colorado Energy Office Public Building Electrification Grant for the BV Library expansion project - Cecilia LaFrance, BV Library; B. Helmke

Buena Vista Library Director Cecilia LaFrance addressed the Board to consider providing Letter of Support for the Buena Vista Library for their pursuit of a Colorado Energy Office Public Building Electrification Grant for the BV Library expansion project,

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Baker moved to approve a Letter of Support for the Buena Vista Library for their pursuit of a Colorado Energy Office Public Building Electrification Grant for the BV Library expansion project. Commissioner Felt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Discuss proposal for coordinated regional evaluation of recreation needs and resource opportunities through support from Trust for Public Lands - Diesel Post, City of Salida

City of Salida Parks & Recreation Diesel Post addressed the Board to open discussion regarding a proposal for a coordinated regional evaluation of recreation needs and resource opportunities through support from Trust for Public Lands (TPL).

TPL Conservation Finance Director Jason Swann addressed the Board along with a PowerPoint presentation.

Post spoke.

Discussion ensued during which Post responded to Commissioner's questions and comments, Helmke spoke, and Post responded to Helmke's comments.

Commissioner Felt moved to engage Trust for Public Lands and work in conjunction with municipalities to take some steps down this evaluative process. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

F. Active Projects

G. Executive Session

1. Executive Session under C.R.S § 24-6-402(4)(b) to discuss current litigation matters. County Administrator Don Reimer, Deputy County Administrator Beth Helmke, Finance Director Dan Short, Deputy County Attorney Lynda Knowles, and County Attorney Daniel Tom may attend.

Chair Wood addressed the Board to enter into executive session pursuant to § 24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S. for the purpose of discussing current litigation matters.

Commissioner Baker moved to go into executive session pursuant to § 24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S. for the purpose of discussion current litigation matters. He stated that Commissioners Baker, Felt, and Wood will attend, and County Attorney Daniel Tom, Deputy County Attorney Lynda Knowles, County Administrator Don Reimer, Deputy County Administrator Beth Helmke, and Director of Finance Dan Short may attend. 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, Deputy County Attorney Lynda Knowles, County Administrator Don Reimer, Deputy County Administrator Beth Helmke, and Director of Finance Dan Short.

The Commissioners moved into executive session at 10:14 a.m.

The Commissioners came out of executive session at 11:53 a.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 August 20, 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 August 20, 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.



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 stated that if there was no more business to come before the Board and if there were no objections, the meeting is adjourned.

H. Adjourn

There being no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

Attest:



Lori Mitchell, County Clerk