



Chaffee County Commissioners Meeting
April 17, 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 April 17, 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 and Director of Finance Dan Short.

Others present remotely were outside contracted legal counsel Karl Hanlon and Deputy County Clerk 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 Lucrezi asked that a discussion regarding the Chaffee CHIPS program be added to the regular Agenda.

Commissioner Lucrezi moved to approve the Agenda amending it to add as a regular agenda item a discussion about the Chaffee CHIPS program. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Lucrezi moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. Chair Wood noted that the GARNA Portapotties on Public Lands program is a critical program, particularly this year. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Regular Agenda

1. Chair Wood initiated discussion regarding the Chaffee CHIPS program to move this program forward, particularly this year, stating that consideration for funding cannot wait until the May 6, 2025 Commissioners' meeting.

Administrator Reimer spoke.

Administrator Reimer and Director Short responded to Commissioner's questions.

Commissioner Lucrezi moved to approve the Chaffee CHIPS program with the condition that the personnel line items be clarified and added at a later date. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Executive Session

1. Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(f) for a personnel matter that the employee who is the subject of the session has not requested an open meeting, more specifically for conducting County Attorney interviews and pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(e) for determining positions and developing strategies for negotiations, and instructing negotiators more specifically regarding County Attorney interviews. - County Administrator Don Reimer, Deputy County Administrator Beth Helmke, Finance Director Dan Short, Human Resources Director Kathy Punke and Contracted Legal Counsel Karl Hanlon may attend.

Chair Wood addressed the Board to enter into executive session pursuant to § 24-6-402(4)(f), C.R.S. for a personnel matter that the employee who is the subject of the session has not requested an open meeting, more specifically for conducting County Attorney interviews and pursuant to § 24-6-402(4)(e), C.R.S. for determining positions and developing strategies for negotiations, and instructing negotiators more specifically regarding County Attorney interviews.

Commissioner Armstrong moved to go into executive session pursuant to § 24-6-402(4)(f), C.R.S. for a personnel matter that the employee who is the subject of the session has not requested an open meeting, more specifically for conducting County Attorney interviews and pursuant to § 24-6-402(4)(e), C.R.S. for determining positions and developing strategies for negotiations, and instructing negotiators more specifically regarding County Attorney interviews. He stated that Commissioners Armstrong, Lucrezi, and Wood and outside contracted legal counsel Karl Hanlon will attend, and County Administrator Don Reimer, Finance Director Dan Short, Human Resources Director Kathy Punke, and County Attorney applicant may attend.

Commissioner Lucrezi seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Outside contracted legal counsel Karl Hanlon stated that this executive session would *not* constitute privileged attorney-client communications and recording of the executive session would be maintained.

The following persons are in attendance for the executive session: Commissioners Armstrong, Lucrezi, and Wood, outside contracted legal counsel Karl Hanlon, County Administrator Don Reimer, Finance Director Dan Short, Human Resources Director Kathy Punke, and County Attorney applicant.

The Commissioners moved into executive session at 9:06 a.m.

The Commissioners came out of executive session at 11:35 a.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 April 17, 2025 were confined to the topic described in the announcement of such session and authorized by the provisions of §§ 24-6-402(4)(e) and (f), C.R.S. The session was recorded on separate medium.



P. T. Wood, Chair

2. Executive Session to receive legal advice on specific legal questions regarding personnel matters pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b) and for a personnel matter that the employee who is the subject of the session has not requested an open meeting, more specifically for conducting the County Administrator's review pursuant to § C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(f). - County Administrator Don Reimer and Contracted Legal Counsel Karl Hanlon may attend.

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Commissioner Armstrong moved to go into executive session to receive legal advice on specific legal questions regarding personnel matters pursuant to § 24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S. and for a personnel matter that the employee who is the subject of the session has not requested an open meeting, more specifically for conducting the County Administrator's review pursuant to § 24-6-402(4)(f), C.R.S. She He stated that Commissioners Armstrong, Lucrezi, and Wood will attend and outside contracted legal counsel Karl Hanlon and County Administrator Don Reimer may attend. Commissioner Lucrezi seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Outside contracted legal counsel Karl Hanlon stated that this executive session would *not* constitute privileged attorney-client communications and recording of the executive session would be maintained.

The following persons are in attendance for executive session: Commissioners Armstrong, Lucrezi, and Wood, outside contracted legal counsel Karl Hanlon and County Administrator Don Reimer.

The Commissioners moved into executive session at 11:40 a.m.

The Commissioners came out of executive session at 12:09 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 April 17, 2025 were confined to the topic described in the announcement of such session and authorized by the provisions of §§ 24-6-402(4)(b) and (f), 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 stated that there was no more business to come before the Board and if there were no objections, the meeting is adjourned.

E. Adjourn

There being no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 12:09 p.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