



Chaffee County Commissioners Meeting
June 23, 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 June 23, 2025, at the Chaffee County Courthouse, 104 Crestone Ave., Salida. Board members present were Chair P. T. Wood, Commissioner Dave Armstrong (remotely), and Commissioner Gina Lucrezi.

Also present in person was Deputy County Administrator Beth Helmke.

Others present remotely were Interim County Attorney Lynda Knowles, Outside Contracted Legal Counsel Karl Hanlon, Outside Legal Water Counsel David Shohet, and Deputy County Clerk Kit Kuester.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

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

2. Approve Agenda

Commissioner Lucrezi moved to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Wood seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioners Lucrezi and Wood voting FOR the motion. Commissioner Armstrong was not present for the vote.

B. Executive Session

Commissioner Armstrong joined the meeting remotely at 1:03 p.m.

1. Executive session for a discussion with the Interim County Attorney and Chaffee County Water Counsel, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402 (4)(e) for determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations; developing strategy for negotiations; and instructing negotiators and pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402 (4)(b) to receive legal advice on specific legal questions both regarding Colorado Springs Water Court Application, Case No. 25CW3015. - County Administrator Don Reimer, Deputy County Administrator Beth Helmke, Interim County Attorney Lynda Knowles, Outside Contracted Legal Counsel Karl Hanlon, and David Shohet may attend.

Chair Wood addressed the Board to enter into executive session pursuant to § 24-6-402(4)(e), C.R.S. for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions concerning potential litigation matters.

Commissioner Lucrezi moved to go into executive session pursuant to § 24-6-402(4)(e), C.R.S. for purposes of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and instructing negotiators; and pursuant to

C.R.S. § 24-6-402 (4)(b) to receive legal advice on specific legal questions both regarding Colorado Springs Water Court Application, Case No. 25CW3015. Deputy County Administrator Beth Helmke, Interim County Attorney Lynda Knowles, Outside Contracted Legal Counsel Karl Hanlon, and Outside Water Counsel David Shohet may attend. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Hanlon stated that this executive session would constitute privileged attorney-client communications and no further recording of the executive session would be necessary.

The following persons are in attendance for executive session: Commissioners Armstrong, Lucrezi, and Wood and Interim County Attorney Lynda Knowles, Deputy County Administrator Beth Helmke, Outside Contracted Legal Counsel Karl Hanlon, and Outside Water Counsel David Shohet.

The Commissioners moved into executive session at 1:03 p.m.

The Commissioners came out of executive session at 1:17 p.m. with no decisions being made.

I, Karl Hanlon, Outside Contracted Legal Counsel, do hereby attest that the unrecorded statements and discussions that took place during the executive session held on June 23, 2025 constituted privileged attorney-client communication.

Karl Hanlon

Karl Hanlon, Outside Contracted Legal Counsel

I, P. T. Wood, Chair of the Chaffee County Board of County Commissioners, do hereby attest that the unrecorded statements and discussions that took place during the executive session held on June 23, 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.



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 with respect to the discussion that occurred during the executive session.

Commissioner Lucrezi moved to direct Attorney Shohet to file a Statement of Opposition on behalf of Objector: Board of County Commissioners of Chaffee County in Case No. 25CW3015,

assigning signature authority to Board of Commissioners' Chair P.T. Wood.
Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Adjourn

There being no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 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