



Chaffee County Commissioners Meeting
March 5, 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 March 5, 2025, at the Chaffee County Courthouse, 104 Crestone Ave., Salida. Board members present were Chair P. T. Wood, Commissioner Dave Armstrong (remotely; not present for Executive Session), and Commissioner Gina Lucrezi.

Others present in person were County Administrator Don Reimer, Deputy County Administrator Beth Helmke, Director of Finance Dan Short, Interim County Attorney Lynda Knowles, Assistant County Attorney Mark Olguin, Planning Manager Garry Baker (Item G.1. Executive Session only), and Planning Director Miles Cottom (Item G.1. Executive Session only).

Others present remotely were GIS Coordinator Eric Lubell and Deputy County Clerks Barbara Tidd and Sophia Gibb.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chair Wood called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

2. Approve Agenda

Commissioner Lucrezi moved to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Wood 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:

Dana Nachtrieb, 224 Pinyon Lane, Poncha Springs.

B. Minutes for Approval

1. Consider for Approval the Minutes of the February 18, 2025 Regular Meeting

Commissioner Lucrezi moved to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2025 Commissioners' regular meeting. Commissioner Wood 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. Acknowledge the Treasurer's Monthly Report for January 2025
3. Ratify Letter of Support for Buena Vista grant application for Multi-modal Transportation Plan (MMOF Grant Application) - Beth Helmke
4. Approve Resolution 2025-10 for BOCC Appointments to the Chaffee Housing Authority
5. Ratify letter to US Department of Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins urging staffing support for the US Forest Service - Helmke
6. Ratify building permit fee waiver approval for Chaffee Housing Trust, not to exceed \$15,000, for The Crossings BV affordable housing construction project - Helmke
7. Approve letter of intent for transfer of Colorado Water Conservation Board Fourmile Creek Restoration grant from Chaffee County Community Foundation to Chaffee County Government - Helmke
8. Approve the Veteran's Service Officer's Monthly Report for February 2025

D. Contracts/Grant Consideration

1. Consider award of Construction Manager/General Contract contract for Chaffee County Sheriff's Office Highway 50 project - Don Reimer

Administrator Reimer addressed the Board to consider an award of the Construction Manager/General Contractor contract for Chaffee County Sheriff's Office Highway 50 project.

Commissioner Lucrezi moved to award the Construction Manager/General Contractor contract for Chaffee County Sheriff's Office Highway 50 project to Diesslin Structures, Inc. Commissioner Wood seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. IGA with Lake County Regarding Detentions Training - Lynda Knowles
Attorney Knowles addressed the Board to consider the IGA with Lake County regarding Detentions Training.

Commissioner Lucrezi moved to approve the IGA with Lake County regarding Detentions Training. Commissioner Wood seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Administrator Reimer spoke. Director Short responded to Commissioner's question.

3. Discuss for Approval the Memorandum of Understanding between Chaffee County and the Colorado Department of Public Safety, Division of Fire Prevention & Control, for Prequalified Building Departments for Public School Construction - Lynda Knowles / Chad Chadwick

Attorney Knowles addressed the Board to consider for approval the Memorandum of Understanding between Chaffee County and the Colorado Department of Public Safety, Division of Fire Prevention and Control, for Prequalified Building Departments for Public School Construction.

Commissioner Lucrezi moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Chaffee County and the Colorado Department of Public Safety, Division of Fire Prevention and Control, for Prequalified Building Departments for Public School Construction as presented. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Regular Agenda Items

1. Discuss Request for Letter of Support for the exchange of property between the Town of Buena Vista and Colorado Parks & Wildlife - Commissioner Wood

Chair Wood addressed the Board to open discussion regarding a request for Letter of Support for the exchange of property between the Town of Buena Vista and Colorado Parks & Wildlife.

Commissioner Lucrezi moved to approve a Letter of Support for the exchange of property between the Town of Buena Vista and Colorado Parks & Wildlife as presented. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

F. Commissioners Comments

The meeting recessed at 1:55 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. for Executive Session.

G. 2:00pm - Executive Session

The meeting resumed at 2:00 p.m. for Executive Session.

1. Executive Session under C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b) for purposes of receiving legal advice from Todd Messenger, Special Land Use Counsel, on specific legal questions and strategy related to special district matters - County Administrator Don Reimer, Deputy County Administrator Beth Helmke, Finance Director Dan Short, Interim County Attorney Lynda Knowles, Planning Director Miles Cottom, and Planning Manager Garry Baker 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 from Special Land Use Counsel Todd Messenger on specific legal questions and strategy related to special district matters.

Commissioner Lucrezi moved to go into executive session pursuant to § 24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S. for the purpose of receiving legal advice from Special Land Use Counsel Todd Messenger on specific legal questions and strategy related to special district matters. She stated that Commissioners Armstrong, Lucrezi, and Wood and Interim County Attorney Lynda Knowles, County Administrator Don Reimer, Deputy County Administrator Beth Helmke, Director of Finance Dan Short, Planning Director Miles Cottom, and Planning Manager Garry Baker may attend.

Commissioner Wood seconded the motion. The motion passed with Commissioners Lucrezi and Wood voting FOR the motion. Commissioner Armstrong was not present for the vote.

The following persons are in attendance: Commissioners Lucrezi and Wood, Interim County Attorney Lynda Knowles, County Administrator Don Reimer, Deputy County Administrator Beth Helmke, Director of Finance Dan Short, Planning Director Miles Cottom, and Planning Manager Garry Baker.

The Commissioners moved into executive session at 2:02 p.m.

The Commissioners came out of executive session at 2:36 p.m. with no decisions being made.

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 March 5, 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. 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 go into a second Executive Session - Item G.2.

2. Executive Session under C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b) to receive legal advice from the County Attorney's Office regarding litigation status of Case no. 2024CV30147, Fremont County et al v. Linda Stanley - County Administrator Don Reimer, Deputy County Administrator Beth Helmke, Finance Director Dan Short, and Interim County Attorney Lynda Knowles may attend.

Commissioner Lucrezi moved to go into executive session pursuant to § 24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S. for the purpose of receiving legal advice from the County Attorney's Office regarding the litigation status of Case No. 2024CV30147, *Fremont County et al. v. Linda Stanley*. She stated that Commissioners Armstrong, Lucrezi, and Wood and Interim County Attorney Lynda Knowles, Administrator Don Reimer, Deputy County Administrator Beth Helmke, and Finance Director Dan Short may attend. Commissioner Wood seconded the motion. The motion carried with Commissioners Lucrezi and Wood voting FOR the motion. Commissioner Armstrong was not

present for the vote.

The following persons are in attendance: Commissioners Lucrezi and Wood, Interim 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 2:37 p.m.

The Commissioners came out of executive session at 2:41 p.m. with no decisions being made.

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After the executive session, there was no other business, and the meeting was adjourned.

H. Adjourn

There being no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

Attest:



Lori Mitchell, County Clerk