



Chaffee County Commissioners Meeting
September 12, 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 special meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on September 12, 2024, at the Chaffee County Courthouse. 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, and Assistant County Attorney Mark Olguin (C.1. only).

Others present for Item B.2. only were County Clerk Lori Mitchell, Sheriff Appointee Andy Rohrich and the Sheriff's command staff: Undersheriff Alex Walker, Detentions Commander Tracy Jackson, Patrol Commander Anthony Avila, Communications Manager Annette Stolba, Records Manager Charlotte Kaercher and Victims Advocate Manager Janice Veltri.

Others present remotely were Deputy County Clerk Ray Milstein.

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. Commissioner Felt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. 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.

There was no public comment.

B. Regular Agenda Items

1. Consider Appointment to Sheriff Position to Fulfill the Remainder of Sheriff John Spezze's term

Chair Wood addressed the Board to consider appointment to Sheriff position to fulfill the remainder of Sheriff John Spezze's term.

Commissioner Felt spoke.

Commissioner Felt moved to appoint Undersheriff Andy Rohrich to the position of Sheriff for the remainder of Retired Sheriff John Spezze's term. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Undersheriff Rohrich spoke.

Chair Wood responded to Undersheriff Rohrich's comments.

2. Swearing In of Sheriff Appointee Andrew Rohrich

Chair Wood addressed the Board to open the swearing in ceremony of Sheriff Appointee Andrew Rohrich.

County Clerk Mitchell conducted the swearing in of Sheriff Appointee Andy Rohrich as Chaffee County Sheriff, and they signed his Oath document.

Clerk Mitchell then swore in the Sheriff's command staff, Undersheriff Alex Walker, Detentions Commander Tracy Jackson, Patrol Commander Anthony Avila, Communications Manager Annette Stolba, Records Manager Charlotte Kaercher and Victims Advocate Manager Janice Veltri. The command staff signed their official Oaths, and took pictures with family and friends.

Clerk Mitchell stated she will Seal and return all Oaths to Sheriff Rohrich.

C. Executive Session

1. Executive Session under C.R.S § 24-6-402(4)(b) for purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions involving 2023CV30041 and special event permit. County Administrator Don Reimer, Finance Director Dan Short, County Attorney Daniel Tom, and Deputy County Attorney Lynda Knowles 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 receiving legal advice on specific legal questions involving 2023CV30041 and special event permit.

Commissioner Baker moved to go into Executive Session under C.R.S § 24-6-402(4)(b) for purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions involving 2023CV30041 and special event permit. He stated County Administrator Don Reimer, Finance Director Dan Short, County Attorney Daniel Tom, and Deputy County Attorney Lynda Knowles may attend as stated. 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 the executive session: Commissioners Baker, Felt, and Wood and County Attorney Daniel Tom, Deputy County Attorney Lynda Knowles, Assistant County Attorney Mark Olguin, County Administrator Don Reimer and Director of Finance Dan Short.

The Commissioners moved into executive session at 9:18 a.m.

The Commissioners came out of executive session at 10:00 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 September 12, 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 September 12, 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 closed this portion of the meeting. By consensus the Board moved on to Item C.2.

2. Executive Session pursuant to § C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(e) for purposes of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiation, and providing authorization to Dan Short, Director of Finance, to conduct negotiations subject to Board approval and outside counsel review. County Administrator Don Reimer, Finance Director Dan Short, Deputy County Attorney Lynda Knowles, and Director of Human Resources Kathy Punke may attend.

Chair Wood addressed the Board to enter into Executive Session pursuant to § C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(e) for purposes of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiation, and providing authorization to Dan Short, Director of Finance, to conduct negotiations subject to Board approval and outside counsel review. He stated County Administrator Don Reimer, Finance Director Dan Short and Director of Human Resources Kathy Punke may attend. He added that Deputy County Attorney Lynda Knowles will be on call outside of chambers.

Commissioner Felt moved to go into executive session pursuant to § 24-6-402(4)(e), C.R.S. for the purposes of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiation, and providing authorization to Dan Short, Director of Finance, to conduct negotiations subject to Board approval and outside counsel review.

Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Knowles stated that if this executive session should constitute any matters other than

privileged attorney-client communications, a separate recording will be activated and such recording will be kept securely for 90 days.

The following persons are in attendance for the executive session: Commissioners Baker, Felt, and Wood and County Administrator Don Reimer, Director of Finance Dan Short and Director of Human Resources Kathy Punke. Deputy County Attorney Lynda Knowles is on call outside of chambers.

The Commissioners moved into executive session at 10:03 a.m.

The Commissioners came out of executive session at 10:18 a.m. and Chair Wood asked for a motion.

I, P. T. Wood, Chair of the Chaffee County Board of County Commissioners, do hereby attest that the statements and discussions that took place during the executive session held on September 12, 2024 were confined to the topic described in the announcement of such session and authorized by the provisions of § 24-6-402(4)(e), C.R.S. The session was recorded on separate medium.



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 approve.

Commissioner Felt moved to approve Chairman Wood and Director Short to negotiate a separation agreement with County Attorney Daniel Tom. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Adjourn

There being no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Attest:



Lori Mitchell, County Clerk