



Chaffee County Commissioners Meeting
January 27, 2025

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 January 27, 2025, at the Chaffee County Courthouse, 104 Crestone Ave., Salida. Board members present were Chair P. T. Wood, Commissioner Dave Armstrong, and Commissioner Gina Lucrezi.

Others present in person were County Administrator Don Reimer, Director of Finance Dan Short, Interim County Attorney Lynda Knowles, and Sheriff Andy Rohrich.

Others present remotely were Deputy County Administrator Beth Helmke (joined at 3:08 p.m.) and Deputy County Clerk Barbara Tidd.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chair Wood called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

2. Approve Agenda

Commissioner Lucrezi moved to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Executive Session

1. Executive Session under C.R.S. §24-6-402(4)(b) for purposes of receiving legal advice regarding active litigation matters - County Administrator Don Reimer, Deputy County Administrator Beth Helmke, Finance Director Dan Short, Interim County Attorney Lynda Knowles and Sheriff Andy Rohrich 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 regarding active litigation matters. He stated that Commissioners Armstrong, Lucrezi, and Wood and Interim County Attorney Lynda Knowles will attend, and County Administrator Don Reimer, Deputy Administrator Beth Helmke (joined remotely at 3:08 p.m.), Director of Finance Dan Short, and County Sheriff Andy Rohrich may attend.

Commissioner Armstrong moved to go into executive session pursuant to § 24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S. for the purpose of receiving legal advice regarding active litigation matters. Commissioner Lucrezi seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Knowles stated that this executive session would constitute privileged attorney-client communications and is therefore appropriate, and no further recording of the executive session

would be necessary.

The following persons are in attendance for executive session: Commissioners Armstrong, Lucrezi, and Wood and Interim County Attorney Lynda Knowles, County Administrator Don Reimer, Deputy Administrator Beth Helmke (joined remotely at 3:08 p.m.), Director of Finance Dan Short, and County Sheriff Andy Rohrich.

The Commissioners moved into executive session at 3:03 p.m.

Commissioner Armstrong moved to come out of Executive Session. Commissioner Lucrezi seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Commissioners came out of executive session at 3:29 p.m. with no decisions being made.

I, Lynda Knowles, Interim Chaffee County Attorney, do hereby attest that the unrecorded statements and discussions that took place during the executive session held on January 27, 2025 constituted privileged attorney-client communication.

Lynda Knowles

Lynda Knowles, Interim 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 27, 2025 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 there was no more business to come before the Board and if there were no objections, the meeting is adjourned.

C. Adjourn

There being no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Attest:



Lori Mitchell, County Clerk