



Chaffee County Commissioners Meeting
March 11, 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 11, 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, Deputy County Administrator Beth Helmke, Director of Finance Dan Short, Interim County Attorney Lynda Knowles, Assistant County Attorney Mark Olguin, and EMS Director Josh Hadley.

Others present remotely were Emergency Manager Rich Atkins, GIS Coordinator Eric Lubell, and Deputy County Clerks Kit Kuester, Julia Rivera, Barbara Tidd and Sophia Gibb.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

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

2. Approve Agenda

Chair Wood stated that regarding Consent Agenda Item C.2., the Proclamation would be read at the April 1, 2025 meeting.

Commissioner Lucrezi moved to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Armstrong 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.

There was no public comment.

B. Minutes for Approval

1. Consider for Approval the Minutes of the March 5, 2025 Regular Meeting

Commissioner Armstrong moved to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2025, Commissioners' Regular meeting. Commissioner Lucrezi 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. Approval of the Proclamation Declaring April 7-14, 2025 National Public Health Week
3. Acknowledge the Treasurer's Monthly Report for (month year)

D. Contracts/Grant Consideration

There were none.

E. Regular Agenda Items

1. Resolution 2025-16 authorizing Chaffee County EMS to operate ambulance services in Chaffee County under license granted to it by the Colorado Department of Public Health and effective January 29, 2025 through January 29, 2027 - Lynda Knowles / Josh Hadley

Attorney Knowles addressed the Board to consider **RESOLUTION 2025-16 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF THE AMBULANCE SERVICE LICENSE FOR CHAFFEE COUNTY EMS AND ISSUANCE OF AMBULANCE VEHICLE PERMITS FOR SIX AMBULANCES OPERATED BY CHAFFEE COUNTY EMS.**

Attorney Knowles clarified that the State issued licenses and permits effective January 29, 2025, which the County then approves by this Resolution.

Commissioner Lucrezi moved to approve **RESOLUTION 2025-16 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF THE AMBULANCE SERVICE LICENSE FOR CHAFFEE COUNTY EMS AND ISSUANCE OF AMBULANCE VEHICLE PERMITS FOR SIX AMBULANCES OPERATED BY CHAFFEE COUNTY EMS.** Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Approve Memorandum of Understanding with City of Salida for funding of Infrastructure for the South Arkansas Neighborhood - Don Reimer

Administrator Reimer addressed the Board to consider a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Salida for funding of Infrastructure for the South Arkansas Neighborhood.

Discussion ensued.

City of Salida Administrator Christy Doon spoke.

Commissioner Lucrezi moved to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Salida for funding of Infrastructure for the South Arkansas Neighborhood. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Designate the 8 Days in June under the County Recreational In-Channel Diversion (RICD) when Water Rights for the RICD Shall Be 1800 cfs and Discuss and Finalize the 30-day Flow Recommendations for the RICD - Lynda Knowles

Attorney Knowles addressed the Board to designate the 8 days in June under the County Recreational In-Channel Diversion (RICD) when water rights for the RICD shall be 1800 cfs and discuss and finalize the 30-day flow recommendations for the RICD.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Armstrong moved to designate June 9-16, 2025 as the 8 days in June under the County Recreational In-Channel Diversion (RICD) when water rights for the RICD shall be 1800 cfs and designate June 1-30, 2025 as the 30-day high-flow period for the RICD. Commissioner Lucrezi seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Consider Resolution 2025-18 for Reauthorization & Reorganization of the Office of Emergency Management for Chaffee County - Lynda Knowles

Attorney Knowles addressed the Board to consider **RESOLUTION 2025-18 REAUTHORIZATION AND REORGANIZATION OF THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR CHAFFEE COUNTY UNDER THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND REPEALING RESOLUTION 2016-35 AND RESTATING THE AUTHORITY TO DECLARE A LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY AND GRANTING SPENDING AUTHORITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF INITIATING EMERGENCY RESPONSE MEASURES IN THE EVENT OF A DISASTER EMERGENCY.**

Discussion ensued during which Deputy Administrator Helmke and Director Short responded to Commissioner's question.

Commissioner Lucrezi moved to approve **RESOLUTION 2025-18 REAUTHORIZATION AND REORGANIZATION OF THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR CHAFFEE COUNTY UNDER THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND REPEALING RESOLUTION 2016-35 AND RESTATING THE AUTHORITY TO DECLARE A LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY AND GRANTING SPENDING AUTHORITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF INITIATING EMERGENCY RESPONSE MEASURES IN THE EVENT OF A DISASTER EMERGENCY.** Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

F. Commissioners Comments

G. Adjourn

There being no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

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