Chaffee County Commissioners Meeting
October 7, 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 October 7, 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 Interim County Administrator Beth Helmke, Director of Finance Dan Short, Interim County Attorney Karl Hanlon, Community Planning & Natural Resources Director Miles Cottom and Planning Manager Garry Baker.

Others present remotely were Planner Brandon Wolff and Deputy County Clerk Barbara Tidd.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
   Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chair Wood called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

2. Approve Agenda
   Commissioner Lucrezi moved to approve the Agenda moving Consent Agenda item 8. Approve feedback submission to Department of Local Affairs regarding draft Statewide Strategic Growth Report, to the October 14, 2025 meeting. 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:

   Lee Hart, 105 Scott St., Salida.
   Blane Clark, 16100 Pine Grove Pkwy., Buena Vista.
   Joe Cooper, 9325 County Rd. 160, Salida.
   Nelson Reininger, 9518 State Hwy. 291, Salida.
   Paul Byars, 133 E. 1st St., Salida.
   Michael Earle, 9514 State Hwy. 291, Salida.
   Kurt Baumgardner, 16953 County Rd. 306, Buena Vista.

B. Minutes for Approval

1. Consider for Approval the Minutes of the September 16, 2025 Regular Meeting

   Commissioner Armstrong moved to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2025 Commissioners' regular meeting. Commissioner Lucrezi seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Lucrezi moved to approve the Consent Agenda having removed item 8. and moved it to the October 14, 2025 meeting. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Pay the Bills

2. Ratify the Drive Clean Colorado "Colorado Clean Mobility Strategic Planning Program" non-competitive grant award agreement - Beth Helmke

3. Approve Resolution 2025-43 Providing for the Investment of Funds in the Centennial State Liquid Investment Pool

4. Approve Chaffee County Public Health's grant application for Connected Care for Rural Colorado

5. Approve acceptance of the Energy Code Adoption & Enforcement Grant for the Chaffee County Building Department

6. Approve the Veteran's Service Officer's Monthly Report for September 2025

7. Ratify submission of grant application to Laura Jane Musser Fund for Colorado State University Extension for rural apprenticeship program - Beth Helmke; Monica Pless

8. Approve feedback submission to Department of Local Affairs regarding draft Statewide Strategic Growth Report

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 Liquor License Renewal for High Peaks Liquor Inc, DBA High Peaks Liquor, at 12950 US Hwy 24, Unit A, Buena Vista, CO 81211

E. Contracts/Grant Consideration

There were none.

F. Regular Agenda Items

1. Public Hearing for review of the proposed service plan for the Cleora Metropolitan District - Legal / Planning

   Director Cottom addressed the Board to introduce the Public Hearing for review of the proposed service plan for the Cleora North Metropolitan District.

   Attorney Jeffrey Erb with Erb Law, LLC, 8480 E. Orchard Rd. Suite 3650, Greenwood Village, CO 80111, working with the Cleora North Metropolitan District addressed the Board with a Power Point Presentation.

   Jeff Post, 7385 W. Hwy. 50, Salida, for applicant Cleora, LLC, addressed the Board.

   Post and Erb responded to Commissioners' and Director Short's questions.

   The public comment portion of the hearing opened at 10:09 a.m. There were no comments, and the public comment portion of the hearing was closed.

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

   Commissioner Lucrezi moved to approve the proposed service plan for the Cleora North Metropolitan District, subject to final approval by our County. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

G. Commissioners Comments

H. Adjourn

There being no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

Attest:

Lori Mitchell

Lori Mitchell, County Clerk