Chaffee County Commissioners Meeting
June 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 regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on June 17, 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, Planning Director Miles Cottom, Airport Manager Zech Papp (item D.1.only), and Senior Planner - Long Range Implementation Gabe Hobson.

Others present remotely were Interim County Attorney Lynda Knowles, Assistant County Attorney Mark Olguin, Planner Brandon Wolff, GIS Coordinator Eric Lubell, and Deputy County Clerks Julia Rivera, Kit Kuester, and Barbara Tidd.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
   Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chair Wood called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Approve Agenda
   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. 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:

   Karen Pate, 17005 Pine Grove Pkwy., Buena Vista. Chair Wood commented.
   Blane Clark, 16100 Pine Grove Pkwy., Buena Vista.
   Tom McCracken, 16165 Burt Gulch Rd., Buena Vista. McCracken distributed written materials to Commissioners. Chair Wood commented.
   Mark Kostelic, 11025 State Hwy. 291, Salida.

B. Minutes for Approval

1. Consider for Approval the Minutes of the June 10, 2025 Regular Meeting

   Commissioner Armstrong moved to approve the minutes of the June 10, 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. Approve letter of support for Places to Age for their application for Enterprise Zone status

3. Approve letter of support for Places to Age for their Freeport McMoran grant application

D. Contracts/Grant Consideration

1. Award contract for Fuel Farm components and installation - Zech Papp, Airport Manager

   Manager Papp addressed the Board to consider awarding of a contract for Fuel Farm components and installation.

   Papp and Administrator Reimer responded to Commissioners' questions.

   Commissioner Lucrezi moved to approve the Pyramid Construction civil side Change Order No. 1 in the amount of $605,933.65. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

   Commissioner Lucrezi moved to award a contract and notice to proceed on the proposed proposal for design and construction of the Fuel Farm for Fuel Farm components and installation to American Environmental Aviation in the amount of $2,185,200.00. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Consider action for Common Ground Funding of $105,000 to the National Forest Foundation (NFF) Granite Wildfire Mitigation project (Year 2 of 2 for a multi-year project) - Planning Department

   Director Cottom addressed the Board to consider action for Common Ground Funding of $105,000 to the National Forest Foundation (NFF) Granite Wildfire Mitigation project (Year 2 of 2 for a multi-year project).

   Commissioner Armstrong moved to approve the funding request for Common Ground funding of $105,000 to the National Forest Foundation (NFF) Granite Wildfire Mitigation project (Year 2 of 2 for a multi-year project) as presented. Commissioner Lucrezi seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Consider action for Common Ground Funding of $25,000 to the Upper Arkansas Conservation District (UACD) Rangelands Infrastructure Improvement project (Year 2 of 2 for a multi-year project) - Planning Department

   Director Cottom addressed the Board to consider action for Common Ground Funding of $25,000 to the Upper Arkansas Conservation District (UACD) Rangelands Infrastructure Improvement project (Year 2 of 2 for a multi-year project).

   Commissioner Lucrezi moved to accept the recommendation from the Common Ground Committee to fund $25,000 to the Upper Arkansas Conservation District (UACD) Rangelands Infrastructure Improvement project (Year 2 of 2 for a multi-year project). Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Regular Agenda Items

1. Review Proposed Schedule for Land Use Code Glitch Bill amendment process - Miles Cottom

   Director Cottom addressed the Board to review the proposed schedule for the Land Use Code Glitch Bill amendment process.

   Discussion ensued.

   Commissioner Lucrezi moved to accept the proposed schedule for the Land Use Code Glitch Bill amendment process. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. *Continued from June 5, 2025 -*
   Public Hearing & 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2025-01 Adopting by Reference the 2024 Edition of the "Model Traffic Code" and Providing Penalties for Violation Thereof - Lynda Knowles / Mark Olguin

   Attorney Olguin addressed the Board regarding this matter.
   Attorney Olguin and Administrator Reimer responded to Commissioner's question.

   The public comment portion of the hearing opened at 9:52 a.m. There were no comments, and the public comment portion of the hearing was closed.

   Commissioner Lucrezi read the title of the Ordinance as required.

   Commissioner Lucrezi moved to adopt **ORDINANCE 2025-01 TITLE: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHAFFEE COUNTY, COLORADO FOR THE REGULATION OF TRAFFIC BY CHAFFEE COUNTY, COLORADO ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2024 EDITION OF THE "MODEL TRAFFIC CODE"**

AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Consider Resolution 2025-30 for BOCC Appointments to the Common Ground Citizen Advisory Committee - Planning Department

   Director Cottom addressed the Board to consider **RESOLUTION 2025-30 FILLING VACANCIES ON THE CHAFFEE COMMON GROUND CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**.

   Discussion ensued during which the Commissioners.

   Commissioner Lucrezi moved to approve **RESOLUTION 2025-30 FILLING VACANCIES ON THE CHAFFEE COMMON GROUND CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE** appointing Danielle Cook representing District 2 with a term expiring January 31, 2028, and Scott Gillilan representing District 1 to a term expiring January 31, 2027. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Consider appointment of Karl Hanlon, of Karp, Neu, Hanlon, PC, as interim Chaffee County Attorney, effective July 3, 2025

   Administrator Reimer addressed the Board to consider the appointment of Karl Hanlon of Karp, Neu, Hanlon, P.C. as interim Chaffee County Attorney effective July 3, 2025.

   Discussion ensued.

   Commissioner Lucrezi moved to approve the appointment of Karl Hanlon of Karp, Neu, Hanlon, P.C., as interim Chaffee County Attorney effective July 3, 2025. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Consider actions related to the proposed amendment to the Chaffee Housing Authority Governance IGA as discussed at the June 16, 2025 Work Session - Beth Helmke; Dan Short

   Deputy Administrator Helmke addressed the Board to consider actions related to the proposed amendment to the Chaffee Housing Authority Governance IGA as discussed at the June 16, 2025 Work Session.

   Discussion ensued.

   Commissioner Armstrong moved to support and approve this change related to the proposed amendment to the Chaffee Housing Authority Governance IGA and implement that pending review by the other IGA partners. Commissioner Lucrezi seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Consider provision of comments to the USFS regarding the Salida & Leadville Ranger District Dispersed Camping Management Plan as discussed at the June 16, 2025 Work Session - Planning Department

Planner Hobson addressed the Board to consider the provision of comments to the USFS regarding the Salida & Leadville Ranger District Dispersed Camping Management Plan as discussed at the June 16, 2025 Work Session.

Discussion ensued during which Hobson responded to Commissioners' questions and agreed to draft comments for Commissioners.

Commissioner Lucrezi moved to direct Hobson to draft comments to the USFS regarding the Salida & Leadville Ranger District Dispersed Camping Management Plan. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Presentation regarding BOCC Ag Listening Session and next actions proposed for discussion with CAC and Working Lands Resilience initiative - Administration / Planning & Zoning

Deputy Administrator Helmke addressed the Board to present regarding the BOCC Ag Listening Session and next actions proposed for discussion with CAC and Working Lands Resilience initiative.

Director Cottom spoke.

Discussion ensued during which Helmke and Cottom spoke further.

Commissioner Armstrong moved to direct staff to continue moving forward with this Working Lands program and project and continue to build out the scope, design, and activities as laid out in this presentation. Commissioner Lurezi amended the motion adding for the staff to include the CAC in this discussion. Commissioner Armstrong concurred with the amendment. Commissioner Lucrezi seconded the motion including the amendment. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Consider Electronic Health Records system procurement for the Co-Response program in Sheriff's Office - Beth Helmke

Deputy Administrator Helmke addressed the Board indicating that this matter will be brought back for the Commissioners' consideration when a specific vendor is identified.

No formal action was taken.

9. Consider proposed MOUs with Salida, Buena Vista, and Poncha Springs addressing support for & participation with CCSO for Co-Response program - Beth Helmke

Deputy Administrator Helmke addressed the Board to consider the proposed MOUs with Salida, Buena Vista, and Poncha Springs addressing support for and participation with the Chaffee County Sheriff's Office for the Co-Response program.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Armstrong moved to direct staff to work with Chaffee County Sheriff Rohrich to finalize drafts of Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) and negotiate same with the City of Salida, Town of Buena Vista, and Town of Poncha Springs in support of the Chaffee County Sheriff's Office Co-Response program seeking support to establish coordination for and participation in the County-based Co-Response program. Commissioner Lucrezi seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

F. Commissioners Comments

G. Adjourn

There being no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Attest:

Lori Mitchell, County Clerk