Chaffee County Commissioners Meeting
July 1, 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 July 1, 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, Assistant County Attorney Mark Olguin (through Item F.3.), Planning Director Miles Cottom, and Senior Planner - Long Range Implementation Gabe Hobson.

Others present remotely were Interim County Attorney Karl Hanlon, GIS Coordinator Eric Lubell, and Deputy County Clerks Kit Kuester, Julia Rivera, and Sophie Gibb.

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 Armstrong stated that there was a request to amend the Agenda to add at 9:15 a.m. a zoom call with Chaffee Housing Authority Board member Eric Lee.

   Commissioner Armstrong moved to approve the Agenda as amended with the above addition. Commissioner Lucrezi 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:

   Chris Olney with Colorado Springs Utilities
   Cindy Williams with Envision Chaffee County

B. Minutes for Approval

Commissioner Lucrezi moved to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2025 Commissioners' regular meeting and June 23, 2025 Commissioners' special meeting. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Consider for Approval the Minutes of the June 17, 2025 Regular Meeting

2. Consider for Approval the Minutes of the June 23, 2025 Special Meeting

C. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Armstrong moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Lucrezi seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Pay the Bills

D. Hearing Consent Agenda - Agenda Items are listed on the Hearing Consent Agenda because no testimony is expected. In the event a Commissioner or any member of the public wishes to testify regarding an item on the Consent Agenda, the item will be removed and considered with the Regular Agenda. These items, if approved, will include signing authority to the Chair of the Board on the related Resolution(s).

Commissioner Lucrezi moved to approve the Hearing Consent Agenda. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Hearing to Consider the Guidestone Special Event Liquor Permit Application
   Event Date: July 16, 2025 and October 11, 2025
   Event Location: Hutchinson Homestead, 8913 W Hwy 50, Salida, CO

E. Contracts/Grant Consideration

2. Consider request for change order for Architectural Services for Chaffee County Sheriff Office Project - Don Reimer

   Administrator Reimer addressed the Board to consider a request for a change order in the amount of $70,634 for Architectural Services for the Chaffee County Sheriff Office project.

   Discussion ensued during which Reimer responded to Commissioner's question.

   Commissioner Lucrezi moved to approve the change order in the amount of $70,634 for Architectural Services for the Chaffee County Sheriff Office project. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Added Agenda item - 9:20 a.m.

Commissioner Armstrong addressed Chaffee Housing Authority (CHA) Board member Eric Lee (remotely) asking him to discuss how he sees the CHA Board and any particular issues or concerns.

Lee spoke.
Discussion ensued during which Lee spoke further.

No formal action was taken.

1. Consider contract award and engagement for Chaffee Rec Adopters Field Programs Coordinator - Gabe Hobson, Miles Cottom

Director Cottom addressed the Board followed by Planner Hobson to consider a contract award and engagement for Chaffee Rec Adopters Field Programs Coordinator.

Cottom spoke further.

Commissioner Lucrezi moved to award the contract for Chaffee Rec Adopters Field Programs Coordinator to GARNA and direct staff to finalize the contract with GARNA and any additional funds needed to pay any remaining balance on the contract to come from Common Grounds. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Ratify acceptance of $120,000 grant contract for Department of Human Services Family Resource Center Program - Monica Haskell; Don Reimer

Administrator Reimer addressed the Board to consider ratification of acceptance of a $120,000 grant contract for the Department of Human Services Family Resource Center Program.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Lucrezi moved to approve ratification of acceptance of a $120,000 grant contract for the Department of Human Services Family Resource Center Program. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Consider Common Ground Citizens Advisory Committee recommendations for 2025 fund disbursements per the multi-year partnership grants previously awarded contingent on annual appropriations: National Forest Foundation - NFF Sawatch Range Restoration Project, $150K, Year 2 of 4 - Miles Cottom; Gabe Hobson

Director Cottom addressed the Board followed by Planner Hobson to consider Common Ground Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) recommendations for 2025 fund disbursements per the multi-year partnership grants previously awarded contingent on annual appropriations: National Forest Foundation - NFF Sawatch Range Restoration Project $150,000 for Year 2 of 4.

Discussion ensued during which Deputy Administrator Helmke spoke.

Hobson spoke further.

Commissioner Armstrong moved to accept the CAC recommendation for the 2025 fund disbursements per the multi-year partnership grants previously awarded contingent on annual appropriations to the National Forest Foundation (NFF) Sawatch Range Restoration Project of $150,000 for Year 2 of 4. Commissioner Lucrezi seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Consider the Common Ground Citizens Advisory Committee recommendations for Grant Amendment amendments for National Forest Foundation, NFF Upper Ark Forest Fund, amending the grant agreement from conclusion in 2026 to 2027 - Miles Cottom; Gabe Hobson

Planner Hobson addressed the Board to consider the Common Ground Citizens Advisory Committee recommendations for Grant Amendment for National Forest Foundation NFF Upper Ark Forest Fund amending the Grant Agreement from conclusion in 2026 to 2027.

Commissioner Lucrezi moved to table this matter until we have a presentation to learn from NFF about the rest of this project, what they've done, and what they are continuing to do going forward in 2026 and 2027. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion.

The motion carried with Commissioners Lucrezi and Armstrong voting FOR the motion and Commissioner Wood voting AGAINST the motion.

Commissioner Wood stated that this will be brought back to the Commissioners following a presentation and that he voted against the motion because this has been thoroughly vetted through the Common Ground Fund and previous commissioners have seen presentations. He stated further that it is good to bring current commissioners up to speed.

6. Consider Common Ground Citizens Advisory Committee recommendation for FY25 of Partnership Funding in the amount of $40,476.98 from the 2025 Common Ground Fund for the 2025 Chaffee Chips program - Miles Cottom; Gabe Hobson

Director Cottom addressed the Board to consider the Common Ground Citizens Advisory Committee recommendation for FY2025 of Partnership Funding in the amount of $40,476.98 from the 2025 Common Ground Fund for the 2025 Chaffee Chips program.

Discussion ensued during which Cottom, Cindy Williams, and Casey Martin responded to Commissioners' questions.

Commissioner Lucrezi moved to award the Chaffee County Fire Department as the grantee of the 2025 Chaffee Chips Program funding not to exceed $40,000 from the 2025 Common Ground Fund for the 2025 Chaffee Chips program. Commissioner Wood amended the motion to change the not to exceed amount to 40,476.98. Commissioner Lucrezi accepted the amendment to her motion. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Consider Common Ground Citizens Advisory Committee request for an additional $100,000 in 2025 funding for awards granted in the 2025 Competitive Cycle, bringing the total grants funding request to $770,000 - Commissioner Lucrezi; Miles Cottom; Gabe Hobson

Director Cottom addressed the Board to consider the Common Ground Citizens Advisory Committee's request for an additional $100,000 in 2025 funding for awards granted in the 2025 Competitive Cycle, bringing the total grants funding request to $770,000.

Discussion ensued during which Director Short, Cottom, and Hobson responded to Commissioners' questions.

Commissioner Armstrong moved to deny the Common Ground Citizens Advisory Committee's request for an additional $100,000 in 2025 funding for awards granted in the 2025 Competitive Cycle. Commissioner Lucrezi seconded the motion.

Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of bringing this back to the Commissioners at a later date.

The motion carried unanimously.

F. Regular Agenda Items

1. Update / Discussion with the District Attorney - Jeff Lindsey, DA

Chair Wood introduced Judicial District 11 District Attorney Jeff Lindsey who addressed the Board and recognized Administrative Specialist Tara Miller while she was with the DA's office and Undersheriff Alex Walker as Chief Investigator while he was with the DA's office. Lindsey introduced others in the DA's office who were present in person at the meeting. Lindsey updated Commissioners.

Commissioners spoke.
Director Short spoke regarding budget followed by Lindsey.

No formal action was taken.

2. Presentation from Blue Triton Brands regarding merger with Primo Brands, Inc. in consideration of their 1041 Permit

Kaitlyn Quander, Land Use Counsel for Blue Triton, addressed the Board, and provided a power point presentation, regarding the merger of Blue Triton Brands with Primo Brands, Inc. in connection with their 1041 permit.

Quander introduced those present in person: Sr. Manager Trey Mixon, Springs Manager Tam Pham, Katherine Herder-Irvin with Public Relations, Vice President of Technical Services Brendan O'Rourke, and Springs Specialist Jeremy Allenbaugh; and online Alex Johnson.

Alex Johnson and Quander addressed the Board.

Discussion ensued during which Johnson and Quander responded to Commissioners' questions and comments.

No formal action was taken.

3. Consider Resolution 2025-31 Clarifying References to "Envision Chaffee County" within County Plans and Resolutions - Miles Cottom

Director Cottom addressed the Board to consider **RESOLUTION 2025-31 CLARIFYING REFERENCES TO "ENVISION CHAFFEE COUNTY" IN COUNTY PLANS AND PROJECTS.**

Cottom responded to Commissioner's question.

At Chair Wood's invitation, Cindy Williams addressed the Board.

Commissioner Lucrezi moved to approve **RESOLUTION 2025-31 CLARIFYING REFERENCES TO "ENVISION CHAFFEE COUNTY" IN COUNTY PLANS AND PROJECTS**. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

G. Commissioners Comments

H. Adjourn

There being no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Attest:

Lori Mitchell, County Clerk