



Chaffee County Commissioners Meeting
February 18, 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 regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on February 18, 2025, at the Chaffee County Public Safety Complex, 200 Steele Dr., Buena Vista. Board members present were Chair P. T. Wood, Commissioner Dave Armstrong, and Commissioner Gina Lucrezi.

Others present in person were County Administrator Don Reimer, Deputy County Administrator Beth Helmke, Director of Finance Dan Short, and Interim County Attorney Lynda Knowles,

Others present remotely were Planning Director Miles Cottom, Planner Brandon Wolff, Road & Bridge Superintendent Mark Stacy (item C.2. only), and Deputy County Clerks Kit Kuester, Julia Rivera, Sophie Gibb, and Barbara Tidd.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chair Wood called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

2. Approve Agenda

Commissioner Armstrong moved to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Lucrezi 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:

Kevin Pilgrim, 132 Windwalker Rd., Buena Vista. Pilgrim responded to Commissioners' questions.

Blane Clark, 16100 Pine Grove Pkwy., Buena Vista. Commissioners commented.

B. Minutes for Approval

1. Consider for Approval the Minutes of the February 11, 2025 Regular Meeting

Commissioner Lucrezi moved to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2025 Commissioners' regular meeting. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Consent Agenda

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

1. Pay the Bills
2. Approve procurement for tractor trailer for Chaffee County Road & Bridge, budgeted in FY2025 - Mark Stacy

D. Contracts/Grant Consideration

1. Ratify independent contractor agreement with Beth Lenz as Regional Grants Navigator, funded through State of Colorado Office of Federal Funds & Strategic Initiatives division - Helmke

Deputy Administrator Helmke addressed the Board to consider a Services Agreement between the County of Chaffee, State of Colorado, acting by and through the Board of Commissioners of Chaffee County, Colorado and Elizabeth (Beth) Lenz, serving as an Independent Contractor as Regional Grant Navigator, funded through the State of Colorado Office of Federal Funds & Strategic Initiatives, a division of the Governor's Office of State Planning and Budgeting.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Lucrezi moved to approve the Services Agreement between County of Chaffee, State of Colorado, acting by and through the Board of Commissioners of Chaffee County, Colorado and Elizabeth (Beth) Lenz, serving as an Independent Contractor as Regional Grant Navigator, to serve as the Region 13 Regional Grants Navigator, as established through a grant from the State of Colorado's Office of Federal Funds and Strategic Initiative, a division of the Governor's Office of State Planning and Budgeting, to Chaffee County, and authorize the Chair to sign any related agreements. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Regular Agenda Items

1. Community Conservation Connection Program overview and discussion - Wendy McDermott, Heather Mills - Central Colorado Conservancy

Central Colorado Conservancy Agriculture Program Manager Heather Mills addressed the Board with a PowerPoint Presentation giving an overview of the Community Conservation Connection Program.

Central Colorado Conservancy Executive Director Wendy McDermott spoke and responded to Commissioners' questions.

Deputy Administrator Helmke responded to Commissioner's question.

No formal action was taken.

F. Commissioners Comments

G. Adjourn

There being no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

Chair Wood stated that the Board will reconvene at 10:30 a.m. for a walk-through of the Buena Vista School District's The Grove Early Childhood Center project in Buena Vista.

H. Field Trip

1. Walk-through of Buena Vista School District's The Grove Early Childhood Center project in Buena Vista

Attest:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lori Mitchell". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Lori Mitchell, County Clerk